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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd March 1876.*

No. 36. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General H. W. WALKER,
R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St.
George, 4th February 1876, No. 235 W:—

I HAVE the honor to inquire whether any ruling exists with regard to Public
Servants who have served Government with credit in situations in other Provinces and
who may apply for, or be transferred to, similar situations in this Presidency. Have
such applicants to pass the General Test Examination of the Uncovenanted Service?

2. I observe that, in this department, applicants who have not passed this
examination are frequently appointed to fill posts of over Rupees 20 on condition of
their drawing something less than Rupees 20 instead of the full pay of the appointment.
This arrangement would appear to have been hitherto accepted by this office, although
it seems to me clear that if the object of Government is to secure a certain class of
appointment being held by passed candidates, the object of Government is frustrated
thereby. In accepting this arrangement the usage of this office in all cases has been
to pass nothing in excess of an arbitrary maximum limit of Rupees 19-8-0, but as this
limit has lately involved me in a discussion with an Examining Officer who claimed
the extreme limit of Rupees 19-15-11, I think it is better to ask whether Government
approve of the arrangement, and if so, whether the usage of this office may continue.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1876, No. 580.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

With regard to the liability of Public
Servants, transferred from other Provinces
to the Madras Presidency, to pass the

General Test for the Uncovenanted Service, the Examiner is informed that each case
must be dealt with upon its merits.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the rule requiring all those
appointed to situations the salary of which is or exceeds Rupees 20 to have passed
the General Test, must, as regards *all future* appointments, be made absolute.

3. Those unpassed employees who have already been treated exceptionally and
who although filling posts of 20 Rupees and above draw less than that monthly
salary, will not be affected by this order. But they should be encouraged to qualify
for the full salary of their posts, and warned that under no circumstances will they
receive promotion unless they pass the prescribed examination.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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With reference to the
Amblethorn, I have
received much professed
sympathy to the draft,
Major General Walker,
for the purpose of stating
in behalf of himself
and General Walker,
that, in stating in the
document, that he was
in favor of the draft, is
of 5th June 1864, and
proposed, the promotion
was not common. While
Regt. of the Public Land
was in May, we were par-
tially, some of it, but
were under the impression

man that it was well
beginning to remember of
both sides tonight. He
mentioned a number of these
circumstances. They
did not consider them
so very important things
except in the case of
the young. He said that
he was in the matter.

A couple of times he
wrote to the agent to
meet the first of the
year. He was not
satisfied with the
of his office.

He said that he
was not very well.

He said that he
was not very well.

Admission - I am surprised
that such a practice should
have been tolerated.

1/3 M

The rather complete
explanation was
common to all
types & was
known to all.

M

Public Works Dept

Letter from the Controller of Public
Works Account No 235 W dated 16th February 1874

For Belvoir

Submitted for orders
whether the letter should
be transferred to the Edu-
cational Department, as
the questions asked do not
relate exclusively to the
Public Works Department.

Commdr the Admiralty
Secretary to Government

Wunderbar! Das
Chapman'sche
Bach-Spiel ist
ein Stück von

Dec 3 March 16 B.F. 36

System of allowing unpaid
men to hold apples of iron
No 20 is looked upon as the Civil Dept as
irregular.

I cannot find a copy
of Act Sept no 7 dated
5. 1. 74. (alluded to by P)
in this Office.

In passing orders on my
reference, it would be well
to say what is to be done
with all the employees now
in the Dept who have been
passed & who are on a
reduced salary holding apples
of No 20 & upwards.

23/2

16 March 1603

1876
CONTROLLER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

22nd Febry 1876

OFFICE NOTE.

Acct. Genl. Madras.

Would you kindly read
the enclosed letter, and get
your Estab^t to note below
the practice in the Civil Serv.

I fancy our Secy
wants information on both
the points referred to in
my letter.

Lowmy Gordon
Cr. M.

RECEIVED
22 FEB 23 1876

From the P's Office letter

the Secy will see that the

[G. Wks. Form No. 2.]

No. 235 W.

FROM THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

TO The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
PORT SAINT GEORGE, 19 Febry 1876.

Sir,
I have the honor to inquire
whether any ruling exists with regard to
Public Servants who have served Government
with credit in situations in other Provinces
and who may apply for or be transferred
to similar situations in this Presidency.
Have such applicants to pass the General
Test Examination of the Unmercantile
Service?

2. I observe that in this Depart-
ment, Applicants who have not passed
this Examination are frequently appointed
to fill posts of over Rs 20/- on condition
of their drawing something less than
Rs 20/- instead of the full pay of the
appointment. This arrangement would
appear to have been hitherto accepted.

by this Office, although it seems to me clear
that if the object of Government is to secure
a certain class of appointment being held
by passed candidates, the object of Govern-
ment is frustrated thereby. In accepting
the arrangement, the usage of this Office
in all cases has been to pass nothing in
violation of any arbitrary maximum limit
of Rs 19-8-0, but as this limit has
lately involved me in a discussion with
an Executive Officer who claimed the
maximum limit of Rs 19-15-11, I think
it is better to ask whether Government
approve of the arrangement, and if so,
whether the usage of this Office may
continue.

I have the honor, Sir,

Yours most Obedt Servt

London

Controller, P.W. Accounts.

W.D.
3-2-76

W.D.
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12300
1876 No 309. To the

M. L. C.

Please let me
know, after in-
quiring, whether
the provisions are
sufficient to be
used in the
future.

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W. 1876 Sept

From No. 915

The Controller of

Rev. Accounts

To
The Secretary to Govt

Rev. Department

No 235 W.

at 104 1/2
Feb 5 } February 1876

Requests to know
if there is any ruling
for employing men
from other Provinces
without passing the
G. S. Examination of
the U. S.

No 3 March 16 P. M. 36

R. B. 12-2-76

Can 8-2-76 R. B.

here this last chance
I will myself take care
that no money consideration
prevent the poorest of
those appointed by my
Predecessors from presenting
themselves at the next
Examⁿ & from thus having
a fair chance of ~~promoting~~^{continuing}
a career, which they have
hitherto pursued with
fair credit to themselves.

Atty
9/3

Am yet seen
Would not the integrity
of the rules be sufficiently
traded, if Govt were to
give these men the chance
of appearing at the next
Examination without losing
their appointments? If
they do not pass, they have
had their chance and a
fair notice; - If they
do, Govt retains in its
Service a body of servants
already trained & acclimated
to feel up of gratitude for
the consideration thus shown
to them.

If Govt will give these

They have thus lost every
chance they should have
had of obtaining a
workshop elsewhere.

These examinations
take place only 4 times a
year. Some of the men affected by
this order assume that
the sole reason they have
not attempted the same
is that they have not been
able to scrape together money
enough for the fee required.
(Rs 5) a fact I can easily
believe. The struggle for
existence appearing to me
to be more intense at Madras
than any other place I

is extremely short. Considering
they are monthly servants,
but also that the order
is pressed extremely heavily
on the unfortunate men who
are thus cast adrift. Even
supposing that an intentional
infraction of the order of
Govt has occurred, it is
to be remembered that the
clerks are not the people
who have been at fault.
They accepted the appointments
on the faith of the officers
who offered them & on their
understanding that they
were accepting a recognised
status in Govt employment.

CONTROLLER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS, March 10th 1876

OFFICE NOTE.

To

Go no. 580 of 3.3.76

just issued order that all

unpassed candidates at
present holding appointments

the salary of which exceeds

Rs 20/- per mensem shall

be replaced by duly

qualified men by the 1st

April next

As the indirect cause

of their misfortune, I

may venture to point out

not only that the notice given

In dealing with the
question raised by the
Controller of Public Works
acts in his letter No
225 of 4th M. Febry. 1876
para 2 it was not my intention

to make any order on
the subject of unpassed
candidates who are holding
appointments over 20 Rs.
but drawing something less
than 20 Rs. a prospective
It was my wish that

Rs 20 to have notice

that
of the P.W. Dept

a practice which is
an evasion of the Govt.
Examination Rules
should be absolutely
prohibited for the
future.

The order d/ 3rd March
1876. No. 580 in para
2. goes beyond this
& if allowed to stand
would affect injuriously
& unjustly a considerable
number of employees.

Mr. W. Robinson was
who joined me in
the desire to discontinue
~~an unjust~~ the irregularity
concern with me. I
would propose that
the order be recalled
& replaced with para
2 altered as follows.

"Para 2

That since the Governor in
Council considers that
the Rule requiring all
those appointed to situations
the salary of which exceeds
Rs 20 to have papers

that of 5. 11. 1876.
d/ 1. 1. 1877.

that

The General Test must,
as regards all future
appointments, be made
absolute.

These ungraded employees
who have already been
treated exceptionally &
who altho' filling posts
of over 20 Rs draw less
than Rs 10 monthly salary.
will not be affected by
this order. But they should
be encouraged to qualify
for the full salary of
their posts & warned

that under no circumstances
will they receive promotion
unless they pass the
prescribed examination.

M. B.

I concur

12/3 J. M.

Director of S. H. Schools
Educational Dept

that

Govt. Department
No 588

Proceedings of the

Madras Govt.

under date 30th March 1876

Read the following
Controller of P.W. (No. 235 W 26 Feb 76)
Bill

With regard to the
liability of public
servants, transference
from other provinces
to the Madras Presidency
to pass the General
Bill for the Government
Service, the Controller
is informed that
each case must be
dealt with upon
its merits.

H. G. the Governor
in Council considers
that

Depd - 7-3-76

Mr. Messrs.
Controller of P.W.
Educational Dept

No 3 March 16 B/06

that the rule requiring
all those appointed
to situations the
salary of which
exceeds Rs 20
to have passed the
General Test must
be made absolute
in future for
admission of pay
of appointments
above Rs 20,
for all candidates
who have not passed
the examination, will
be allowed on the
1st of Dec 1876.

12-2-76

Ad. P. R.
The Chief Engineer of
Ch. Eng. Dept. are
explained how a provision
which appears to be
of the order of Rs 20
has been allowed
to pay up & settle it
and then auction
17/2 M

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the
Read the following:-

From
The Controller of
P. Works

No. 235, dated 14 Feb 1876

With regard to the
ability of public servants
transferred from other
provinces to the Madras
Presidency, to pass the
General Test for the
Commenced Service, the
Controller is informed
that each case must
be dealt with on its
merits.
The Secy to the Govt.
in General considers
that the Rule requiring
all those appointed to
situations the salary of
which exceeds Rs 20

to have passed the
Singular test, must, as
regards all fructuosa
punctures, be made
absolute.

3. Those unpassed
Slaves who have already
been ^{treated} ~~exceptionally~~
who, although falling short
of the Norm, and whose
conduct is less than that
highly valued, will
not be affected by this
order. But they should
be encouraged to qualify
by the full payment of
their debt, and it is
that under no circum-
stances will they re-
ceive promotion unless
they pass the prescribed
examination.

At Registrar's
Calligraphic
Circular for the
No. of the Act
" of the Act
Circular for the
Educational Dept.

The [illegible]

3 [illegible]

Participants in [illegible]

The [illegible] [illegible]
The [illegible] [illegible]
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