

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From H. T. ROSS, Esq., Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th March 1887, No. 600.

I am directed to submit, for such orders as may be deemed fit, copy of a letter and its enclosures from the District Judge of Trichinopoly, bringing to notice that a copyist of his court, who was appointed a reader, produced two certificates, one from the Civil Surgeon of Trichinopoly to whom a letter had been addressed by the District Judge, and the other from the Civil Surgeon of Tanjore before whom the copyist presented himself of his own accord.

2. The District Judge suggests that instructions may be issued to all medical officers authorised to grant certificates to see that the provisions of G.O., dated 15th June 1881, No. 814, Public, are complied with.

3. It appears to the High Court very undesirable that an applicant, who has been sent before one medical officer by the head of an office who has to satisfy himself as to the age of the candidate, should be able to obtain a certificate from a second medical officer, when the latter is aware that it has been refused by the medical officer to whom application was first made.

ENCLOSURES.

From G. D. IRVINE, Esq., District Judge of Trichinopoly, to the Registrar of the High Court of Judicature, Appellate Side, dated Trichinopoly, 25th February 1887, No. 460.

I have the honor to bring the following facts to the notice of the High Court.

2. A copyist of this court was, in the recent re-arrangements, appointed "Reader" on Rs. 15 a month; and, under section 106 of the Civil Pension Code, he was sent with the usual letter to Dr. Nanney, Civil Surgeon of this district, to obtain the necessary certificate.

3. Some days after, he produced before me two certificates—one from Dr. Nanney and the other from Dr. Ritchie, Civil Surgeon of Tanjore. On my requiring an explanation, he stated that, as Dr. Nanney certified that he appeared to be "26" (and therefore over age), he went to Dr. Ritchie and got another certificate from him.

4. On this, I wrote to Dr. Ritchie, and enclose copies of my letter and his reply thereto.

5. In their order of 15th June 1881, No. 814, Government were pleased, on a reference from Surgeon-Major Tyrrell, to direct that his suggestions that, in addition to the usual letter, examinees should produce their *descriptive rolls* before zillah surgeons to prevent fraudulent personation, should be adopted, as far as possible. This order appears to have escaped Dr. Ritchie's attention, as no letter or descriptive roll was sent to him, but the examinee simply presented himself of his own accord.

6. As the course adopted by Dr. Ritchie is likely to be productive of inconvenience if at all generally followed, I have thought it desirable to bring the matter to the notice of the High Court, so that, if they think fit, Government may be moved to send a circular on the subject to all medical officers authorised to grant certificates.

From G. D. IRVINE, Esq., District Judge of Trichinopoly, to the District Surgeon, Tanjore, dated Trichinopoly, 22nd February 1887, No. 425.

The enclosed certificate * was put in by the person named in it before me to-day. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to let me know whether you were aware at the time of granting it that the applicant held an

appointment in this district, and had already obtained a certificate from Dr. Nanney, Civil Surgeon of Trichinopoly, in which his apparent age is described as 26. He states that he informed you of these facts.

* To be kindly returned with reply.

From J. H. RITCHIE, Esq., District Surgeon, Tanjore, to the District Judge, Trichinopoly, dated Tanjore, 23rd February 1887, No. 263.

In reply to your letter, No. 425, dated 22nd February 1887, I have the honor to inform you that when D. Visvasam Pillay, a candidate for service in the Judicial Department, appeared before me on the 21st February 1887 to be examined for entertainment in Government service, he informed me that the District Surgeon of Trichinopoly had refused to grant him a certificate of physical fitness on the ground that he was over age. As I considered him to be of 24 years of age and fit for the service, I granted the required certificate.

2. All commissioned medical officers are qualified to grant these certificates. Medical officers sometimes differ as to the age of candidates. Occasionally it happens that a candidate may be rejected as unfit by one medical officer, or myself, and, on being examined by another medical officer, is found fit by him, and a certificate granted accordingly.

ORDER—dated 26th March 1887, No. 450, Public.

The attention of the Surgeon-General and of all other heads of departments is drawn to G.O. of 15th June 1881, No. 814, the provisions of which will now be made applicable to all medical examinations for purposes connected with the public service, except those on applications for extension of sick leave, heads of departments will see that these instructions are communicated to their subordinates.

(True Extract.)

H. E. Stokes

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
„ all Heads of Departments.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Drawing the attention of the Surgeon-General and of all other heads of departments to G.O., No. 814 of 1881, regarding their descriptive rolls being sent with applicants for certificates of fitness for the public service, and applying its provisions to all medical examinations connected with the public service.

With orders

B. No. 1084 Wd/19 April 1887

Communicated to
all officers of the P.W.D.
for information
and guidance in
Continuation of
G.O. No. 1645W. dated
4th July 1881.

2. Attention is
particularly directed
to the concluding
clause of the order.

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