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4. The Honorable Messrs. Price and Gibson and Mr. MacCartie will be thanked for having undertaken the recent examination.

5. The Government of India will be addressed as regards the examination in equitation carried out in England.

[Here enter No. 128, dated 23rd February 1894.]

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President, Board of Examiners.
 „ the Revenue Department.
 „ the Military Secretary to the Rt. Hon'ble the Governor.
 „ the Hon'ble Mr. J. F. Price, C.S.I., I.C.S.
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23RD FEBRUARY 1894, No. 128, PUBLIC.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with my telegram, No. 392, of the 24th August 1892, I am directed to address you regarding the examination in equitation undergone by members of the Indian Civil Service prior to their being sent out to this country.

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Your Most Obedient Servant

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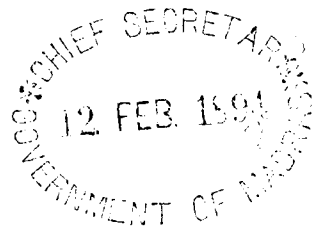
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Public Dept

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Messrs

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+ C. F. MacCartie.

Dated Feb 4 94

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Forwarding report on the
Equitation Course of the Junior
Civilians.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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I quite approve of this.

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I think it is only right that we should
help these young men in getting suitable
homes. Not only are they ignorant of
riding - but they know nothing about
horses. & I have no doubt they get
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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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President Board of Examiners.

Revenue Dept. 7

Military

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" E. Gibson. J.C.S. /

C. E. MacCartie Esq. J.C.S. /

to be sent

Letter - to the Secretary to the

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Home Department.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence

21/2/94

4. Having had no opportunity of making acquaintance with the young gentlemen who joined the service in 1890 and 1891. From general report, however, as well as from the report of the Commandant of the Body Guards, it is clear that they were by no means good riders when they came out. Some no doubt have improved. As to others, it is probably not going too far to say that they still ride so badly that they are not, and never will be, able properly to discharge their duties as Revenue officers and should therefore never have been appointed to the service at all. It follows, I think, that the examination in riding which these young men pass in England is either not by any means sufficiently stringent, or is not of the right kind. So long as this is the case, it is, in my opinion, most desirable that the deficiency of early education should be supplemented by systematic instruction here.

5. I think it would be a very good thing if the examination in riding which the young civilians have to pass in England were so modified as to ensure their possessing a really practical knowledge of the art. At present it does not do so.

6. Another advantage to be gained from the enforcement of a suitable and sufficiently stringent test in England would be that young civilians need not then be detained in Madras for so long a period as two months before being sent up-country to join their appointments. Two months of idleness in Madras, with nothing to do but an hour's ride in the morning, is not good for young men. They are tempted to spend more money than they need spend, I fear, if not to worse things. If they were allowed three weeks or a month after arrival in which to make the acquaintance of the seniors of the service, engage servants and buy horses and tents, it would, in my opinion, be quite enough. They would then mostly join their districts immediately after the Christmas holidays, with at least two months of the cold weather still before them in which to learn what riding in India really is. This would be far better than spending most of the cold weather in Madras.

7. While, then, I consider the Madras course of instruction in riding is necessary, so long as the English examination in the subject fails to secure a fair, practical knowledge of it, I should much prefer that the English examination should be rendered so much more practical and stringent as to dispense with the need of a further course of instruction here; and I venture to recommend that the Secretary of State be addressed in this sense.

The Governor in Council is anxious that the equitation course in Madras should, if possible, be dispensed with and desires that the above remarks may be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble the Secretary of State in view of the matter being satisfactorily & finally settled.

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This is letter being put in as well to State the case fully and have the matter definitely settled.

junior civilians in Madras longer than is absolutely required & the necessity for maintaining the equitation course in Madras in the absence of a thorough practical examination in England were dealt on in this communication's letter to the Hon'ble the Secy of State of the 20th Jan 1904, No. 9 P.O. I am to invite attention to the following extracts from that communication attended.

4. We are entirely in accord with the President of the Board of Examiners as to the desirability of detaining these young officers in Madras longer than is absolutely necessary for them to make the requisite preparation for living up-country and to become acquainted with the heads of the administration. At the same time we agree with him as to the necessity for maintaining the Madras course so long as the instruction in equitation prior to arrival in this country does not guarantee that every gentleman appointed to the Indian Civil Service is a good rider, an essential qualification in the case of these officers.

5. We would therefore suggest to your Lordship that the rules in regard to the qualifications in horsemanship of those selected for the Indian Civil Service should be made more stringent than they at present are, and would recommend that after selection at the open competition, candidates should be compelled to undergo a thorough course of equitation at certain selected cavalry riding schools, and should not be permitted to join the service till they have received certificates testifying to their being good riders. In addition to the riding-master's certificate, we consider that each candidate should be required to finally pass before a Board of three competent officers whose instructions should be that no candidate is to be considered qualified regarding whose capabilities there is the slightest doubt.

6. We trust your Lordship will favourably consider our proposals, as, in the event of a course of instruction and examination such as that detailed above being carried out in England, we could at once dispense with the equitation course in Madras.

Annexure to the letter of the 17th Jan 1904, No. 9.

Letter from the Hon'ble Mr. R. W. Bliss C.I.E., I.C.S. President Board of Examiners, dated 11th May 1904, No. 200.

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SIR,

We, the undersigned Junior Civilians at present undergoing a course of equitation in Madras, respectfully beg to submit the following points for the consideration of the Board of Examiners:—

I. That since the attendance of your petitioners for the said course of equitation, there have been interruptions of riding between the dates of December 22nd and January 3rd and January 16th to January 28th inclusive.

II. That your petitioners have been in India for periods ranging from three months, and have incurred considerable expenses by their prolonged residence in Madras.

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III. That having regard to the regulations in riding prescribed for probationers at home by the Civil Service Commissioners, your petitioners have already undergone two or more such examinations at Woolwich, in addition to a long course of instruction in civilian riding at the R.H.A. Riding School.

IV. That in view of the recent order of Government that Junior Civilians may not present themselves for the lower standard examination before joining their districts, it is of considerable importance to your petitioners that they should not lose any time unnecessarily before proceeding to a practical preparation for that lower standard examination.

V. That the course of riding prescribed in the Body Guard Riding School is of a purely regimental nature, and that the drill, saddles, stirrups and other accessories are strictly military.

VI. That taking into consideration the above mentioned facts, your petitioners would urge in conclusion that in view of the terms of G.O., 202, Public, dated 7th February 1887, requiring Junior Civilians to go through a course of equitation during their stay in Madras, your petitioners submit that, having already undergone a severe course of instruction at Home, they have been attending the course at the Body Guard School, Madras, since their arrival in India; but by reason of the lengthy interruptions, which have already occurred, there is every prospect of their incurring additional delay and expense from no fault of their own.

Therefore, your petitioners would respectfully beg to urge that the requirements of G.O., No. 202, have been complied with, and that there is now no objection to their joining their respective districts.

(Signed) J. COTTON
and 7 others.

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READ—also the following papers:—

SIR,

Adverting to G.O., Public Department, No. 81, dated 2nd February 1894, we have the honour to report that we this morning examined the following Junior Civilians in equitation:—

Mr. J. T. Gillespie.
" E. Couchman.
" P. J. Pope.

Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks.
" L. T. Harris.
" S. G. Roberts.

2. Mr. A. L. Vibert appeared and stated that he had no horse of his own—he having purchased at auction for a small sum an animal which has subsequently proved utterly useless. He was therefore excused and told that he would have to come up again. Mr. J. J. Cotton was absent on leave at Calcutta. Mr. W. Lys had already obtained a certificate from the Commandant, His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard.

3. The party, with the exception of Mr. P. J. Pope, who fell off his horse very shortly after mounting and whom we sent home as being a hopeless article, was taken across country through the Elphinstone and Guindy Parks at a smart canter on to the Race-course, where they were made to gallop a short distance and to go through dismounting and mounting without syces.

4. We consider that Messrs. Gillespie, Harris and Roberts have shown sufficient proficiency to allow of their being sent up country. They can stick on to a horse very fairly and will with a little district riding do very well.

5. We are of opinion that Messrs. Couchman and Marjoribanks should go back to the riding school for a further period—say, a fortnight or three weeks. Mr. Couchman has anything but a decided seat, and Mr. Marjoribanks, who has no definite idea of sitting down in his saddle, fell off when riding through Guindy Park. Mr. Pope will require at least a couple of months' teaching. He is at present absolutely ignorant of anything connected with riding.

6. We may mention that not one of the young gentlemen examined has any idea of how to steer a horse when going at a decent pace. A portion of the test was taking them through very fairly open jungle and turning about in it. The result was that they scattered all over the place showing that they had no command over their horses and did not know the use of their reins. This we attribute to their having been taught entirely in a riding school and having used trained troop-horses.

7. We would suggest if the riding course is to continue that the young Civilians should be taken out twice a week for cross-country rides about Madras. Training of this kind would be of infinite use to them. At present they get what we consider theoretical teaching only.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE.
(") E. GIBSON.
(") C. F. MACCARTIE.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 23rd February 1894, No. 127, Public.

Messrs. Gillespie, Harris and Roberts will be permitted to join their districts and Messrs. Cotton, Couchman, Pope, Marjoribanks and Vibert will continue to attend the riding school. Mr. Vibert will be called upon by the President of the Board of Examiners to provide himself with a horse at very early date.

2. The suggestion in paragraph 7 of the above report that the Junior Civilians under instruction in equitation should be taken out twice a week for cross-country rides about Madras is approved, and the Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor will be requested to, under His Excellency's orders, arrange for this course being adopted if possible by the Officer Commanding the Body Guard.

3. The Government is of opinion that some assistance should be given to Junior Civilians on first arrival in the country in the selection of horses. The Superintendent of the Civil Veterinary Department will accordingly be directed in the Revenue Department to hereafter render these officers help in the matter. The President of the Board of Examiners will, in consultation with the Superintendent, issue the necessary orders to ensure that horses are not purchased by the Junior Civilians alluded to without the approval of the latter officer.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with my telegram, No. 392, of the 24th August 1892, I am directed to address you regarding the examination in equitation undergone by members of the Indian Civil Service prior to their being sent out to this country.

2. It appears from Rule 10 of the regulations for the open competition of August 1893 that the examination of future candidates in riding will be more stringent than has been the case with their predecessors. I am, however, to request that the Government of India will be pleased to urge upon the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State the necessity for the examination in England being a thoroughly practical and not merely a riding-school one. In the opinion of this Government it is essential that it should include a test across a fairly easy bit of broken country.

3. In this connection I am to forward the following extract from the report of three senior members of the Indian Civil Service, all of whom are practical horsemen, who were recently requested to test the riding capabilities of the Junior Civilians of last year, i.e., those recruited in 1891 and 1892:—

"3. The party with the exception of Mr. A, who fell off his horse very shortly after mounting and whom we sent home as being a hopeless article, was taken across country through the Elphinstone and Guindy Parks at a smart canter on to the race course, where they were made to gallop a short distance and to go through dismounting and mounting without syces.

"5. We are of opinion that Messrs. B and C should go back to the riding school for a further period, say, a fortnight or three weeks. Mr. B has anything but a decided seat and Mr. C, who has no definite idea of sitting down in his saddle, fell off when riding through Guindy Park. Mr. A will require at least a couple of months' teaching. He is at present absolutely ignorant of anything connected with riding.

"6. We may mention that not one of the young gentlemen examined has any idea of how to steer a horse when going at a decent pace. A portion of the test was taking them through very fairly open jungle and turning about in it. The result was that they scattered all over the place showing that they had no command over their horses and did not know the use of their reins. This we attribute to their having been taught entirely in a riding school and having used trained troop-horses.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 17th June 1892, No. 413, Public.

ABSTRACT.—Agreeing with the President, Board of Examiners, regarding the equitation course to be undergone by Junior Civilians on their arrival in the Presidency, and directing that the Secretary of State be addressed.

G.O., dated 24th August 1892, No. 586, Public.

ABSTRACT.—Telegraphing to the Government of India the opinion of this Government regarding the equitation course of Junior Civilians in England in connection with the draft regulations for the open competitive examination for the Indian Civil Service in 1893.

G.O., dated 2nd February 1894, No. 81, Public.

Read—the following letter from J. STURROCK, Esq., President, Board of Examiners, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 18th January 1894, No. 933:—

I have the honour to forward, for the favourable consideration of Government, a petition from the recently-arrived young Civilians praying that they may be permitted to join the appointments to which they have been gazetted without further attendance at the riding school.

2. The camp of exercise at Guindy seems to have put a stop to any further riding lessons until the 29th instant, and the continuance of attendance after that date will involve the prolonged residence at Madras deprecated in paragraph 6 of the Hon'ble Mr. Bliss's letter recorded with G.O., No. 413, Public, dated 17th June 1892.

3. The dates on which the different young Civilians received instructions to attend the riding school are shown in the statement appended.

ENCLOSURE.

PETITION from the Junior Civilians at present undergoing a course of equitation in Madras, to the President of the Board of Examiners.

SIR,

We, the undersigned Junior Civilians at present undergoing a course of equitation in Madras, respectfully beg to submit the following points for the consideration of the Board of Examiners:—

I. That since the attendance of your petitioners for the said course of equitation, there have been interruptions of riding between the 1st of December 22nd and January 3rd and January 16th to January 28th inclusive.

II. That your petitioners have been in India for periods ranging from three months, and have incurred considerable expenses by their prolonged residence in Madras.

5. His Excellency the Governor in Council is anxious that the equitation course in Madras should, if possible, be dispensed with, and desires that the above remarks may be brought to the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State in view to the matter being satisfactorily and finally settled.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd February 1894.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Raiff.

"7. We would suggest if the riding course is to continue that the young Civilians should be taken out twice a week for cross-country rides about Madras. Training of this kind would be of infinite use to them. At present they get what we consider theoretical teaching only."

4. The undesirability of detaining Junior Civilians in Madras longer than is absolutely required, and the necessity for maintaining the equitation course in Madras in the absence of a thoroughly practical examination in England, were dwelt on in this Government's letter to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State of the 30th June 1892, No. 9, Public. I am to invite attention to the following extracts from that communication:—

"4. We are entirely in accord with the President of the Board of Examiners as to the undesirability of detaining these young officers in Madras longer than is absolutely necessary for them to make the requisite preparations for living up-country and to become acquainted with the heads of the administration. At the same time we agree with him as to the necessity for maintaining the Madras course so long as the instruction in equitation prior to arrival in this country does not guarantee that every gentleman appointed to the Indian Civil Service is a good rider—an essential qualification in the case of these officers.

"5. We would therefore suggest to your Lordship that the rules in regard to the qualifications in horsemanship of those selected for the Indian Civil Service should be made more stringent than they at present are, and would recommend that, after selection at the open competition, candidates should be compelled to undergo a thorough course of equitation at certain selected cavalry riding schools, and should not be permitted to join the service till they have received certificates testifying to their being good riders. In addition to the riding-master's certificate, we consider that each candidate should be required to finally pass before a Board of three competent officers, whose instructions should be that no candidate is to be considered qualified regarding whose capabilities there is the slightest doubt.

"6. We trust your Lordship will favourably consider our proposals, as, in the event of a course of instruction and examination such as that detailed above being carried out in England, we could at once dispense with the equitation course in Madras."

Letter from the Hon'ble Mr. H. W. Bliss, C.I.E., I.C.S., President, Board of Examiners, dated 11th May 1892, No. 305.

"4. . . . I have had no opportunity of making acquaintance with the young gentlemen who joined the service in 1890 and 1891. From general report, however, as well as from the report of the Commandant of the Body Guard, it is clear that they were by no means good riders when they came out. Some no doubt have improved. As to others, it is probably not going too far to say that they still ride so badly that they are not, and never will be, able properly to discharge their duties as Revenue officers and should therefore never have been appointed to the service at all. It follows, I think, that the examination in riding which these young men pass in England is either not by any means sufficiently stringent, or is not of the right kind. So long as this is the case, it is, in my opinion, most desirable that the deficiencies of early education should be supplemented by systematic instruction here.

"5. . . . I think it would be a very good thing if the examination in riding which the young Civilians have to pass in England were so modified as to ensure their possessing a really practical knowledge of the art. At present it does not do so.

"6. Another advantage to be gained from the enforcement of a suitable and sufficiently stringent test in England would be that young Civilians need not then be detained in Madras for so long a period as two months before being sent up-country to join their appointments. Two months of idleness in Madras, with nothing to do but an hour's ride in the morning, is not good for young men. They are tempted to spend more money than they need spend, I fear, if not to worse things. If they were allowed three weeks or a month after arrival in which to make the acquaintance of the seniors of the service, engage servants and buy horses and tents, it would, in my opinion, be quite enough. They would then mostly join their districts immediately after the Christmas holidays, with at least two months of the cold weather still before them in which to learn what life in India really is. This would be far better for them than spending most of the cold weather in Madras.

"7. While, then, I consider the Madras course of instruction in riding is necessary, so long as the English examination in the subject fails to secure a fair, practical knowledge of it, I should much prefer that the English examination should be rendered so much more practical and stringent as to dispense with the need of a further course of instruction here; and I venture to recommend that the Secretary of State be addressed in this sense."

No line like placed

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for ordinary district work. The
to I believe half long prices for
these animals - there is a risk to
Officers who might see that to stand
with the young civilians and
get decent work and are not
satisfied. A case such as that of
Mr. Wood would be well.

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Letter, 23rd February 1894, No. 128.

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Equitation Course and Examination of Junior Civilians.

Requesting to urge on the Secretary of State
the necessity of a more stringent and practical
— in England in view to the course in Madras
being dispensed with and the matter satisfactorily
and permanently settled.