

held at the end of the theoretical course, which extends over a period of three years. The first course under the revised college curriculum commenced on 1st January 1886, and will terminate in December 1888. An appointment to the Engineer's establishment will therefore be conferred on 1st April 1889 on the student who passes first at the final examination of Decr 1888, and thereafter there will be a final examination at the end of each year. As however no final examination was held in Decr 1887, no candidate from the College will be available for the appointment which would otherwise have been made on 1st April 1888, and the Govt. of India have accordingly authorised two appointments to be thrown open to competition at the final examination of Decr 1888. This Govt. are therefore unable to confer on R. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, or any other subordinate in a similar position, the guaranteed appointment of 1st April 1888.

Mr. Mr. Hutchinson C.S.I.

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To the Secy Engrs.
T. C. C. C.
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Editor.

To
His Excellency
Lord Mounseara
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.

The memorial of A.
Vythe amatha Sycar Sub-
Engineer J. W. Depart-
ment now employed in
the Godavari Western Division

May it please Your
Excellency.

Your memorialist
humbly begs to invite your
Excellency's Consideration
to the following few lines.

2 The Committee of 1871
fully recognizing the fact
that Natives had shewn
themselves

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themselves well qualified
for the ordinary duties of
the Public Works Depart.
ment "recommended that
"Three appointments -
must be annually given
to those students of the Civil
Engineering College who,
having passed a satisfactory
Examination at that
Institution, have attained
the most distinguished
positions in the list of
B. C. E's at the Madras
University and that the
appointments shall
be those of 2^d Class Pro-
-bationary Assistant
Engineers." In this
Connection your Memoran-
-dum begs that the Committee's
remarks as regards the
natural aptitude of
natives for the profession
May

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may be seen. The
Government however
did not fully accept
the Committee's recommen-
-ation and in G. O. No. 1237
dated 14th May 1872, -
sanctioned only one
appointment instead
of three, and further added
that "More, the limited
establishment of the
Public Works Department
will not allow them to
provide for".

3. In pursuance of this
G. O. Mr. A. Ratuasa-
bapati Pillai was -
appointed probationary
Assistant Engineer in
1874. In 1875 none passed
the B. C. E examination
from the College. Mr.
J. Raghavachariar passed
in 1876 and was the first
of

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of the students that passed
that year. He was
recommended for the
post of Assistant Engineer;
and it was then for the
first time that the
Government, in their
order, Public Works
Department No. 1354 of
31st May 1886, repudiated
the idea that they had
bound themselves by their
order of 1872, although
it had been referred to as
such, in the Public In-
struction Report of 1871-72
and at the various
anniversaries of the
Civil Engineering College.

Your Memorialist,
fully believing as had
been stated in the Public
Instruction Report
of

May 1886

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Civil Engineering College
Anniversaries that the
order of 1872 was a
distinct pledge on the
part of the Government,
may, more — fully
confirmed in his belief
by the appointment of
Mr. Ratnasabhapati
Pillai, joined the Civil
Engineering College in
March 1875. He had
completed more than
half his course when
the Government gave
out to the Public their
interpretation of that G.O.
and informed the Director
of Public Instruction,
in P.W.D. G.O. No. 1354
of 31-5-76. that "He
was

not warranted in stating
in his report for 1871-72.
that the Government
had unconditionally
guaranteed our Engineer
appointment annually
to the Senior Department
of the Civil Engineering
College". The Director
of Public Instruction
characterized as nothing
less than a "breach of
faith" the withholding
of that prize from a
Candidate who, in that
report, was induced to
join the College and who
worked his way to the
distinguished position he
took in the results of
the examination. It would
have been fair if the
Director of Public Instruc-
tion had been informed
then

that he was there when his
report for 1871-72 was
received by the Government,
that his interpretation
of the G. O. in question
was incorrect, or at least
if the Government had
not made G. O. No. 1354
of 31-5-1876. affect students
who had joined the College
prior to that order. But
nothing was done. Your
Memorialist had then
too far advanced in his
studies at the Civil Engineering
College, and was also
too far advanced in
age to be a pupil and
begin afresh any new
Course of Studies. He had
no alternative left. So
he completed his Studies
and took the B. C. E. Degree
in

in 1877.

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Your Memorialist
Entered the Public Works
Department as Supervisor
2^d grade, was promoted
to first grade in October
1881 and is now a Sub
Engineer 3^d grade. While
in the subordinate grades,
there were men like
Your Memorialist who
had taken both the
B.A. and the B.C.E Degrees,
^{who} and both by their
educational qualifications
and Departmental
experience had better
deserved admission
into the Engineering
Establishment, Mr.
S. Copal Krishna Iyer
an under-graduate who
passed out from the
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sent a Memorial and
was informed in reply
(vide P. W. D. Madras, 13th
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"In spite of the best
intentions of the Govern-
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existed in many cases
and that it would be
quite impossible to
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further than as opportunities
may offer for the promotion
of really deserving men...
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Engineering College
Curriculum meet with
acceptance, many of
the anomalies hitherto
prevailing would disappear,
as all students entering
the Department would
enter in the subordinate
grades and would have
an equal chance of
rising by merit," and
that "With approved
Service and good Conduct
he may look to fair
promotion...." That
your Memorialist had
given full satisfaction
by his "Approved Service
and good Conduct" may
be apparent from his
having held a temporary
Engineership for a
space

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space of nearly 3 years
from May 1884 to
February 1887. Further
during this period he
had been recommended
more than once to be
made a permanent
Assistant Engineer by
his superintending
Engineer Col. H. L. Prendergast
R. E.

6. In the Resolution
of the Government
of India P. W. D. (General)
dated Fort William
13th December 1884 No.
1443 G, printed with
G. O. No. 74 W of 4th
January 1885, our
Engineer appointment
is guaranteed for every
year for the Mids as
Civil

Civil Engineering College.^{12.}

In pursuance of this order, three young men from the College have been already appointed for the three successive years 1885, 1886, 1887.

Owing to the change in the Civil Engineering College Curriculum, there will be no students passing out from the Civil Engineering College Madras till up the appointments guaranteed for the years 1888, 1889 & 1890. There will thus be three Engineer appointments available, which may be given to men like your memorialist who are suffering for no fault of theirs.

Of

13.

Of such men your memorialist begs to submit there are only three Candidates who joined the College in the years 1874, 1875 & 1876, and passed out first in their respective batches in the years 1876, 1877 and 1878— who joined the College in the full belief that one Engineer appointment had been positively guaranteed by the Government. Already three young men who passed long after your memorialist, have been admitted into the Engineering grades.

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The idea of being thus
superseded by his
junior year after year,
is very discouraging.

Again from 1891, there
will be one appointment
each year from the
College to the Engineer
establishment. If
the present opportunity
should be missed, your
Memorialist would
perhaps have the gates
of promotion to the
Engineering grades shut
against him for ever,
as vacancies would
be scarce in the limited
establishment of the
Public Works Department.
He therefore begs that
his

his hard case may
receive your Excellency's
favourable Consideration.
For which act of kindness
your Memorialist as in
duty bound shall ever
pray.

R. Vythira Matta Iyer
Sub Engr.

No. 2225 G.D.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sup^r Engr^s Office 1st Circle }
Dowlaiswaram }
12th December 1887. }
Desp 19th

C. S. Swaleh
Sup^r Engr^s 1st Circle.

15/12/87

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

15.

Under date the 11th January 1890

Read the following

Endorsement from the Suby Engr. I Circle No. 2225 G.D.
 of 12th Decr 1889, forwarding memorial from
 Sub Engr. R. Vaidyanatha Aiyar B.C. of 25th
 November 1889.

In reply to his
 memorial of 25th Novr 1889,
 Sub Engr. R. Vaidyanatha
 Aiyar B.C. is informed
 that he is mistaken in
 supposing that there will
 be no students passing out
 of the Madras College of
 Engineering to fill the ap-
 pointments of Asst. Engineer
 guaranteed for the years
 1888, 1889 and 1890.

Under the revised Code
 of rules regulating the ad-
 ministration of the Madras
 College of Engineering, the
 guaranteed appointment to
 the Engineer establishment
 will be conferred on the student
 who passes first at the
 final examination to be
 held

From Mch 10029
 The Suptg Engineer
 Ist Circle

To
 The Chief Engineer
 P.W. Dept
 Madras.

Dated 12th
 Decr 19th
 Recd 26 } December 1889
 No 2225 G.D.
 Encl

R. Vythianadha
 Dyet Sub Engineer
 Godavari Westm Dist

Forwards Memorial
 addressed to H.E. The
 Governor by—

No 74 Wd 19. 1.85.
 1120 C 2/13.6.83.

GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 9th Jan. 1885, No. 74 W.

JANUARY.

Engineer Appointments

Resolution of the Government of India on the subject of the — guaranteed to Indian Civil Engineering Colleges, ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department (General),
dated Fort William, 13th December 1884, No. 1443 G.

Engineer Appointments guaranteed to Indian Civil Engineering Colleges.

Read again—

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 32, dated 4th August 1881.

“ to “ “ “ 38, “ 8th July 1882.

“ from “ “ “ 52, “ 28th Sept. “

Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 1516—28 G., dated 11th November 1882.

“ “ “ “ “ 241—51 G., “ 14th February 1883.

Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 36, dated 28th July 1883.

“ from “ “ “ 74, “ 20th December 1883.

“ to “ “ “ 14, “ 21st April 1884.

“ from “ “ “ 38, “ 24th July “

“ to “ “ “ 45, “ 29th Aug. “

Read also—

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 67, dated 30th October 1884.

Resolution—

The rules regulating the admission of students to the Indian Engineering Colleges, and the manner in which appointments in the Engineering Branch of the Public Works Department may be obtained by students of these colleges, are contained in the Resolutions of the Government of India, in the Public Works Department, of 11th November 1882 and 14th February 1883. These Resolutions modified the previously existing rules in several respects, and notably in giving to students of pure Indian descent a preference over all other students for guaranteed appointments in the Public Works Department. As long ago as 1876 it had been remarked by the Secretary of State that very few persons of pure Indian origin succeeded in obtaining appointments in the public service through the engineering class of the Thomason College, and between that time and the year 1882 he had repeatedly urged on the Government of India the advisability of giving to pure natives a preferential claim to such appointments. The Government of India, while recognising the desirableness of attracting natives of India to the Engineer Department, hesitated to give an exclusive preference to one class of natives of India as defined by statute, and the discussions on this point ranged over a considerable period. Ultimately, the Governor-General in Council acquiesced in the proposals of the Secretary of State, being influenced mainly by the consideration that, owing to reductions in the Public Works Department, the number of appointments available for pupils of the Indian colleges had become so small that in no other way could the object in view be attained. The number of appointments guaranteed to the four Indian colleges was no more than six for the year 1885 and seven for 1886, and, under these circumstances, almost the only way of facilitating the candidature of pure natives seemed to be to give them a preference over other students. Shortly after the issue of the Resolutions in question, memorials were received from various Associations of domiciled Europeans and Eurasians in India, remonstrating against the disadvantage at which persons of their class were placed by the new rules. These memorials were forwarded to the Secretary of State

with the despatch from the Government of India of 28th July 1883, in which the Governor-General in Council remarked that although, looking to the small number of appointments involved, the memorialists appeared to exaggerate somewhat the practical effect of the rules upon their interests, he could not but think that "they had a certain solid foundation for their dissatisfaction, and that their representations deserved attention." The Governor-General in Council accordingly recommended that arrangements should be made in regard to the recruiting of the Public Works Department which would have the effect of increasing the number of appointments available for the Indian colleges to eleven, and that, with this extension of the field of employment, the area of competition might again be widened so as to include all persons coming under the statutory definition of natives of India. Considerable correspondence has since taken place upon various points of detail in this scheme, and the Secretary of State has now decided that the annual recruitment from the Indian colleges shall be fixed at nine. Although somewhat smaller than what they had recommended, the Government of India believe that this increase in the number of appointments, taken in connection with the changes made in other respects in the rules of admission to the college, renders it unnecessary to maintain a preference in favor of students of pure Indian descent, and that the object with which that preference was given may now be sufficiently attained without it. In future, therefore, all students coming under the statutory definition of natives of India will be eligible to compete on equal terms for the guaranteed appointments in the Public Works Department.

The appointments will, for the present, be allotted as follows:—

To Thomason College, Rurki	...	...	...	4 and 5 alternately.
" Seebpore	...	...	...	2 and 1 "
" Madras Civil Engineering College	...	...	...	1
" Poona College of Science	...	...	...	2

Order—

Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin; also that it be published in the *Gazette of India* and in all local official gazettes.

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

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 9th January 1885, No. 74 W., Public Works.
Ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The orders now received from the Government of India supersede the notification published at page 696, part I, of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 28th October 1884, so far as the competition therein advertised is restricted to natives of pure Asiatic origin.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent, Government Press, for publication
of proceedings in full.
" Educational Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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