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15th September 1876 - No. 2,461.*

No. 231. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R E, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St George, 26th August 1876, No. 190-W. —

I HAVE the honor to forward the accompanying Notification for the approval of Government, and, if approved, for insertion in the *Fort St. George Gazette* —

T Kistnasawmy Iyengar having taken the degree of B.A. at the Madras University is exempted from passing the Entrance Examination.

No 232 ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1876, No. 2,461.

• ESTABLISHMENT, No 16.

• It has been already ruled* that the degree of B.A. cannot be held to exempt candidates for the Account Department from passing the prescribed Entrance Examination.

2. The applicants referred to in this letter as well as all those who may hereafter seek employment in the Accounts Department should pass the Entrance Examination before being gazetted

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt, P.W D

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts

Exd. E C Shunker
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N^o. 2281. Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government. }

Under date the 28th August 1876.

Read the following:—

From
The Examiner
P.W. Accounts } (H.E. N^o 129 of 21st July 1876.)

His Grace the Governor
in council declines to admit the
fact of having taken the degree
of B.A. as a reason for absolving
Candidates from the necessity of
passing a Special Examination,
Such as that for Accountants.

sd/ F.W.W.

To
The Examiner,
P.W. Accounts.

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Em. J. Rogers
(aka Bee Yard)

Please let her know
the present positions
held by the learned
gentlemen -

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As you seem to be

Some doubt as to how

deal with my acc'ts, I have

1. to explain matters.

The present status of a

The employees in the Exam^r office is exactly the same as that of 'Clerks' employed in other Govt offices, in other words, they belong to the office and not to the Accounts Estab^t. They have been always appointed by the Exam^r and have been promoted, punished, and dismissed by him.

The present status of the Divisional Accts is exactly the same, except that the ^{formerly} powers vested in the Head of the office were by G.O no 696 of 12.3.75 vested in the Examiner.

All these men are at present on the same status as the Office Estab^t generally.

Under G.O no 878 of 4.4.76, Govt determined to form a separate Accounts Branch, in other words, to form a staff of Accountants.

Now the difference of status between a 'Clerk' and an 'Accountant' is very considerably and is specially referred to in Code. I. 1. 11.

Accountants are appointed by Govt (I. ii. 21), Clerks by the Head of the Office (I. ii. 18); - The appointments of Accts are gazetted (IV. ii. 4), those of Clerks are not; - The qualifications required for a clerk consist simply of the General Test, those for an Acct are of a higher description (II. iii. 2. 4. 8).

Clerks can be promoted,
promoted & dismissed by the
Head of the Office (IV. 1. 26),
Accts. can be promoted or
dismissed only by Govt.:-
In Clerks service books are
kept for Accts., Leave &
Registers, as in the case of
Upper Subordinates -

In every single respect
detailed above, the present
status of my employees is that
of Clerks on the Office Estab.
We have not even insisted on
our men passing the Accounts
Test laid down for this Post.
It has now become necessary
to change the status, and as
the object is to give increased
responsibility, it is highly

advisable to proceed with
the greatest caution in selecting
the men; for if you have
followed my remarks, you
will see that all power leaves
me so soon as men are
permanently appointed as Accts.

I propose to raise the status
of those who are fit for it by
making them Accts., and to
leave the others in their
present status as Clerks - the
precise steps requisite for this,
I have already detailed in
my letter no 34. W. of 28.4.76.
These among duties are being
gradually carried out, and
our first Entrance Exam. is
fixed for the 14th inst.

Since that letter, I
have been carefully through
the whole of the Madras tests

And I shall shortly submit
to Govt the names of such of
the present employees who I
think are fit to be gazetted as
Acclts.

All that is required is for
Govt to Gazette such men as
they approve as Acclts &
thus make a distinction between
them and the rest of the Office
Estab for till this is done
matters will not work smoothly,
as nobody knows now who is
an Acclt, and who is not,
or what the footing is on which
he stands.

As regards the nominees
you refer to I may say that
as raw material, the Acclts

Branch now takes nothing
but University men, who
have taken their degree -
When Education advances
another step, we shall submit
only those who have taken
honors -

The other nominee, Rogers
is simply skilled in the
mysteries of his craft; he is
a young mercantile acclt, very
well grounded -

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Notification.

His Excellency the Governor in
Council has been pleased to make the
following appointment.

T. Kistnaswamy Iyengar
B.A. to be 5th grade accountant on probation.

Mr. J. F. Rogers to be 5th grade
accountant on probation. Subject to his
passing the prescribed entrance examination.
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From N. 0221

The Commr.
P.W.D.

To.
The Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

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En P.W.D. V. Desp. 23/9/76
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To

The Engineer of P. W. Dept.

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*Ent. no Reg.
25-9-76*