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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Copy to the President
Board of Examiners
has Revenue dept
accepting the proposals
of the Board in regard
to the 4 annuities to
be passed by & transferred
Conservators of Forests
before receiving permis-
-sion.*

16TH OCTOBER 1893, No. 903, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following Government Order, dated 31st August 1893, Mis. No. 3190, Revenue :—

Read—the following letter from E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Forests), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 10th August 1893, Circular No. 16-F. :—

With reference to the accompanying copy of a letter * from the Chief Commissioner of Burma on the subject of the examinations to be passed by Extra Assistant Conservators of Forests before receiving promotion, I am directed to inquire if the Chief Commissioner's proposal commends itself to His Excellency the Governor in Council as suitable for adoption also in Madras, subject to such modifications as may be necessary with regard to the examination rules in force in that province.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. G. BAYNE, Esq., I.C.S., Revenue Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Burma, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated Rangoon, 11th July 1893, No. 225-4 E.—3.

I am directed to address you on the subject of the examinations which Extra Assistant Conservators of Forests should be required to pass before receiving promotion from the lower to the higher grades of the Provincial Forest Service. At present the only compulsory examination for Extra Assistant Conservators is that required by section 44 of the Forest Code, which lays down that no Extra Assistant Conservator shall be promoted to a higher grade than the 4th until he has passed by the higher standard in a principal language of the province in which he is serving. The Officiating Chief Commissioner is, however, of opinion that, in view of the duties that are required of them, Extra Assistant Conservators should also be required to pass in Forest Law and Revenue and in Procedure and Accounts, and that provision should be made accordingly in the Departmental Examination Rules. The Conservators in the province have been consulted in the matter and unanimously recommend that Extra Assistant Conservators should be required to pass in these examinations. The Chief Commissioner accordingly proposes to amend the Departmental Examination Rules so as to provide—

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Order—dated 31st August 1893, Mis. No. 3190, Revenue.

Referred to the Commissioners of Land Revenue for early remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Under Secy. to Government.

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Resolution—dated 23rd September 1893, Forest No. 671.

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2. The Chief Commissioner alludes to the Vernacular examination by the higher standard as being the only compulsory examination which Extra Assistant Conservators are now required to pass under section 44 of the India Forest Code; but there is no provision in the Madras Forest Code corresponding to this.

3. Under the existing rules Extra Assistant Conservators are recruited from men trained at Dehra Dun and are not at present, in this Presidency, required to pass a compulsory examination in any subject to entitle them to promotion from one grade of their class to another. The examinations referred to by the Chief Commissioner are, however, almost identical with the test and qualifications required here from Assistant Conservators of the Imperial Service in order to qualify them for promotion to the 1st grade, and the Board sees no reason why Extra Assistant Conservators should be treated differently. It is true that the Dehra Dun curriculum includes a study of Forest Law, Procedure and Accounts; but though this may be accepted as an adequate foundation of knowledge in the case of Rangers and Foresters, something more should, the Board thinks, be required from Extra Assistant Conservators. The case is analogous to that of Covenanted Civilians, who, though they have had to study the Penal and Procedure Codes, the Evidence Act, and at least one Provincial Vernacular during their course of training at home, have to pass further examinations in these subjects after arrival in this country.

4. The Board accordingly recommends that Extra Assistant Conservators should, before promotion from the lowest grade (4th) of their class, be required to pass the same examinations and obtain the same certificate of competence for district charge as is required under paragraph 47 of the Madras Forest Code from Assistant Conservators of the Imperial Service before promotion from their lowest grade (2nd).

5. With regard to the qualification in "Procedure and Accounts," it will be observed that under clause (iv), paragraph 47 of the Madras Forest Code, a written examination in these subjects is not made compulsory. The Board thinks that this is one of the chief reasons why most of our young Forest officers are much less familiar with these matters than they should be, and notes that in the provinces under the Government of India a formal examination is held in these subjects. The Board, therefore, takes this opportunity to suggest that in the case of both class of officers (Assistant Conservators and Extra Assistants) a written examination in office "Procedure and Accounts" be made compulsory, the examination being conducted by the Board of Examiners.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ all Collectors.
„ Conservators of Forests.

ORDER—dated 16th October 1893, No. 903, Revenue.

Forest No. 330.

The Government agrees with the Board and accepts the proposals contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Proceedings read above.

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
„ the Educational Department.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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Under Secretary*

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For the ⁵ ~~S. A.~~

The Rev. Dept has now commd
their order about the examination
of Extra Assistant Conservators.
direct to the Public Dept in
order that the Board of Examiners
may be commd with, with
reference to the last sentence
of para 5. But this may
be done after the reply from
India is commd to us. They
sent copy to the ⁵ ~~Rev~~ Dept
simply for information.
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