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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th November 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 123. From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Requesting that Mr. Goodchap, Executive Engineer, No. 1 Range, and Mr. Lowry, Assistant Engineer, Chembrambaukum Tank Project, may be specially exempted from passing the prescribed test, and enclosing a letter from Messrs. Sub-Engineer Walsh praying for exemption. (Here enter No. 2,712, dated 2nd October 1871.)

No. 124. From do. do., 7th Division.

Solicits that Mr. Nordmann may be granted a further extension of six months to pass the Vernacular Test, and recommends Captain Bailey may be allowed to pass the Colloquial Test only. (Here enter No. 133, dated 30th Sept. 1817.)

No. 125. From do. do., 7th Division.

Reports the names of the officers employed in the 7th Division who have and who have not passed the departmental test in Vernacular, and solicits extension of time in behalf of some of the officers. (Here enter No. 146, dated 9th October 1871.)

No. 126. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1871, No. 2,822.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

THE Government conclude that G. O., No. 151, dated 13th January 1870, was in due course communicated to Mr. Nordmann. It is there clearly stated that all officers will be required to pass the prescribed Vernacular Examination within twenty months, but under the plea of ignorance as to what was required of him, the Government sanction Mr. Nordmann being allowed a further period of six months.

2. Captain and Deputy Commissary Bailey and Messrs. Goodchap and Walsh will, on account of their age and long and good service, be exempted from any lingual test, and Mr. Lowry will also be exempted on account of the rather advanced age at which he entered the service.

3. In consideration of the circumstances urged by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division in his letter of the 9th October 1871, Messrs. Roberts and Pringle will be allowed a further period of twelve months to pass the examiuation.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineers, 4th and 7th Divisions.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Read the following:- D 1

No. 2712. Superintending Engrs Office
4th Division
Madras 2nd October 1871.

No

From

Colonel L. E. Wilkinson R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Div.

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir

Enclosure.
1 Letter from Mr. Sub Engineer Walsh.

With reference to the concluding part of para 4 of Government Order No. 151 dated 13th January 1870, I have the honor to report, that the Officers and Subordinates at present employed in this Division have passed the prescribed examination in one or more vernacular languages of the Districts to which they are attached, excepting those named in the margin.

Mr. Goodchap Executive Engineer.
Mr. Lowry Asstt Engineer.
Mr. P. Walsh Sub. Engineer.

2. The peculiar circumstances of

of Mr. Goodchap's case, and the reasons under which he has already claimed the privilege of exemption from passing the examination are clearly set forth in his letter embodied in the Government Order quoted above. It is only due to him that I should add that with the heavy amount of labour and responsibilities of his important charge which require constant moving, it has scarcely been possible to spare any portion of his time during the past 20 months to prepare himself for examination. He is able to talk the language quite sufficiently to give orders, and make himself understood.

3. The same reasons may be urged in regard to Mr. Lavery, who has a large and important Project under his charge which requires constant and



and undivided attention to devote to, and I would therefore respectfully beg that these two Officers be specially exempted from passing the prescribed test, and from the penalty referred to in para 4 of the Order of Government under reply. Mr. Lavery rejoined the Department not as a young man, and can hardly be expected now to pass in the language.

4. As regards Mr. Walsh, it is unnecessary that he should now be required to pass any test at all, as under Government Order No. 1251 dated 16th April 1869, and No. 2054 dated 24th June 1869, he cannot continue in Service after the close of the current Calender year, when he will become entitled to his Civil Pension as Sub Engineer 1st Grade as stated in his Memorial to Government.

Government.

5. Mr. Walsh's letter praying for exemption is enclosed in Original for the information of Government.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant.

Robinson Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Div.

No. 761

From The Sub Engineer
Mount Range

To The Superintending Engineer 4th Div.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No. 2461 dated 7th Instt I have the honor to inform you, that I have not passed the prescribed examination in the vernacular language of this District as I was specially exempted about 10 years ago.

At the date on which G.O. No. 151 dated 16th January 1870 was published I was too old to sit down to learn a vernacular language.

Although not prepared to go up for a formal examination I possess a sufficient colloquial knowledge of Tamil to enable me to carry on the duties of my Office without difficulty.

Under these circumstances and having taken into consideration

that

that during the last 9 years, I have acted for Executive Engineers, i.e. taken charge of, and performed the duties of three ranges, about twelve times, for periods of from one to two months each time, without being allowed any Deputation allowance, I respect that you will be good enough to move Government to exempt me as a special case from the operation of the G.O. above quoted.

The only Ranges but two in this range, the others two being Rattrayed over Armitage who has recently passed out of the Civil Engineering College, and to have done so, must necessarily have passed in a very similar Course.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obed. Servt.

R. Walsh Subdr.
R. N. Mount Range

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The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

The Secretary to Govt
M. Department

Dated 28
Rec'd 30 October 1871.

Encl. No. 2712.

Requesting that Mr Goodchap Executive Engineer No. 1 Range and Mr Lowry Asst to Engineer Chembrambakkam Tank Project may be specially exempted from passing the prescribed test and enclosing a letter from Mr Lub Engineer Salem praying for

No 123

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No. 133

Superintending Engrs Office
Camp Wellington 30th Sept 71.

From

Lieut. Colonel W. Farewell R.E.
Ag Superintending Engineer
7th Div.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Octacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that Mr Executive Engineer Nordmann has informed me that until the receipt of G.O. No. 1442 of 26th May 1871 he was under the impression that having passed the Departmental Upper Subordinate Test in a Native Language while he was a pupil at College nothing further would be required of him and therefore neglected to study. He now begs me to solicit Government to be pleased to grant him a further extension of 6 months after the 30th September without loss of pay, in order that he may study further, to allow of his passing the Departmental Test required of an Officer.—

2. I have also to bring to the notice of Government for their favorable consideration the case of Captain Bailey, Executive Engineer, with reference

to the G.O. in question necessitating his passing or having his pay stopped. This Officer served first in Central India where he was directed to pass the Upper Subordinate Test in Hindustani which he did, he was subsequently removed from Central India and directed to pass in Tamil this he studied for some time when he was posted to Malabar and under the G.O. in question has to pass in Malayalum. Captain Bailey is an old and very deserving Officer of some 26 years service in the Department and what with having a great deal to do and being of an age at which the study of a native language is most irksome, I fear he will never be able to pass the full Departmental Test, though from the way he carries on the duties of his Range and from what I can judge of his conversation in my presence with the natives under his orders, I have no doubt he will be able to pass the following Examination laid down in G.O. No. 1011 of 12th April 1871 which I respectfully trust Government will under the circumstances brought to notice deem to be sufficient to save him from loss of pay.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

W Burbank Lt Col S.C.
Ag Supg Engineer 9th Div

No. 146.

Superintending Engrs Office 7th Div.
Camp Kotagherry 9th October 1871

From,

Lieutt Colonel W. Farewell R.C.
Ag Superintending Engineer
7th Div.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.
Cotacamund

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 151 of 13th January 1870, I have the honor to report that, of the Officers employed in this Division those named below have not yet passed the Departmental Vernacular Test.

1. Captain A. Bailey - Executive Engineer.
2. H. F. Nordmann Esq: Executive Engineer.
3. R. D. Roberts Esquire Executive Engineer.
4. E. A. Pringle Esq: Assistant Engineer.
5. J. Grimes Esquire Assistt Engineer.

2. In my letter No. 133 of 30th September 71 I applied on behalf of Mr. Nordmann for an extension of 6 months' time, to enable him to pass the Departmental Test, Captain Bailey be permitted to pass the Collogneal Test only.

3. In G.O. No. 2055 of 10th August 1871 Mr. Grimes was allowed a further period

P.W.D. 1871 Weekly
Diary Received
No. 3505.

From

The Asst Engineer
In Division

To

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D. Cotacamund

No. 133

Dated 30th September 1871

Subject Extension of time for passing Departmental Test.

Referring to the Executive Engineer's letter noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that Mr. Nordmann has been employed in this Division since the 1st January 1870 and has not yet passed the Departmental Test.

Captain Bailey has been employed in this Division since the 1st January 1870 and has not yet passed the Departmental Test.

Mr. Roberts has been employed in this Division since the 1st January 1870 and has not yet passed the Departmental Test.

Mr. Pringle has been employed in this Division since the 1st January 1870 and has not yet passed the Departmental Test.

Mr. Grimes has been employed in this Division since the 1st January 1870 and has not yet passed the Departmental Test.

I have the honor to request that the above Officers may be allowed an extension of time for passing the Departmental Test.

Captain Bailey be allowed to pass the Colloquial Test only.

Following Returns are submitted herewith.

Abstract

of 12 months from 1st October 1871 for passing the prescribed Test.

4. Messrs Roberts and Pringle have by failing to pass, subjected themselves to the penalty of stoppage of 10 per cent from their salaries, but taking into consideration the very extensive charge these officers have, I would respectfully recommend that a further period of one year from 1st October 1871 be allowed them, at the expiration of which period, should they fail to pass, the necessary stoppage can be ordered from their salaries.

5. Major Law Executive Engineer has passed the necessary Examination in Hindustanee for the General Staff, and the Departmental Test in Canarese, and, as reported in para 2 of my letter No 110 of 8th September 1871, that officer has applied to be examined in the Colloquial Test in Malayalim, this I will arrange for as directed in G.O. No 1011 of 12th April 1871, on my approaching tour to the Malabar District.

6. Captain Morant Executive Engineer has passed the full Departmental Test in Telugoo, and a Company Officer's Test in Hindustanee, and the Bombay Public Works Test in Maharattee, and Guzerattee, and hopes to pass the Colloquial Test in Tamil in about a month or so.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt
Murdoch Lt Col R.E.
Ag Supg Engineer 7th Div

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Public Works Department

No. 2822

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From the Supg. Engr. 4 Sw. (H.B. No. 2712 of 2d October 1871)

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Read G.O. 1871 dated 9th Oct. No. 1469

Read Letter from Supg. Engr. 4 Sw. dated 2d Oct. No. 2712

Read Letter from Supg. Engr. 7 Sw. dated 30th Sept. No. 133

Read Letter from Supg. Engr. 7 Sw. dated 9th Oct. No. 1469

Resolved that the Contractor Mr. Nordmann be informed that the Govt. expect that he will pass the Departmental Examination within the Treaty months, and that no further extension of time will be granted.

Ordered accordingly

To the Supg. Engr. 4 Sw.

" " " 7 "

" Mr. Nordmann

No. 2822 of 22nd Nov. 71

six months.

Capt & Deputy Commissary Bailey and Messrs Gardner and Walsh will on account of their age and long and good service be exempted from acting original test and Mr Lowrie will also be exempted on account of the latter's advanced age at which he entered the service. Due consideration of the circumstances noted by the Supt Engineer of the 7th Division in his letter of the 9th October 1871; Messrs Roberts & Snyder will be allowed a further period of twelve months to pass the examination.

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18th Oct

Snyder 7th Div
Contr. P. W. D.

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Govt. of 1871 Madras.

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To The Superintending Engr
4th Cy. Circuit

Dated

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G. O., 7th June 1871, No. 2822.

Nos. 123 & 124

Vernacular Examination

Captain & Deputy Commissary
Bailey & Deputy Sadasah
Malah exempted from
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and superior Examination, Malah
& Pringle allowed a further
period of 12 months.