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## Government of Madras.

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*31st May* 1872.

No. 496. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 11th May 1872, No. 375 :—

I HAVE the honour to refer, for the orders of Government, the accompanying appeal from P. S. Poonoosawmy Pillay, Local Fund Overseer in this district.

1 Original appeal from Local Fund Overseer Poonasawmy Pillay.

2. The case is briefly this. In 1868 Poonoosawmy Pillay, who had studied in the Mysore Government Engineering School, obtained a certificate for the grade of Assistant Overseer, which grade is supposed to be equivalent to that of an Overseer who passes the Bengal Department Public Works test in the Madras Civil Engineering College.

3. In virtue of having obtained the certificate from the Mysore school, he claims exemption from having to pass the *full* test for Taluq Overseer's certificate according to the Madras standard, while the Principal of the College maintains that this cannot be allowed. This I gather from his letter (marked B.) in which all the subjects a person has to pass in before he can obtain a certificate for Taluq Overseer are noted.

4. This question, in my opinion, seems to hinge upon whether the Mysore Engineering School is an institution recognized by the Madras Government, or, in other words, whether it is an affiliated institution with the College at Madras.

5. I certainly do not recognize certificates produced by persons who have passed out from the Mysore school, but as a case for decision has turned up, I hope to have an authoritative ruling for future guidance.

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No. 497. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1872, No. 1,356.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 52.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division will be informed that Poonoosawmy Pillay cannot be appointed as a Taluq Overseer until he passes the full test for that grade, under the conditions laid down by the Principal of the Civil Engineering College.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Anantapore

1th May 1872

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To

The Superintending Engineer

3d Division

Bellary

Sir

1 Adverting to letter No 442 C dated the 6th December 1870 from the principal of the C. E. College Madras to your address of which a copy was communicated to me by Supervisor Mr Harris My range officer. I most respectfully beg you will allow me to appeal against the decission of the Principal of the C. E. College under the following grounds and pray that this My appeal May be Submitted to the Government for his orders

2 The Principal, with reference to My letter No 23, dated 22nd November 1870. vide Copy enclosed ——— Marked A, states in his letter above alluded to, vide Copy enclosed Marked B. "that he cannot admit the propriety of a Candidate passing the Subgoverseer's Test by instalments" and decides that I Must again pass in all the Subjects, described below to obtain a Subg Overseer's Certificate.

Subjects

Mathematics

Arithmetic

Algebra

Euclid

Mensuration

Plane Trigonometry

Statics

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Steam

Civil Engineering

Hydraulics

Building Materials & Constructions

Roads and Earthwork

Including Ground tracing

Surveying

Surveying with Compass

Levelling and Theodolite

Drawing

Drawing from Specification

Estimating

3 Referring to the above para I most respectfully beg to represent that I was trained up in the "Mysore Government Engineering School" at Bangalore and passed in the following subjects and obtained a ~~Certificate~~ for Assistant Overseer, vide Copy enabled Marked C

Subjects

Mathematics

Arithmetic. Examines

J. Lacey Esquire B. E.

Algebra Examines

J. Lacey Esq B. E.

Euclid Examiner

J. Lacey Esquire B.L

Mensuration Examiner

Colonel. C. V. Wilkieson R.E

Civil Engineering:

Hydraulics Examiner

Captain. W. H Edgcome. R.E. A.I.C.E

Building Materials and Construction. Examin

School papers

Roads & Bridges

School papers

Irrigation works Examiner

Colonel C.V. Wilkieson. R.E.

Surveying

Surveying with Compass & Chain

School papers

Levelling Examiner

R. C. Dobbs Esq C. E

Drawing

Drawing from Specification

School papers

Estimating

School papers

4 If the above subjects passed by Candidates are Compared with those given in the Principal's letter as vide subjects in para 2 of this appeal, it will be observed that the only subjects

the equivalent — — — Overseer

that I have still to pass to complete the "Taluq Overseers Test" are the following. Viz

1 Plane Trigonometry. 5
2 Statics +
3 Steam
4 Theodolite and thus it can be seen, or is proved that I passed already in almost all the Subjects required of a Madras Taluq Overseer and that I passed My examination in the Engineering School of the Mysore Government which is Subject to Her Majesty's Government of India

5 With regard to the decission of the Principal of the C. E. College that he "cannot admit the propriety of a candidate passing the Taluq Overseer's Test by instalments" I most humbly beg to represent that the restriction is not made applicable to the Madras C. E. College Students who pass out of the College as Bengal overseers as they are admitted to pass the Taluq Overseer's Test by instalments.

Hence it is hard to think the how the Principal could raise objections to My passing the Taluq Overseer's Test on the same Conditions as the Bengal Overseers of the Madras C.E. College when I hold a certificate (vide copy Marked C) which in my humble opinion I think is reckoned to be just as good as those possessed by the Madras C. E. College Students.

6 I also beg to enclose for the information of
Government Copy, marked D, of a certificate
to show how I stood in My class, which consisted
of 12 Students in the Mysore Government Engineering
School

7 Under the following Reasons I most respect-
fully pray the benevolent Government will take
this My appeal into favorable consideration and
authorise the Principal of the Madras G.E. College
to admit Me to pass only in the Subjects in
which I did not pass in the Mysore Government
Engineering School viz

I Plane Trigonometry
II Statics
III Steam
IV Hydraulics considering that the
examination already passed by Me at the Mysore
Government Engineering School, as certified by
document C is a sufficient evidence of My
possessing a fair knowledge of the other subjects
Mentioned in Captain Edgcome's letter above alluded
to, praying an early decision in this Matter

I beg to remain
Sir
your most obedient Servant
P. Ramasamy
L. F. Ouseley

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Copy of a letter No 23 dated 22nd November 1870
From Local Fund Overseer P. S. Ponnusawmy Pillay
To The Superintending Engineer 3rd Division Bellary
thro: the Supervisor in charge of Anantapore Range

Sir

Having obtained a certificate for the Bengal Overseers Test from the Engineering School at Bangalore and being desirous of qualifying myself for the Grade of Salog Overseer I respectfully beg to know whether the fact of My having already passed the former will entitle me to exemption from the same Subjects included in the latter and if not what Subjects are required for the Salog Overseers Test. and herein enclose Copies of two certificates

(Signed)
P. S. Ponnusawmy
Local Fund Overseer D.P.W.

Anantapore
22nd November 1870

(True Copy)
P. S. Ponnusawmy
L. F. Overseer D.P.W.

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Copy of a letter No 4426 dated 6th December 1870
From the Principal of the C.E. College Madras
To the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division Bellary

In reply to your letter No 1778 dated 1st Instant to
I have the honor to inform you that as I cannot admit
the services of a Candidate passing the Subordinate's
Test by instalments. P.S. Pommusawmy Pillay
will have to pass an examination in each of the following
subjects before I can grant him a certificate as a
Subordinate Overseer. The examination Cannot be held
till Next May and their application be made I
shall be glad to forward papers

Mathematics

Arithmetics
Algebra
Euclid
Mensuration
Plane Trigonometry
Statics

Civil Engineering

Hydraulics
Building Materials & Construction &c
Road & Earthworks
Including ground tracing

Steam
Surveying

Surveying with Compass

Levelling & Theodolite.

Drawing

Drawing from Specification

Estimating

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(True Copy)

P. D. Cammellaumy

L. F. Cousins

D. B.

C

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Copy of a certificate of qualification for the Grade of
Assistant Overseer

Mysore Government Engineering School
Bangalore

Certificate No 10 dated the 26th December 1868.
Name P. S. Ponnusawmy Pillay
Race, Tamil; Religion, Hindoo; Age 19 years 10 Months.
Qualified for the Grade of Assistant Overseer D. P. W.
Passed at the Mysore Government Engineering School

(Signed) Geo. Wallace
Head Master

True Copy

P. S. Ponnusawmy
L. S. Overseer
D. P. W.

D 11

Copy of a certificate of behaviour &c. while in the Government Engineering School at Bangalore

Government Engineering School
Bangalore

I do hereby certify that P. S. Ponnusawmy has been a Student in the Government Engineering School, at Bangalore, during the Session 1867-68 and that he has been diligent and well behaved P. S. Ponnusawmy stood 2nd in his class. Consisting of 12 Students. at the annual examination held in December 1868; and in Special Subjects his position was as follows. 3rd in Mathematics. 1st in Engineering. 2nd in Surveying. 4th in Drawing

Bangalore
26th December 1868

(Signed) Geo. Wallace
Head Master

(True copy)
P. S. Ponnusawmy
L. A. Duraiswamy
A. D. C.

A Student of this College who shall obtain a Bengal Engineer Certificate shall be considered as
and under Special circumstances allowed to take
higher grade [illegible] attached to the
in the [illegible] Grade with [illegible]
the results of Examinations at this College shall
on those held at other institutions.

A. M. Mopier
Principal C. College

No. 375.

Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.
Bellary 11th May 1872

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From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Enclosures,
1 original appeal from Local Fund Overseer Ponnasawmy Pillay.

Sir,

I have the honor to refer for the orders of Government the accompanying appeal from P. Ponnasawmy Pillay Local Fund Overseer in this District.

2 The Case is briefly this:—

In 1868 Ponnasawmy Pillay who had studied in the Mysore Govt. Engineering School obtained a Certificate for the grade of Assistant Overseer — which grade is supposed to be equivalent to that of an Overseer

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P. W. 1872-73 10th Ch...

From, No. 2438.

The Superintending Enginee...

3rd Divisio...

To,

The Secretary to Government...

Public Works Departmen...

Fort Saint George...

No. 375

Dated 30 May 1872

Received 18 ... 1872

Encl.

Ferrand Agreement of ...

N. Ponnasawmy Pillay ...

Exemption from pay...

Salt Tabooh Duties ...

Also stating the Quantities ...

Mysore -

Do. No. 1356. 31st May 72.

With an order ...

The Encl. Engr's 3rd Div. No. 1356. will be informed that Ponnasawmy Pillay, Contractor for the supply of Sandy as well as Sandy Overseer Market Rs. Fraser Mine, Full Tech for that grade, under Exemption from Salt Duties, Tyre Cam: Pr. Principal Collr & Collector Trichy 1/6/72.

Do. No. 1356. 3rd June 1872.

Collector Trichy 1/6/72.

Rec. 23rd June 1872 Rs. 25.

No 2438

Govt. of [1872] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
3rd Division

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1

G. O. 31st May 1872, 1356.

Nos. 4968 & 497

Local Fund Overseer Poonoo

Sawmy Pillay. The Inspecting
Offr 3rd Div informed that
Poonooswamy Pillay cannot
be appointed as a Local
Overseer until he passes
the prescribed test.