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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th December 1868.*

No. 392. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department :—

Sanctioning the modifications proposed to be made in the Educational Notification, Civil Engineering College, dated 28th March 1862, and requesting the Director to submit a revised Notification for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. (Here enter 27th November 1868, No. 402.)

No. 393. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1868, No. 3,929.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 41.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

August (as laid down in Government Notification, dated 28th March 1862) to January of each year, on the following ground, viz. :—

That as Civil Candidates, to be eligible for admission to the First Department, are required to have passed the University Matriculation Examination, and as this takes place in December it was desirable that they should join the College as soon after as possible, instead of waiting till the following August.

2. I would also add another reason, viz. :—

That as the College course extends over two full years, it is desirable that the Session of the First Department should close in December, instead of May, so that those students who have been preparing for the Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree Examination may go up in the February following, i. e., in about six weeks after leaving College, instead of having to wait from May to February, as under the existing rules.

3. There is a further modification I am anxious to have made in the Government Notification alluded to above, and that is, that to be eligible for admission into the first Department of the College, a Civil Candidate should have passed the First Arts Examination, instead of the Matriculation Examination only. My reasons for this proposal are—

1st.—The Government Notification, dated 28th March 1862, directs the course of instruction in the First Department to be regulated to meet the requirements of the University for the Degree of B. C. E. (Bachelor of Civil Engineering).

2nd.—The introduction of the First Arts Examination intermediate between Matriculation and the Degree Examination has placed it almost out of the power of those students who enter in virtue of their Matriculation Certificate only, ever to proceed to the Degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering, as their work while students in the College is too heavy to admit of their finding leisure to qualify for the First Arts Examination, and, once having passed out and joined the Public Works Department, they would have no time and no assistance to prepare for that examination.

4. Those who may hereafter enter our First Department with the intention of prosecuting their studies up to the Bachelor of Civil Engineering standard will naturally pass the First Arts Examination before they seek admission, and it may, therefore, perhaps be urged that the remedy

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27th November 1868.

No. 84. Read the following letter from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Port Saint George; dated Madras, 13th November 1868, No. 2499.

I have the honor to submit the papers marginally noted for the consideration of Government, and to recommend that sanction be given to the changes which the Principal of the Civil Engineering College proposes to make in the Government Educational Notification of the 28th

Letter from Principal, Civil Engineering College, to Director of Public Instruction, No. 452, of 3rd November 1868. Proceedings, Director of Public Instruction, No. 2496, of 4th November 1868.
Letter from Principal, Civil Engineering College, to Director of Public Instruction, No. 371, of 10th November 1868.

March 1862, published at page 519 of the *Port Saint George Gazette* of the 1st April 1862.

2. It will be seen that the changes affect the First Department alone; and, though it seems awkward to have the Session of the College commence at one date for the First Department and at another for the Second, it must be recollected that the Departments are quite independent of each other, and that the arrangements now suggested will not affect the working and vacation periods of the College.

3. I beg that early orders may be passed upon this letter.

From Captain W. H. EDGECOME, R. E., Principal of the Civil Engineering College, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras; dated Chepauk, 3rd November 1868, No. 3620.

In my sketch report on the College, forwarded with my No. 28, dated 20th April 1868, I recommended a change in the date of commencing the Session of the First Department, from August (as laid down in Government Notification, dated 28th March 1862) to January of each year, on the following ground, viz. :—

That as Civil Candidates, to be eligible for admission to the First Department, are required to have passed the University Matriculation Examination, and as this takes place in December it was desirable that they should join the College as soon after as possible, instead of waiting till the following August.

2. I would also add another reason, viz. :—

That as the College course extends over two full years, it is desirable that the Session of the First Department should close in December, instead of May, so that those students who have been preparing for the Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree Examination may go up in the February following, i. e., in about six weeks after leaving College, instead of having to wait from May to February, as under the existing rules.

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is in their own power, and that no further action is necessary; but it would materially raise the status of our First Department, and place Civil Students as it were on firmer and safer ground whence to attain the honors which the University has to bestow, if the Government Notification above quoted were modified as proposed.

5. If you concur in these views, I beg you will be good enough to forward them to Government, with your recommendation that the proposed changes should have effect from 4th January 1869, on which date, I propose that the next session of the First Department should commence.

6. The change of date from August to January is very essential, and I request that the early orders of Government may be solicited, so that timely notice may be given to intending candidates for admission next January.

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated Madras, 4th November 1868, No. 2406.

Read letter from the Principal, Civil Engineering College. (Here enter 3rd November 1868, No. 362).

The Director of Public Instruction approves of the changes proposed in the above letter, with the exception of the date on which Captain Edgeome wishes the Session of the College to commence. It is to be remembered that the First Arts results will not generally be made known till the end of January each year; the Director, therefore, doubts the advisability of commencing the Session on the 4th January. The Principal is requested to report upon this point.

2. The Director is not aware whether the Session for the Second and other Departments is intended to begin at the same time as the Session for the Senior Department, but he considers that such an arrangement would be appropriate.

3. On hearing from Captain Edgeome, the Director will address Government.

From Captain W. H. EDGEOME, R. E., Principal of the Civil Engineering College, to the Director of Public Instruction, dated Chempak, 10th November 1868, No. 371C.

In reply to your Proceedings, No. 2406, dated 4th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I fixed the date of commencement of Session on 4th January for the sake of symmetry, and because in your Proceedings, No. 305, dated 20th February 1867, I am authorized to admit students any time during the 1st month of a Session, and I concluded that the First Arts results would be known by the end of January.

2. My proposals had reference only to the First Department, and include slight modifications* of the Government Notification dated 28th March 1862, which concerns that department of the College only.

* See Memorandum attached.

3. It would no doubt be desirable for the sake of uniformity to make the Sessions of the Second and Special Departments coincide with that of the First Department, but I fear it would just now be impracticable on account of my not having accommodation for the military students who might join before those who had passed had left to take up their appointments.

4. The College recess (June and July) gives me time to dispose of those who passed in May, and to receive new students for the Session commencing 1st August. I do not therefore now recommend any change being made in the time of Session of Second and Special Departments.

5. I will thank you to obtain Government sanction to the proposed changes as soon as possible, so that due notice may be given to candidates joining the College in all January 1869.

Memorandum of Modifications in Government Notification dated 28th March 1862.

2. "For the Matriculation Examination" of the Madras University, substitute the "First Arts Examination."

8. Admission to the College will take place in January of each year, the preparatory examination being held in the month of December preceding.

(Signed) W. H. EDGEOME, Captain, R. E.,
Principal, Civil Engineering College.

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27th November 1868.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1868, No. 402.

Under the circumstances set forth in the papers above recorded, His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the modifications proposed to be made in the Educational Notification, Civil Engineering College, dated 28th March 1862.

2. The Director of Public Instruction will submit a revised Notification for publication in the *Port Saint George Gazette*.

(True Extract).

M. S. M.

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction, with original enclosures returned.
Public Works Department.

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Notifying the notifications proposed to be made to the Educational Institution, Civil Instruction, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886, and requesting the Director to submit a revised Notification for publication in the State of Georgia Gazette.

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