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Public ✓ Department.
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[Despatch Abstract].

Re increase of pay of clerk of the Board of Examiners' office, declined.

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For orders.

It is submitted that sufficient reason is not shown for increasing the clerk's pay 60 per cent.

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There is [illegible] submitted no reason for increasing [illegible] at all. If increase of work is to be regarded as any sufficient ground almost every public servant could advance the plea

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Sign
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Order. 22nd Nov. 90. No. 799.

The Govt: does not consider that there is any reason for increasing the clerk's pay as recommended.

(From orders)

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

From
The President,
Board of Examiners,
Madras,

To
The Honorable
The Chief Secy. to Government,
Fort St. George,

No. 1411.

CHIEF SECRETARY 23 NOV 90 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 3rd
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November 1890.

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Enclosures. 1.

Subject.

Recommending Mr. Coopoonatham Pillay, Clerk of the Board of Examiners office for an increase of pay.

W.O.

of Rs. 500, in fees, due to the fact th[illegible] Special Examining Members have [illegible] generally selected from among the Officers of the Government Service, and the increase to the pay of the clerk may be conveniently met from this source.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

[illegible]

President, Board of Examiners.

[illegible] since [illegible] date

his appointment.

During the eight years that I have held the Office of President, the petitioner has done his work very steadily and well, and on this ground and also because he cannot look for any promotion in his present office, which he fully deserves, I would strongly recommend for the favorable consideration of Government that his pay may be increased to Rs. 80. per mensem from the 1st November, which it will be observed is less than the pay drawn by the Manager of the Old Board of Examiners' office.

5. As pointed out in para: 4 of the petition, there has been for some years past an annual saving of upwards

of

No. [illegible]

Madras, 3rd November

From

THE PRESIDENT,

BOARD OF EXAMINERS,

MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a petition from M. Coopoonatham Pillay, Clerk of this office, praying for an increase of pay.

2. The petitioner has been holding his present appointment for upwards of nine years, and has always performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of the several officers who have fulfilled the duties of Secretary during this period.

3. The petitioner correctly describes the nature of his work which, as will be seen from para: 2. of the petition, has very

are not entitled to any kind of remuneration. Petitioner, therefore, begs to submit that the increase he asks for may be conveniently met from this source.

5. In conclusion Petitioner begs to express an earnest prayer that previous to your approaching retirement you will be pleased to represent his case to Government and obtain for him the boon prayed for. Petitioner is known to you for a number of years and you are fully acquainted with the duties he is at present performing and the way in which he has performed them. It is, therefore, that Petitioner has made bold to approach you with this appeal and earnestly begs that you will be pleased to give it your kind and powerful support.

For this act of kindness Petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

M. Coopoonathum Pillai

In Public No 3225/90
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Officers of the Police, Jail, Revenue Survey, Revenue Settlement, Public Works, Civil Medical, Forest and Salt and Abkari departments, and officers of Government Farms and all other officers holding corresponding position in other departments to whom a knowledge of a vernacular language is essential for the performance of their duties according to the third and second class tests in the prescribed languages.

Medical officers according to the Colloquial test in the Vernaculars.

Bank and Railway officers in the Vernaculars.

Private candidates in the Vernaculars with the permission of Government.

All officers in Civil employ in Hindustani.

Covenanted Civilians, Military officers in Civil employ, Public Works officers and Police officers, serving in Ganjam and Vizgapatam districts, according to Special tests in Uriya and Khond.

The Board also examines the officers of the Postal, Telegraph, Great Trigonometrical Survey, Topographical Survey, Marine Survey, Geological Survey and Account and Paper Currency Departments in the Vernaculars under Orders of Government.

Of these Examinations the Examination of Military and Medical officers and Chaplains in the Persian language has been transferred to the Board of Examiners since Petitioner joined the office. Also the Examination of Forest officers in Law and Revenue and in the Vernaculars according to the Lower and Higher Standards, and Examination of Educational Officers according to the Compulsory, High Proficiency and Honors tests have been introduced since Petitioner joined the office. The Examinations are half-yearly. Besides these, Special Examinations are also held under circumstances of necessity. Thus it will be seen that the work of the Board of Examiners' office at the present time is not the same as it was prior to 1879, when the Examinations and the number of candidates examined were limited.

Years.	Number of Letters Received	Number of Letters Despatched.	No of Candidates Examined.
1872	122	302	37
1873	80	401	62
1874	186	384	39
1875	182	351	43
1876	234	531	81
1877	181	431	59
1878	253	695	60
1879	231	691	53
1880	221	859	46
1881	375	756	60
1882	465	834	109
1883	586	1025	141
1884	533	932	106
1885	495	899	103
1886	529	916	112
1887	420	851	99
1888	479	837	99
1889	474	1010	86

The introduction of the Rules of 1879, and other Examinations has increased the work of the office a good deal as will be seen from the marginal Statement of Letters received and despatched and the number of candidates who have appeared for examination in the Vernaculars. The work of the office prior to 1879

* This does not include Covenanted Civilians who are examined according to the Lower and Higher Standards, Police officers in Law and Forest officers in Law and Revenue, whose average number for each year is.

	During. 1871-80.	During. 1881-90
Covenanted Civilians, by the Lower and Higher Standards.	... 20.	34.
Police officers in Law & Forest officers in Law and Revenue.	... 5.	14.

having been limited, Petitioner's predecessor was allowed to do the Board's office work in the Secretary's house in the early morning and to hold another appointment at first in the office of the Inspector General of Police on Rs. 70 per mensem, and afterwards in the Accountant General's office on Rs. 90 per mensem, in addition to the pay that he drew in the Board's Office. On the introduction of the Rules of 1879 the work suddenly rose to twice as much and the clerk was not able to do justice to the work of the Board of Examiner's Office in addition to that of the other appointment. He was therefore made to retire from the Board's office as he was not inclined to give up the other which gave him more pay, and Petitioner was appointed in his place in view to devote his full time to the Board's office work.

3. Petitioner begs to point out that the old Board of Examiners which arranged for the instruction in the Vernaculars of Covenanted Civilians on their arrival and for their subsequent examinations, had an establishment* which consisted of a Manager, a Clerk, and a Librarian. Furthermore Petitioner begs to state that the old Manager of the office of the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations drew a pay of Rs. 300 per mensem. The present Manager whose responsibilities in connexion with the examinations are the same as those of Petitioner (although the work to be turned out under his supervision is no doubt very much larger and the fees collected from candidates are also very great) draws a salary of Rs. 250, and is moreover provided with an adequate establishment which is also well paid. Petitioner begs to submit that his office work is as varied as the work of any Government Office, and in himself are constituted on a small scale the various subordinate posts of a public office, viz: Manager, Correspondence Clerk, Copyist, Despatcher, Record-keeper &c., and he is allowed no other help but that of 2 peons. Petitioner is also in charge of a Library consisting of the test-books, books for sale, &c. He also performs the duties of Confidential clerk during the time of Examination in connexion with the Examination papers without any extra remuneration. The Confidential clerk of the Madras Government Secretariat gets a confidential allowance, and he believes confidential work in the Public service invariably carries a special allowance with it. Petitioner begs to point out that he has been in this office for more than nine years and has had no encouragement of any kind all this time, and as he is the only clerk attached to this office, he stands no chance of any promotion whatever. Under these circumstances Petitioner humbly requests that you will be pleased to take his case into your benign consideration and recommend him to Government for an increase of pay or the grant of a personal allowance equal or approximate to the pay of the Manager of the Old Board of Examiners' office, which was Rs. 84.

* Manager Rs. 84.
Clerk „ 35.
Librarian „ 40.

4. Petitioner begs to submit that the fees collected for admission to the reward and voluntary examinations which were not exacted before he joined the office, amount to at the present time not less than Rs. 500 a year, as will be seen from the Actuals* of the past 8 years. From para 14 of the Board's letter to Government embodied in G. O. Educational, No. 478, dated 24th December 1880, it will be learnt that the introduction of the fees was originally intended to meet charges incurred on account of the Special Examining Members (who were generally gentlemen not holding Government appointments) on the occasions of High Proficiency and Honors examinations. This is now seldom utilized, because for some years past the services of Government officials have been availed of for this duty. They

* 1882-83 Rs. 515.
83-84 „ 635.
84-85 „ 670.
85-86 „ 795.
86-87 „ 905.
87-88 „ 600.
88 89 „ 755.
89-90 „ 560.

Thro' the Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

Madras, 1st November 1890.

To

W. S. WHITESIDE, ESQ. C. S.

President, Board of Examiners,

Madras.

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THE HUMBLE PETITION OF M. COOPOONATHUM PILLAI,
CLERK, BOARD OF EXAMINERS' OFFICE.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH THAT :—

Petitioner's service in the Board of Examiners' office dates from 1st July 1881, eight years of which he has passed under your Presidentship. You are quite aware of the manner in which Petitioner has conducted and is conducting his duties, which fact is also known to Mr. Clark, the present Secretary, who will no doubt speak to Petitioner's credit. Petitioner further begs to call attention to copies of testimonials as detailed per margin, and to request that you will kindly make a reference to Messrs Sim and Hammick who acted as Secretary to the Board of Examiners. Petitioner has passed all the necessary examinations required for his post. Petitioner's salary is Rs. 50, and this pay he has been drawing ever since he joined the Board of Examiners' office.

On the eve of my departure to England on leave I cannot refrain from expressing the very high opinion I entertain of Kuppunatha Pillay employed in a confidential office, he has given satisfaction and his willingness and intelligence have helped me much in carrying on my work.
28' February 1883. (Sd.) D. S. White
Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

I echo every word of what is stated above. He has rendered me very great assistance during the last six months I have been filling this office.
1—9—83. (Sd.) S. Runga Charry, Ag Secretary.

Coopoonathan has given me every satisfaction for the 3 months I have been in charge.
18—3—87. (Sd.) H. A. Sim.

Has given satisfaction for the two and half months I have been in charge.
22—VI. (Sd.) M. Hammick.

I can say as much for the month and half I have been in charge.
19—1—88. (Sd.) R. S. B.

2 Officers are Examined by the Board of Examiners according to the tests as shown below.

Covenanted Civilians according to the Public Service qualification test, Lower and Higher Standards and High Proficiency and Honors tests in all the prescribed languages.

Military officers including Medical officers and Chaplains according to the Lower and Higher Standards and High Proficiency and Honors tests in the prescribed languages.

Police officers in Law.

Forest officers in Law and Revenue, and in the vernaculars according to the Lower and Higher Standards.

Cantonment Magistrates in Law.

Political officers in Law.

Officers of the Revenue and Judicial departments according to the Second and First class tests in the prescribed languages.