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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 420. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd June 1871, No. 729 E. G:—

I AM directed to forward, for information, copy of a Standing Order which will shortly be issued in this department laying down certain rules in regard to the language tests to be required of officers who are admitted into the Public Works Department in the position of 4th grade Executive Engineer and in the higher grades of the Engineer Establishment, and to suggest, for consideration, the expediency of adopting similar rules in the Public Works Department of the Madras Presidency should the Right Honourable the Governor in Council of Madras see sufficient reason for taking any steps in this direction.

STANDING ORDER.
No. ——.

ENGINEER ESTABLISHMENT, LANGUAGE TEST.

Code, Chapter II., Section IV.

For the first two lines in paragraph 4C, substitute :—

4C. If it is deemed desirable to appoint an officer to a higher grade than that of Executive Engineer, 4th grade, he will be

For paragraph 4 D, substitute the following :—

Permanent appointment to the Public Works Department.

4D. If at the end of six months, he is reported fully qualified, he will be permanently appointed to the first vacancy in a grade suitable to his rank, which may occur in the fixed establishment, otherwise he will be required to wait till so reported on, and under any circumstances he will remain as a supernumerary on the pay of an Executive Engineer of the 4th grade until a proper vacancy shall occur.

Adds as paragraph 4E :—

First appointment in a class higher than that of Assistant Engineer.

4E. As a rule, all officers, whether Civil or Military, who on first joining the department are appointed in positions not higher than 4th grade of Executive Engineer will be required to pass the departmental standard of proficiency in Hindoostanee (see paragraph 22 of this Section), but this rule will be relaxed in the case of gentlemen of more mature age and experience entering the department in ranks higher than 4th grade Executive Engineer. Such Engineers should, however, be encouraged to pass the colloquial examination or other higher tests, and those who do pass will be regarded as having a superior claim to promotion, though these tests will not be absolutely demanded.

No. 421. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1871, No. 2,445.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 53.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to adopt the rules forwarded with this letter, with the modifications which the regulations in force in this Presidency necessitate as provided in the following draft:—

IF it is deemed desirable to appoint an officer to a higher grade than that of Executive Engineer, 4th grade, he will be specially posted as a supernumerary, to do duty for six months in

First joining the Department are

the office of some selected officer of experience, to give him the means of learning the special business which the service of India requires of him. While thus employed, he will draw the staff salary of an Executive Engineer of the 4th grade.

If at the end of six months he is reported fully qualified, he will be permanently appointed to the first vacancy in a grade suitable to his rank, which may occur in the fixed establishment, otherwise he will be required to wait till so reported on, and under any circumstances he will remain as a supernumerary on the pay of an Executive Engineer of the 4th grade until a proper vacancy shall occur.

As a rule, all officers, whether Civil or Military, who on first joining the department are appointed in positions not higher than 4th grade of Executive Engineer will be required to pass the departmental standard of proficiency prescribed in the Notification published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 23rd January 1863, page 118, but this rule will be relaxed in the case of gentlemen of more mature age and experience entering the department in the ranks higher than 4th grade Executive Engineer. Such Engineers should, however, be encouraged to pass the colloquial examination or other higher tests, and those who do pass will be encouraged to pass the superior claim to promotion, though these tests will not be absolutely demanded.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Secretary to the Committee for the Examination of Assistants.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Standing Order
No.
Engineer Establishment -
Language Test -

Code Chap II Sec: iv

~~For the first two lines in para~~
4C substitute: -

4C If it is deemed desirable to appoint an officer to a higher grade than that of Executive Engr 4th grade he will be

For para 4D substitute the following:

Permanent Appointment to the P.W.D.

4D - If at the end of 6 months, he is reported fully qualified, he will be permanently appointed to the first vacancy in a grade suitable to his rank, which may occur in the fixed establishment, otherwise he will be required to wait till so reported on, and under any circumstances he will remain as a supernumerary on the pay of an Executive Engineer of the 4th grade until a proper vacancy shall occur. -

Add as para 4E.

First appointment in a class higher than that of Supdtg Engineer -

4E. As a rule, all officers, whether Civil or Military who on first joining the Department are appointed in positions not higher than

than 4th grade of Executive Engineer will be required to pass the departmental standard of proficiency in Hindoostanee (See para 22 of this section), but this rule will be relaxed in the case of gentlemen of more mature age and experience entering the Department in ranks higher than 4th grade Executive Engineer - Such Engineers should however be encouraged to pass the Colloquial examination or other higher tests, and those who do pass will be regarded as having a superior claim to promotion, though these tests will not be absolutely demanded -

No. 729 E. G

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT.

General

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Simla 23rd June 1877

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. W. Hampton

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

P.W. Dept. 7 √

No 2445.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 25th September 1871.

Read the following

From the Under Secretary
to the Govt of India - (Home) No 729 C.S. of 23rd June 1871

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
resolves to adopt the
rules forwarded with
this letter, with the
modifications which
the regulations in force
in this Presidency
necessitate - as provided
in the following draft.
(Here enter)

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To
The S. Engrs √
Chief Engr for Irrign √
Controller of Accounts √
Major R B Kennedy √
Secy to the Committee
for the Examination
of Accts.

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Public Works Department
Ellis Sheet Letter No 31/8

From
The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Public Works Department

No 729 dated 23rd June 1871

Received 4th July 1871

Endorsed 25th September 1871

No 2445 - 25th Sept 71.

Copy of a Minute by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, submitting certain rules for the execution of Irrigation operations by Engineer Officers, and for the Establishment and Control of Irrigation Agency, and suggesting the adoption of the same in this Presidency.

Dated 20th June 1871.

Letter from the Government of India
dated 23rd June 1871 No. 729. P. W.

In the foregoing letter the Government of India forward for adoption if this Government deem fit a draft of rules regarding the Provincial Officers admitted into the Public Works Department in the position of the grade Executive Engineer and in the higher grades of the Engineer Establishment should be required to pass.

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It seems ob:
:jectionable to depart
from the existing practice
of allowing Officers to
enter the Department
in any grade the lowest
grade of the Engineer
Establishment and of
requiring all Officers
to pass the prescribed
Departmental test.

The adoption of the
Draft rules above referred
to, is not therefore rec:
:ommended. —

If it is deemed
desirable to appoint
an Officer to a higher
grade than that of
Executive Engineer 4th
Grade he will be
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If at the end of 6 months he is reported fully qualified, he will be permanently appointed to the first vacancy in a grade suitable to his rank, which may occur in the fixed Establishment, otherwise he will be required to wait till so reported on, and under any circumstances he will remain as a supernumerary on the pay of an Executive Engineer of the 4th grade until a proper vacancy shall occur —

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1863, page 118, but
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in the case of Gentlemen
of more mature age
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C. No. 3178.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engineers

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 25 Sept 71, No. 2445.

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Vernacular tests -

Copies of the Rules forwarded with certain modifications by the Govt. of India regarding the language tests required of Officers admitted as 4th grade Executive Engineers &c.