

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
GENERAL.

No 3114 W of 24 November 1882

To

Communicated to
the Committee on the
remodelling of the C. E.
College.
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Sd/- R. H. Sankar Col. R. E.

Deputy Commr. P. W. D.

No. 1516—28G.

Dated Simla, November 11, 1882.

Received

Extended employment in the Public Works of
Native of pure Asiatic descent.

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M. Col. J. M. Chaudhary R. E.

Secy to Committee (P. W. D.)

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Government and to the Government of India, to be unsatisfactory, as being inconsistent with the purposes for which the Engineer Class of the College was established, and inconsistent also with the general principle, which has of late years been followed, of endeavouring to employ natives of India more largely in the public service. With a view, therefore, to providing a remedy, and to making the class more attractive to persons of Indian origin, His Excellency in Council has been pleased to make certain alterations in the rules of entrance, and of the conditions of competition for such appointments, in the Public Works Department as may be guaranteed to students of the class. These alterations are embodied in the following orders.

2. All persons who pass the Entrance Examination in November 1882 will be eligible for admission to the Engineer Class of the Thomason College after passing the First Arts Examination of a University, or the special Entrance Examination of the College instead of, as now, after passing the examination for the B. A. degree, or the special Entrance Examination of the College. The first three at the final examination will be appointed to the Engineer Establishment of the Public Works Department as heretofore.

3. In future years all candidates, of whatever race, who pass the Entrance Examination, and who fulfil the other preliminary conditions laid down in the College Calendar, will be admitted to the benefits of the education given in the Engineer Class; but appointments in the Public Works Department will be given to the extent guaranteed from time to time to students of Asiatic descent who qualify according to the College standard, and who can obtain the usual medical certificate for admission to the public service, and who have been born and educated elsewhere than in the provinces of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, which have their own Civil Engineering Colleges. If a sufficient number of natives do not pass the test, the appointments not gained by natives will be open to the European competitors, who will be placed according to their order of merit on the whole list of those winning appointments.

4. The number of appointments available in 1886 will be four.

5. As the scholarships for natives at the Thomason College have been very rarely held to their full extent, it appears to the Governor General in Council that their existence cannot be generally known. It should be publicly notified that there are ten scholarships, of which five fall vacant annually, and are awarded to the five candidates who pass most successfully the prescribed Entrance Examination. Of these five scholarships, the three termed "Thomason Scholarships" are each worth Rs. 50 per mensem, and are open to native inhabitants of the North-Western Provinces or the Punjab; the remaining two were founded by the Maharajah of Vizianagram in 1873, and are worth—the first Rs. 40, and the second Rs. 35 per mensem: they are open to all natives of India. All these scholarships are tenable for two years, subject to good conduct and satisfactory progress in studies.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burma, Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident, Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India and Rajputana.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted, and the Director General of Railways; also that it be published in the *Gazette of India* and all local Official Gazettes.

G. F. L. MARSHALL, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Read again—

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 41, dated 10th August 1876.
" " " " No. 20, " 10th April 1879.
" " " " No. 1, " 8th January 1880.
" " " " No. 7, " 5th February 1880.

Read also—

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 32, dated 17th July 1879.
" " " " No. 32, " 4th August 1881.
Letter to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 1666E.G., dated 7th December 1876.
" from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 241E., dated 14th March 1877.
" to Home Department, No. 2110G., dated 10th December 1880.
" from " No. 1944, dated 22nd December 1880.
" to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 538G., dated 13th April 1881.
" from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 501C.E., dated 20th July 1881.
" from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 605C.E., dated 24th August 1881.
" to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 565G., dated 14th April 1882.
" to the Principal of the Thomason College, No. 566G., dated 14th April 1882.
" " " " " No. 476, dated 21st April 1882.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council has had under consideration the rules under which students are admitted to the Engineer Class of the Thomason College at Roorkee. Both to the Secretary of State for India in Council and to His Excellency in Council it has been a matter of constant remark and regret that, in spite of the advantages which the College offers to natives of India in the form of valuable scholarships and of the right to compete for a certain guaranteed number of appointments in the Public Works Department, very few persons of pure Asiatic race have passed into the public service through the Engineer Class. In the 11 years from 1870 to 1880 the number of students bearing Indian names who qualified for appointments in the Public Works Department was only 40,—a number not equal to the number of the Thomason and Vizianagram scholarships available during the period. This state of things has appeared, both to Her Majesty's

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Secretary to Govt.
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Col. J. M. Chawdhari R.E.

Presdt. of Committee
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William B. O. B.

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