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No. 624G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

Dated Simla, March 28th, 1887.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal,
North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
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By order,

G. H. Hoalkey

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 149, dated 17th March 1887.

From—F. C. DAUKES, Esq., Secretary to the Public Service Commission,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

With reference to the Resolution of the Government of India in the Home Department,
No. ¹⁵ 674-615, dated the 8th March 1887, appointing a Sub-Committee of the Public Service
Commission for the purpose of enquiring into the admission of Natives of India and of
Europeans to certain departments and branches of the Public Service, I am directed to request
that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, you will be good
enough to furnish the Committee with full and detailed particulars under each of the following
heads in regard to the Public Works and Telegraph Departments throughout India:—

- (1) the present regulations of the Department as to admission to the various grades
and ranks of which it is composed, and to promotion therein; or if no such
regulations exist, a statement of the principles by which the Departmental or
other authority invested with the duty is guided in making first appointments
to, or promotions in, the Department;
- (2) the conditions of service in the Department in regard to pay, pension, and furlough;
- (3) the technical requirements of the Department, and the professional attainments
essential for efficient service in its various Branches;
- (4) the classes of the community who seek to be employed in the Department, and the
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- (5) the existing* organization and consti-
tution of the Department.

* In the form annexed to this letter.

† Addressed to the President, Sub-
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						(a) Hindus.	(b) Muhammadans.
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No. 622G., dated Simla, 21st March 1887.
 From—MAJOR A. G. BEGGIE, R.E., Under Secretary to the Government of India,
 Public Works Department,
 To—The Secretary to the Public Service Commission.

With reference to your letters Nos. 149, dated 17th, and 189, dated 18th March 1886, requesting to be furnished with full and detailed particulars regarding the Establishments of the Public Works and Telegraph Departments, I am directed to enquire what is intended by the term "Department" as used in the letters cited above. Is it to be understood as applying only to the Superior Branches, that is to say, to Engineers recruited from the Royal Engineer Corps, the Royal Indian Engineering College, Coopers Hill, and the Indian Colleges, and to Telegraph Officers recruited from the Royal Indian Engineering College, or to the Subordinate Services as well; and if so, down to what limit, pecuniary or other?

2. I am to say that, on receipt of explanations on these points, the Government of India will itself supply the information asked for in clauses (1), (2) and (5), and in (3), so far as that clause relates to matters of fact, and not of opinion. In regard to so much of clause (3) as is matter of opinion, and to clause (4), the Government of India proposes to leave the Local Governments to tender, in the first instance, such views as they may hold, either in writing or by evidence of officers subordinate to them, according to their discretion. It is, however, the intention of the Government of India subsequently to nominate a professional or departmental member under paragraph 5 of Home Department Resolution No. 15, dated 8th March 1887, to perform the functions therein indicated regarding such Branches of this Department as are directly under its own direct control, through the Director General of Railways or otherwise. The Commission will also be shortly informed what course it is intended to pursue regarding the local examination of officers of the Telegraph Department.

To
 The Secretary to the Government of Madras
 Public Works Department

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