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Government of Madras

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th June 1875.*

No. 404. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS,
R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated
Fort St. George, 8th June 1875, No. 1 :—

With reference to your letter, No. 91, dated 11th September 1873, I venture respectfully to request a reconsideration of the decision there arrived at by Government, with regard to the exemption from the prescribed examination of one Mr. Huntly, an employé in the office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts. I make this request only on the ground that the strongest reasons for making this exemption have not, it appears to me, been yet placed before Government.

2. My predecessor grounded Mr. Huntly's claim for exemption on his long and faithful services to Government. But although I can honestly endorse my predecessor's opinion with regard both to Mr. Huntly's special aptitude for the duties in which he is engaged, and also to the satisfactory way in which those duties are performed, I feel that such services would not in themselves be valid grounds for exemption were Mr. Huntly's duties such as required the intellectual qualities which the prescribed test examination is intended to secure.

3. Mr. Huntly's duties in the Record-room of this office are however purely mechanical; they require a good memory, combined with carefulness and business-like habits, but no particular intellectual attainments. I am even not certain that a more liberal education would not, by enlarging his aims, render him dissatisfied with his present monotonous work, and thus so far as the work of this office is concerned have a prejudicial effect.

4. There is another point purely personal, which I only touch upon as it is mainly the cause of my making this reference. Mr. Huntly suffers from such acute constitutional nervousness, that however well qualified he might be, he is hopelessly precluded from ever passing a public examination. I mention this for I feel that the decision of Government, if again unfavorable to Mr. Huntly, will be equivalent to a sentence of perpetual exclusion from any higher post than 25 Rupees per mensem.

5. Mr. Huntly has now charge of one section of this office, and on this ground, as well as on the others I have dwelt upon, I venture to ask Government to grant an exemption to Mr. Huntly for such time only as he remains in the Record branch of this office.

No. 405. ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1875, No. 1,721.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

Under the circumstances detailed by
the Controller the Honorable the Governor
in Council is pleased to exempt Mr.

Huntly from passing the prescribed examination for such time as he remains in the
Record branch of the Controller's Office.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 1

FROM

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

TO

The Secretary to Government,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant,

Thomas Gordon
Controller of P. W. Accounts

Yd

P. W. 1875 Dept.
 From: No. 3773
 The Controller of
 Public Works Accounts
 To:
 The Secretary to Government
 Public Works Department
 Fort Saint George

Dated 8th June 1875
 Recd 9th

No. 1

Recommends exemption
 from the prescribed Examina-
 tion of Mr. Huntly an em-
 ploye attached to the Record
 Department of his Office.

S. G. No. 1721. 18-6-75.

By D. No. 1721 of 18th June 1875
 Under the circumstances detailed by the Controller
 the time the given period is allowed to complete the
 from getting the prescribed examination for such time
 as he remains in the Record Branch of the Controller's
 Office -

Ref. to P. W. 1875

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Controller of
M.R.

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G. O. 18 June No. 1721

Nos. 404-405

Mr. Huntly. - Exempting
— from passing the
prescribed examination,
for such time as he remains
in the Record Branch of
the Controller's office.