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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th July 1871.*

No. 51. Read the following letter from J. GEOGHEGAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 10th June 1871, No. 2892-A:—

With reference to my letter, No. 4115, dated the 9th September 1870, I am directed to forward the accompanying set of Rules regarding the age certificates of candidates for the Indian Civil Service which have been approved by the Civil Service Commissioners, and to request that, if His Excellency sees no objection, they may be promulgated in the Madras Presidency.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1871, No. 987.

Ordered that the rules be approved and published in the Fort St. George and District Gazettes, with the following modifications:—

- (i.) For "Bombay" in the preamble and in Rule II. read "Madras," and in the rule, for "Senior Magistrate" read "Commissioner of Police."
- (ii.) Omit Clause (e) Rule V. This refers to the regulations of the University of Bombay, and is inserted on account of the declaration and certificate of age furnished by candidates for Matriculation. It is inapplicable in Madras as no limit of age is imposed on such candidates in the Madras University.
- (iii.) After "University" in Rule IX. add the words "or other public." This will meet the case of declarations of age made by candidates for the General Test Examination in this Presidency.

2. These Proceedings will be reported to the Government of India.

NOTIFICATION.

The Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to publish the following Rules under which certificates of age will be issued to candidates for the Indian Civil Service from the Madras Presidency:—

I.—Candidates for admission to compete in England for the Indian Civil Service are required, before leaving India, to obtain a certificate of age signed by the Chief Secretary to Government.

II.—In order to obtain a certificate, candidates are required to prove the date of their birth before the Magistrate of the District in which the candidate's family resides; or, if the family residence is in Madras, before the Commissioner of Police.

III.—Candidates will signify their desire to compete, not less than three months before the date on which they propose to go to England, to the Chief Secretary to Government, who will then forward each application for the purpose of inquiry to the Magistrate to whose District it belongs.

IV.—The Magistrate will call upon the candidate to appear and give evidence of the date of his birth within one month. He will carefully examine into the value of the evidence given, and forward a summary of it, with certified copies of all documents tendered and with his comments and opinion, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

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V.—The documentary evidence which the candidates may be expected to produce comprises—

- (a.)—The horoscope.
- (b.)—Family books.
- (c.)—Tradesmen's account books showing entries relating to the birth.
- (d.)—The record of admission in the registers of the school in which the candidate was educated, and the record of the candidate's age at various periodical school examinations.
- (e.)—Oral testimony of persons acquainted with the candidate's family and others will also be taken, and the candidate is required to comply, to the best of his power, with any requisition the Magistrate may make in order to clear up any doubt as to the purport of the documentary proof.

VI.—If the Chief Secretary shall be satisfied by the papers submitted by the Magistrate that the candidate has stated the date of his birth correctly, he will issue a certificate declaring that the candidate has submitted the proofs of his birth to the Magistrate of the ——— District, and has satisfied him that he was actually born on or about the date stated by him, viz., the ——— day of ——— 18—,

VII.—If the Chief Secretary finds reason to doubt that the candidate was born on the day asserted by him, the certificate will be refused, and the candidate will be unable to obtain admission to the competitive examination for the Indian Civil Service.

VIII.—Where the date of a birth has been formally registered in a register kept by any officer, an extract from the register duly certified by the proper official shall be accepted as sufficient proof of the date of the birth.

IX.—Any declaration of age made after the application of these rules on occasion of seeking admission to any University or other public Examination, Educational Institution, or Government Office, or otherwise recorded in a formal and deliberate manner, will be taken as conclusive evidence in disproof of the subsequent assertion by the same person that he was of different age to that so declared, or recorded.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of

„ Magistrates of the Town Police Court.

„ Director of Public Instruction.

„ Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination.

Ed. J. Wright.

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PUBLIC.

To
THE MAGISTRATES OF THE
SEVERAL DISTRICTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 6th July 1871, No. 987.

JULY.

Nos. 51-53.

Approving of the Bombay Rules regarding certificates of age of candidates for the Indian Civil Service, and directing their publication in the Fort St. George and District Gazettes with certain modifications, and that a copy of these Proceedings be furnished to the Government of India.

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Notification by the Government of Bombay in the General Department,—dated Bombay Castle, the 22nd December 1870.

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II.—In order to obtain a certificate, candidates are required to prove the date of their birth before the Magistrate of the District in which the candidate's family resides ; or, if the family residence is in Bombay, before the Senior Magistrate.

III.—Candidates will signify their desire to compete, not less than three months before the date on which they propose to go to England, to the Chief Secretary to Government, who will then forward each application for the purpose of enquiry to the Magistrate to whose District it belongs.

IV.—The Magistrate will call upon the candidate to appear and give evidence of the date of his birth within one month. He will carefully examine into the value of the evidence given, and forward a summary of it, with certified copies of all documents tendered and with his comments and opinion, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

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(a.)—The horoscope.

(b.)—Family books.

(c.)—Tradesmen's account books showing entries relating to the birth.

(d.)—The record of admission in the registers of the school in which the candidate was educated, and the record of the candidate's age at various periodical school examinations.

(e.)—If the candidate is matriculated, a certified copy of his application to the Registrar in Form A.

(f.)—Oral testimony of persons acquainted with the candidate's family and others will also be taken, and the candidate is required to comply, to the best of his power, with any requisition the Magistrate may make in order to clear up any doubt as to the purport of the documentary proofs.

VI.—If the Chief Secretary shall be satisfied by the papers submitted by the Magistrate that the candidate has stated the date of his birth correctly, he will issue a certificate declaring that the candidate has submitted the proofs of his birth to the Magistrate of the _____ District, and has satisfied him that he was actually born on or about the date stated by him, viz., the _____ day of _____ 18—.

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E. W. RAVENSCROFT,
Acting Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay.

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J. GEORGE HEGAN, Esq.,
Under Secy. to the Govt.
To
The Secy to the Govt. of India.

Home Dept.
Public.

SIMLA, the 10 June 1871.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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