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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No 996

From

Asst Engineer in charge of
No 2 Range Madras Distt
29 Decr 1869

To

The Controller of
P.W. Accounts

Sir

With reference to the deductions of
Rupees 40. pr Mensem from my Salary
which has for some time past been made
by your Office, under the orders of
Government, in consequence of my failure to
pass the prescribed Examination in the
Vernaculars, I have the honor to request
that you will be so good as to move the
Government for a reconsideration of those
orders on the following grounds. —
2. I landed in India in July 1848 and
did duty with the Head Quarters of the
Sappers and Miners until May 1851
when I joined the Road Department
as an Asst Overseer. — Prior to leaving
Head Quarters, I passed the vernacular
Examination then prescribed for admission
into the P.W.D, and for years after no
other test was laid down for Military
Subordinates. — During the last 14 years

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I have held charge of the Kaap of the Madras District and have always endeavoured to administer my charge in such manner as to merit the commendation of the several Superintending Engineers of the N. Division, as well as that of the Revenue Authorities. The area of my range is 1200 Square Miles, and with the important new works which have been in progress in late years, and the numerous works of irrigation which require constant attention for the maintenance of the land revenue, added to the measures for the relief of the distressed poor which have set on foot and which are in operation during 1867/68 and 1868/69 and to which much of my time has to be devoted, I have found it absolutely necessary to be constantly on the move, withdrawn from Head Quarters for the greater part of each Month. This has prevented me devoting any part of which is necessary for the attainment

of that proficiency which is requisite to enable me, at my present age, to pass the test laid down for Officers of the P.W.D.

3 I have a sufficient colloquial Knowledge of Tamil to enable me to carry on the duties of my Office without difficulty and can read and write the language fairly; and seeing that my Charge has during the last 14 years been administered I trust to the satisfaction of Government, I earnestly hope that, in fixing the peculiar circumstances of my case into consideration, the Government will be graciously pleased to relieve me of the penalty now imposed, and which presses hardly upon me with my slender means.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
E.H. Goodchap. Asst. Engineer
In charge of No. 1 Kaap

submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. In the order under which this "Office" acts in making the deduction referred to by the Govt chap is quoted in the margin

No 471-8th March 1861.

3. Adverting to para 2 of the Assistant Engineer's letter, a Memo is subjoined, showing the actual expenditure under all heads, and from all sources in No 1 Range of the Madras District during the

the years 1867-68. and 1868-69 and the grants appertained to that Range at the commencement of the current official year:—

	Imperial	Local	Total.
In 1867-68	99,802	29,390	129,192
—1868-69	219,692	44,083	263,775
Grant for 1869-70 approximate	153,270	21,420	174,690

4 The heavy expenditure which has, of late years, been incurred in this Range has no doubt, required the frequent presence of the Range Officer at Stations away from his Head Quarters and looking to the large works

the Trivellore Taluq Cutcherry the Vellore Anicut the re-formation of the Great Northern Road with bridges over the Cortelliar and other streams on that line which have been in hand in 1868-69 and 1869-70, and the personal responsibility devolving upon that Officer in connection with those works, there is reason to believe that the time and attention necessary for the attainment of that proficiency in the Vernacular of the District which was necessary to have enabled him to pass the prescribed test could not have been spared without detriment

detriment to the efficient administration of his charge.-

5. It is due to Mr. Goodchap that I should add that notwithstanding the large expenditure on Public Works in his charge, and the circumstance of his having only a second class office Establishment, there is no equally important Range in the Presidency from which the monthly accounts are rendered with greater accuracy and more complete punctuality.-

Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts
Madras 5th January 1870

S. Hoff
Controller of P.W. Accounts

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

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From,
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The Controller of P.W. Accounts

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 5th
Recd 6 } January 1870.

Enclosure 1

No. 1871

Submitting for favorable consideration Mr. Goodchap's application for a removal of the penalty imposed on him on account of his failure in the Vernacular.

No. 151 - 13 January 1870

No 157

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 13th January 1869

Read the following

From the Controller of Civil Accounts, No C. No 1871 dated 26th January 1869

With his endorsement
a letter recorded, the Controller of
P.W. Accounts submits a letter
from the Asst Engineer in charge
of No 1 Range of the Madras District
in which that Officer prays for a
reconsideration of the orders of
Govt of the 8th March 1861. No 471.

2. In those orders the
Govt authorized the Audit
Office to make certain deduc-
tions from the salaries of such
of the Officers of the P.W. Dept
as had thereto failed to pass
the prescribed Examination
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the Vernacular Languages of the Officers and Subordinates who were thus subjected to stoppages of Salary in 1861, those noted in the margin continue to pay the penalty.

3. The grounds on which Mr. Goodchap bases his application to be relieved from the operation of the orders are (1) that he passed the prescribed test in the Vernacular before getting the Head Quarters of the Sappers and Miners for employment in the P.W. Dept. (2) that as his Range is extensive, and as important works have been under execution in it for some years past, he could not spare the time required for study without detriment to the efficient administration of his charge, and (3) that the loss of salary presses hardly upon him with his pleader means.

Mr. Goodchap. Asst. Engr.
Capt. Bailey - do.
Conductor Ruden - Sub. Engr.
" Butler - Supervisor.

4. The Governor in Council considers it of great importance that no Officer of the P.W. Dept. should be unconversant with the Language of the District in which he is employed, but having due consideration for the circumstance that no penalties have been imposed since 1861. for failure

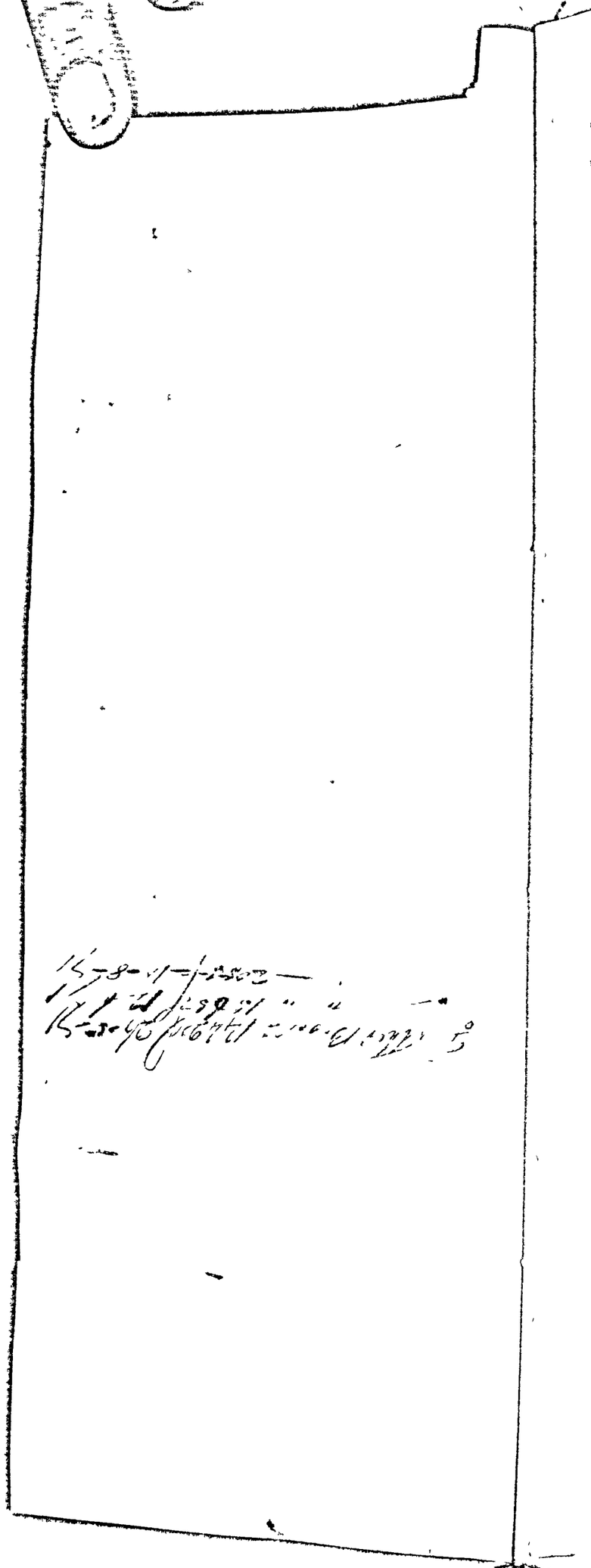
failure of Officers and Subordinates to pass the prescribed test, the orders of the 6th March 1862 re: partial in its operation, the Government resolve to direct that those orders be held in abeyance, with effect from the 1st instant, and that all Officers and Subordinates of the P.W. Dept., other than Covenanted Civil Engineers, be informed that they will be required within 2 months of the date of these Proceedings, to pass the prescribed examination in the Vernacular of the District in which they may be employed, and that, failing to do this, they will be subjected to a stoppage

stoppage of 10 per cent from their salary till they have qualified. The special attention of Supt. Engineers will be called to the orders of Govt. of the 17th May 1864, No. 1338, and they will be requested, immediately after the 30th Sept. 1871, to report the names of all such Officers and Subordinates as may have failed to comply with the instructions now communicated for their guidance.

The orders of the Govt. of India communicated in Govt. G. of the 25th Nov. 1869, No. 3707 will be held to be applicable to the Covenanted Civil Engineers employed on the Engineer Establishment of this Presidency.

To Supt. Engineers.
" Major Kennedy.
" Mr. Shaughnessy.
" Controller, P.W. Accts.

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Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engineers

Dated

Read

G. O., 13 January 1870, No 151

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Vernacular Examination.

Intimating that order No 671 of 1861 will be held in abeyance for 20 months, after which time all Officers & Subordinates of the P W Dept who have not passed the prescribed Vernacular Examination of the district in which they may be employed will be subjected to a stoppage of 10 per cent of their salary till they have qualified.