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[Despatch Abstract.]

Riding Tests

Prescribing — for
selected candidates for the
Civil Service who pass a
Certificate of minimum
proficiency in riding at
the final examⁿ, and
constituting an Examination
Board

[Signature]

6-7-05 ✓
21-7-13 ✓

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1-11-15 B. II

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NOTE

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY

The draft (para 5)
been altered with ref: to
instructions in Council.
Should the Milly Secy ~~look~~?
the Governor be consulted
about placing the Commandant
of the Body Guard on the Board?
The G.P. says that these gentlemen
"will be invited to serve on the
Board" ^{the order} & it is going to the
Milly Secretary W.H.E.

Should the draft circulate
at all please? or may it be
taken as passed in Council?
C.B. 2/6

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

I have marked this
as perhaps the C.S. will
take it into Council in connection
with the constitution of the
Egulation Board? Submitted
that about six officers should
be named, including Jy. Price
& Commr. of Salt. [I am not sure
whether the present Commr. Mr.
Armed. sides]. He does - C.S.

C.S.
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CHIEF SECRETARY
7-APR. 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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C. J. Lyall, Esq., C.S.I., C.B.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home Department
Examinations }

Sir,

Sunda, the 19th April 1894.

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 128 Public, dated the 25th February 1894, on the subject of the examination in equitation undergone by selected candidates for the Indian Civil Service prior to their being sent out to India. His Excellency in Council is anxious that the equitation course in Madras should, if possible, be dispensed with, and desires that the Government of India should urge upon the Secretary of State the necessity for the examination in England being a thoroughly practical one.

2. In reply I am to say that rule 10 of the regulations for the open competitions of 1893 and 1894 was framed by the Secretary of State after receipt of the despatch from the Government of Madras No. 9 Public, dated the 30th June 1892, in which it was urged that the rules in regard to the qualifications in horsemanship of the gentlemen selected for Indian

Indian Civil Service should be made more stringent. As the gentlemen who have to qualify under these Regulations have not yet come out to India it cannot, in the opinion of the Governor General in Council, be presumed that the riding test thus prescribed will fail to secure the necessary proficiency. From the enclosed copy of papers it will be seen that the present Regulation, which provides that candidates failing to obtain satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India and will receive no increase of their initial salary until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government, was accepted by all other Local Governments in India; and I am to say that, unless experience hereafter proves that the rule requires amendment, the Government of India would prefer not to make a representation on the subject to the Secretary of State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant,


Secretary to the Government of India.

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List of Enclosures.

1. Despatch from the Secy. of State cp 7/5 (Pub) dated the 28th July 1892.
2. Telegrams and Ldts to Local Govts: no 1824¹⁸³⁰ dated the 20th August 1892.
3. Telegram from C.C. Burma cp 613 dated 22nd August 1892.
4. Telegram from the Govt. of Bengal dated 27th August 1892.
5. " " " Bombay " 24th do —
6. " " the C.C. Au: Provinces " 1st Sept: 1892.
7. " " the Govt. of the C.W. & B. dated 1st Sept: 1892.
8. " " " Punjab cp 352 of 3rd Sept: 1892.
9. " " the Govt. of India to the Secy. of State cp 1881 dated 6th Sept: 1892.

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PUBLIC—SEPTEMBER 1892.

Riding qualifications of the candidates selected for the Indian Civil Service.

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 28th July 1892.

Public.
No. 75

To His Excellency the Most Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council.

MY LORD MARQUIS,—My attention has been recently again directed to the unsatisfactory nature of the results of the tests in riding which the selected candidates for the Civil Service of India are required to undergo during their probation, and it is evident that those results are not likely to improve when the term of probation is reduced to one year, as it will be as regards all men selected hereafter.

2. I have at present under my consideration a draft which the Civil Service Commissioners have laid before me of the regulations proposed to be issued for the open competitive examination to be held in 1893; and in connection with that draft it has been suggested that it is desirable to announce that candidates failing to obtain from the Civil Service Commissioners satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India, as a substantive part of the departmental examination, and will receive no increase of their initial salary there until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government.

3. Before making this announcement, I shall be glad to be informed, as speedily as possible, whether your Excellency in Council sees any practical objections against carrying it into effect. I attach material importance to the riding qualification, and I believe that the Local Governments agree in this view.

4. While I have no wish to prevent the further examination in riding (in India) of a member of the Service who, as a selected candidate, has obtained a satisfactory certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners, if such further examination be found in any case to be necessary, I think that the holder of a satisfactory certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners should not be liable to be mulct as to his pay, whatever may be the opinion of the Government which he serves in India as to his ability to ride.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD MARQUIS,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

CROSS.

Nos. 1826-1830.

* The Government of Bombay.
" " " Bengal.
" " " the N.-W. P. and Oudh.
" " " the Punjab.
" Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

the Despatch.

Copy forwarded to*
with a request that intimation may be sent
by wire whether there is any objection to
the proposal mentioned in paragraph 2 of

HOME DEPARTMENT,
(PUBLIC);
Simla, the 20th August 1892.

By order,
P. G. MELITUS,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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HOME DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, SEPTEMBER 1892.

No. Telegram Nos. 1824—1825, dated 20th August 1892. No. 38.

From—Home, Simla.

To—Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Chief Commissioner, Burma.

In connection with draft regulations for open competitive examination for Indian Civil Service to be held in 1893, it has been suggested to Secretary of State to announce that candidates failing to obtain from Civil Service Commissioners satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India as substantive part of departmental examination, and will receive no increase of initial salary until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government. Is there any objection to this proposal? Please wire reply.

No. Telegram No. 618, dated 22nd August 1892. No. 39.

From—Chief Secretary, Rangoon.

To—Home, Simla.

Your 1825 (Public) about Junior Civilians' riding examinations. No objection.

No. Telegram No. 392, dated 24th August 1892. No. 40.

From—Madras, Ootacamund.

To—Home, Simla.

Your telegram 1824, August 20th. Please see Madras letter to Secretary State, 30th June last, 9 (Public). This Government would much prefer that no men should be sent out unless thoroughly qualified in horsemanship, that equitation course in England should be made much more stringent, and no candidate allowed to join service till he has satisfied competent Board that he is a good rider.

No. Telegram dated 27th August 1892. No. 41.

From—Bengal, Appointment, Calcutta.

To—Home, Simla.

Your memorandum No. 1827, dated 20th instant. Lieutenant-Governor has no objection to the proposal made in paragraph 2 of Secretary of State's Despatch No. 75, dated 28th ultimo, regarding the riding qualifications of selected candidates for the Civil Service.

No. Telegram dated 29th August 1892. No. 42.

From—Bombay, Poona.

To—Home, Simla.

Your endorsement 1826, dated 20th August, on Secretary of State's Despatch (Public) 75, dated 28th July, paragraph 2. Instruction of young Civilians in equitation would be attended with great difficulty in this Presidency, but every endeavour would be made to carry out Secretary of State's wishes. Difficulties are, however, so great, and interruption to young Civilians' instruction in their duties might be so inconvenient that every endeavour should be made to ensure young Civilians being properly trained before they leave England.

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- No. Telegram dated 1st September 1892.
From—Central Provinces, Jubbulpore.
To—Home, Simla.
Your No. 1830, dated 20th ultimo, regarding riding tests for Civilians. Chief Commissioner has no objection to proposal in paragraph 2 of Secretary of State's Despatch.
- No. Telegram dated 1st September 1892.
From—North-Western Provinces, Naini Tal.
To—Home, Simla.
Your 1820, dated 20th August. His Honour has no objection to the proposal regarding Junior Civilians in paragraph 2 of Despatch of Secretary of State. It is not so important that officers electing for the Judicial Branch should ride, but the election is not made in the early years of an officer's service.
- No. Telegram No. 252, dated 3rd September 1892.
From—Punjab, Lahore.
To—Home, Simla.
Home Department endorsement No. 1829, dated 20th August 1892. There is no objection to proposal in paragraph 2 of India Office Despatch No. 75 (Public). On the contrary, it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor to be an extremely good one.
- No. Telegram No. 1881, dated 6th September 1892.
From—VICEROY, Simla.
To—SECRETARY OF STATE, London.
Your Public Despatch No. 75, 28th July last. Civil Service of India equitation tests. There is no objection to the proposal contained in paragraph 2.

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Theodory

No. 1348
The word used by Government of India in its letter No. 140 dated 19 April 1894 is "Salary" and not "pay". The first increase of salary of Assistant Collector ordinarily service is his acting allowance when appointed to act as Head Assistant Collector. Under the rule proposed by the Government of India he should receive neither this nor the increase of Rs 175 to his pay on passing the higher standard, until he obtains a satisfactory certificate of ability to ride.

Fort Saint George
Asst. General's office
16 May 1894
Accountant General

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government Public Dept.

Current No.

Public DEPARTMENT.

From

Govt. of India
Home Deptt

No. 1140

Dated 19. 4. 94

Received 27. 4. 94

Enclosures 3.

SUBJECT.

Maintenance in equitation
of the Selected Candidates
for the Indian Civil Service.

The obvious meaning
of the word 'equitation'
is to ride a horse
and the word 'equitation'
is not used in the
Indian Civil Service.

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Indian Civil Service.

Referred to the Accountant General
for favour of remarks on the point
of "initial salary".

Junior Civilians in this Presidency
receive whilst in residence at Madras
and till they join their districts.
Rs 400 per mensem. After joining
their districts they get Rs 385 per
mensem plus Tentage of Rs 11. 1. 9.

These sums of Rs 400 and Rs 385
represent, however, the same initial
pay as the former includes a house
rent allowance of Rs 50 and the
latter one of Rs 35. The first increase
of pay received by an Assistant
Collector is the Rs 175 granted on
passing the Higher Standard
Examination but as Assistant
rarely complete this test within
two years of arrival it is not
quite clear how the restriction as
to increase to initial salary will
operate in this Presidency.

(By order)

Witnessed } Local Director
7th May 94 }
By Assistant Secy

4 heading only
Health Comd Office
9 MAY 1894

Endorsement. N^o. 9/12

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Current No. 12/12

Pub. DEPARTMENT.

From

The Govt of India
Home Dept
Simla

No. 140

Dated 19/4 }
Received 27/4 } 1894
Enclosures 3.

SUBJECT.

Examination in
Qualification of the selected
Candidates for the Indian
Civil Service.

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For Orders.

It is not known what the
"initial pay" of Civilians in
other Provinces is, but in
this Presidency, ^{Junior} Civilians receive
whilst in residence at Madras
Rs 400 per mensem

C.S.

Memo d/7-5-94 n. 9/12

Referred to the Acc. Genl.
In favour of remarks on the
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salary pay as the former
includes a house rent allowance
of

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don't put
Rs 50 and the latter one of
Rs 35. The first increase of
pay received by an Asst. Genl. is
~~for~~ the Rs 175 ^{granted} on passing
the Higher Standard Exam.
but as Assts rarely complete
this test within two years
of arrival it is not quite clear
how the restriction as to
~~gross~~ increase to initial
salary will operate in this
Presidency.

C.S.
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J.P.

5/5/94

To the Accountant General.
Desd
7/5/94

Reviewing Quigley
of
Carthage

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Memo R. O. G.

Put on a fresh docket sheet
• copy the end + issue. The
current and the 3 previous to
be sent to Acott again.

R.O.
7/5/94.

to months. Under the G. of I.
restriction they might spread it over
two years. The G. of I. ^{is} apparently
disinclined to address the Secy.
State again & the only thing to
be done is apparently to work
the rules as they stand in the
best manner possible. The following
points are submitted for order:-

(i) Are civilians who come out
with the ^{complete} ~~full~~ riding certificate to
go through an examination ~~here~~
in equitation here and, if so,
what form should this examination
take?

(ii) Is the Bodyguard course
to be continued in the case of
junior civilians who obtain a
certificate of "minimum proficiency"
only from the C. S. Commr?

(iii) Should the period of
residence in Madras in the
case of civilians who fall under
~~the~~ (i) be fixed, say, at one
month?

As regards (i) perhaps ^{an} exam.
out here will be considered un-
necessary. If any is enforced,
it might take the form of that
which took place last February

* vide rule 10 (2) in the Notifn.
in G.O. of 2.3.93. No. 170.

⊙ vide rule 10 (3) in the Notifn.
in G.O. of 2.3.93. No. 170.

& the officers who ^{sent first} ~~understand~~ that
examination might be asked to
form themselves into a permanent
board for the purpose. Failing
this, the Collectors of the districts
to which the junior civilians are
posted might be directed to report
on their riding qualifications
within one month of their joining
their districts.

As regards (ii) there seems no
help for it but to continue the
Bodyguard course. It ensures regular
instruction.

With reference to (iii) there
appears to be no necessity for
detaining these officers in Madras
for a longer ^{period} than is required for them
to get their kit together & to make
the acquaintance of ^{the} heads of the
administration. The President of
the Board of Examiners could
arrange for their examination
by the vernacular test (rule 3
of C. S. Manual) within the
month if any examination
in equitation is to be enforced
it could be arranged for within
that period.

C.S.
23/5

Equitation - Junior

Circular

Circular

Public Department

Read again J. C. 7/23. 2. 94. D. 127/2 (P)

C. D. 1272 — (A-melon as member)

Endorsement of 7. 5. 94. D. 912 (Q)

C. D. 1511 — (Q)

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Order 7th June 1894. N. 402

Rule 10 of the regulations for the open competition for the Indian Civil Service referred to in paragraph of Home Department Letter of the 19th April 1894 D. 140 is as follows

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"10. The selected Candidates will also be tested during their probation as to their proficiency in riding

"The examinations in riding will be held as follows:-

"(1) Shortly after the result of

"the open Competitive Exam

"nation has been declared

"or at such time or times

"as the Commissioners may

"appoint during the course

"of the probationary year

"(2) Again at the time of

"final Examination, Candidates

"dates who may fully

"satisfy the Commission

"of their ability to ride

"well, and to perform

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"journeys on horseback, shall
"receive a certificate which shall
"entitle them to be credited with
"200 marks to be added to their
"marks in the final examination.

"(3) Candidates who fail to obtain
"this certificate, but who gain
"a certificate of minimum
"proficiency in riding, will
"be allowed to proceed to
"India, but will be sub-
"jected, on their arrival, to
"such further tests in
"riding as may be prescribed
"by their Government, and
"shall receive no increase to
"their initial salary until
"they have passed such tests
"to the satisfaction of that
"Government. A candidate
"who fails, at the end of the
"year of probation, to gain
"at least the certificate of
"minimum proficiency in riding,
"will be liable to have
"his name removed from the
"list of selected candidates.

2. His Excellency the Governor
in Council considers that such junior
Civilians as obtain from the Civil

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Service Commissioners the certificate
referred to in rule 10 (2) quoted above
should not be subjected to further
tests in equitation in this Country.
The course in the Body Guard riding
schools will in future be dispensed
with in their cases. They will be
permitted to remain for one month
in Madras to enable them to make
the acquaintance of the heads of the
administration and to complete the
necessary arrangements for ^{proceeding up} living in the
~~country~~ ^{country}. The President of the Board
of Examiners will arrange for their
examination of ~~such junior civilians~~
by the test prescribed in rule 3
of the Civil Service Manual, within
the ~~same~~ period of one month.
3. Those Civilians who obtain the
certificate of minimum proficiency
referred to in rule 10 (3) will be
re-examined, as soon as possible after
their arrival at the Presidency, by
the Board referred to in para 5
infra - The test will be a
thoroughly practical one and no officer
will be ^{considered to have qualified} ~~presented by the Board~~ who
does not ^{prove} ~~satisfy~~ ^{adequately} that he is able
to ride on horseback and can cover a
fairly rough bit of country without
difficulty.

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The President Bd of Examiners /
 " Revenue Sep 6-7
 " Judicial Sep 6-1
 " Accountant General 6
 " Military Secretary to H.E. 3
 " the Governor

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*Equitation Course
of Civilians*

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*The Secy to Govt, Revenue Dept
for favour of countermanding*

The Hon. Mr. Cross

18th July 1892

Order

7TH JUNE 1894, No. 402, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 23rd February 1894, Nos. 127, 128, Public.

ABSTRACT.—

READ—also the following paper:—

From C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 19th April 1894, No. 140.

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ENCLOSURES.

Riding qualifications of the candidates selected for the Indian Civil Service.

Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord CROSS, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 28th July 1892, No. 75 (Public).

My attention has been recently again directed to the unsatisfactory nature of the results of the tests in riding which the selected candidates for the Civil Service of India are required to undergo during their probation, and it is

Civil Service of India: ability to ride.

evident that those results are not likely to improve when the term of probation is reduced to one year, as it will be as regards all men selected hereafter.

2. I have at present under my consideration a draft which the Civil Service Commissioners have laid before me of the regulations proposed to be issued for the open competitive examination to be held in 1893; and in connection with that draft it has been suggested that it is desirable to announce that candidates failing to obtain from the Civil Service Commissioners satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India, as a substantive part of the departmental examination, and will receive no increase of their initial salary there until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government.

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4. While I have no wish to prevent the further examination in riding (in India) of a member of the service who, as a selected candidate, has obtained a satisfactory certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners, if such further examination be found in any case to be necessary, I think that the holder of a satisfactory certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners should not be liable to be mulct as to his pay, whatever may be the opinion of the Government which he serves in India as to his ability to ride.

Nos. 1826-1830.

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" " of the N.W.P. and Oudh.
" " of the Punjab.
" Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

Copy forwarded to *
with a request that intimation may be sent by
wire whether there is any objection to the pro-
posal mentioned in paragraph 2 of the despatch.

(By order.)

(Signed) P. G. MELITUS,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SIMLA,
20th August 1892.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Simla, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras and the Chief Commissioner, Burma, dated 20th August 1892, Nos. 1824-1825.

In connection with draft regulations for open competitive examination for Indian Civil Service to be held in 1893, it has been suggested to Secretary of State to announce that candidates failing to obtain from Civil Service Commissioners satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India as substantive part of departmental examination, and will receive no increase of initial salary until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government. Is there any objection to this proposal? Please wire reply.

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Telegram from His Excellency the Viceroy, Simla, to the Secretary of State for India, London, dated 6th September 1892, No. 1881.

Your Public despatch No. 75, 28th July last. Civil Service of India equitation tests. There is no objection to the proposal contained in paragraph 2.

Endorsement by the Public Department, dated 7th May 1894, No. 912.

Endorsement by the Accountant-General, dated 16th May 1894, No. 1348.

ORDER—dated 7th June 1894, No. 402, Public.

Rule 10 of the regulations for the open competition for the Indian Civil Service, referred to in paragraph 2 of Home Department letter of the 19th April 1894, No. 140, is as follows:—

"10. The selected candidates will also be tested during their probation as to their proficiency in riding.

"The examinations in riding will be held as follows:—

"(1) Shortly after the result of the open competitive examination has been declared, or at such time or times as the Commissioners may appoint during the course of the probationary year.

"(2) Again at the time of the final examination, candidates who may fully satisfy the Commissioners of their ability to ride well, and to perform journeys on horseback, shall receive a certificate which shall entitle them to be credited with 200 marks to be added to their marks in the final examination.

"(3) Candidates who fail to obtain this certificate, but who gain a certificate of minimum proficiency in riding, will be allowed to proceed to India, but will be subjected, on their arrival, to such further tests in riding as may be prescribed by their Government, and shall receive no increase to their initial salary until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of that Government. A candidate who fails, at the end of the year of probation, to gain at least the certificate of minimum proficiency in riding, will be liable to have his name removed from the list of selected candidates."

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that such junior civilians as obtain from the Civil Service Commissioners the certificate referred to in rule 10 (2) quoted above should not be subjected to further tests in equitation in this country. The course in the Body Guard Riding school will in future be dispensed with in their cases. They will be permitted to remain for one month in Madras to enable them to make the acquaintance of the heads of the administration and to complete the necessary arrangements for proceeding upcountry, and the President of the Board of Examiners will arrange for their examination by the test prescribed in rule 3 of the Civil Service Manual within this period of one month.

3. Those civilians who obtain the certificate of minimum proficiency referred to in rule 10 (3) will be examined, as soon as possible after their arrival at the Presidency, by the Board referred to in paragraph 5 *infra*. The test will be a thoroughly practical one and no officer will be considered to have qualified who does not prove satisfactorily that he is at home on horseback and can cover a fairly rough bit of country without difficulty. Such officers as satisfy the Board in these respects will, as in the case of those referred to in the preceding paragraph, be expected to join their districts within one month after arrival. Every civilian who does not satisfy the Board as to his riding capabilities will attend the Body Guard school for one month, at the end of which period he will be examined for the second time by the Board. Should he again fail, he will join his district immediately and present himself at the half-yearly examinations which will be held at Madras by the Board in January and July until he obtains a certificate of qualification in riding.

4. No civilian will, it will be observed, receive deputation allowance on appointment as acting Head Assistant or the increased pay of a passed Assistant on passing the Higher standard until he obtains a satisfactory certificate of ability to ride.

5. As regards the Board required to carry out the tests, the Government considers that, in consequence of the examinations in riding which have now been instituted in connection with probationary Deputy Collectors and officers of the Police and Salt departments, there should be a permanent board for the purpose. The following gentlemen will form this Equitation Board:—

Honorable Mr. C. S. Crole, President.
The Inspector-General of Police.
The Commandant of His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard (with the permission of His Excellency the Governor).
Mr. L. M. Wynch, I.C.S.

The Board will conduct examinations half-yearly at Madras in January and July. Three members will form a quorum. When candidates belonging to the Police department are examined, one member of the examining board must be a Police officer, and should the Inspector-General of Police be unable to attend at any examination, he will nominate in his stead an officer of his department who is a good rider. The necessary arrangements for holding the tests will be made by the President of the Board of Examiners or the department or head of department concerned with the President of the Equitation Board. Vacancies in the Board will be reported to Government by the President of the Board of Examiners.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 23rd February 1894, Nos. 127, 128, Public.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the report of the committee on the equitation examination of Junior Civilians recently arrived and directing that the Government of India be addressed regarding the examination carried out in England.

READ—also the following paper:—

From C. J. LYALL, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 19th April 1894, No. 140.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 128, Public, dated the 23rd February 1894, on the subject of the examination in equitation undergone by selected candidates for the Indian Civil Service prior to their being sent out to India. His Excellency in Council is anxious that the equitation course in Madras should, if possible, be dispensed with, and desires that the Government of India should urge upon the Secretary of State the necessity for the examination in England being a thoroughly practical one.

2. In reply I am to say that rule 10 of the regulations for the open competitions of 1893 and 1894 was framed by the Secretary of State after receipt of the despatch from the Government of Madras, No. 9, Public dated the 30th June 1892, in which it was urged that the rules in regard to the qualifications in horsemanship of the gentlemen selected for the Indian Civil Service should be made more stringent. As the gentlemen who have to qualify under these regulations have not yet come out to India, it cannot, in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council, be presumed that the riding test thus prescribed will fail to secure the necessary proficiency. From the enclosed copy of papers it will be seen that the present regulation, which provides that candidates failing to obtain satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India and will receive no increase of their initial salary until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government, was accepted by all other Local Governments in India; and I am to say that, unless experience hereafter proves that the rule requires amendment, the Government of India would prefer not to make a representation on the subject to the Secretary of State.

ENCLOSURE.

Riding qualifications of the candidates selected for the Indian Civil Service.

Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord CROSS, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 28th July 1893 No. 75 (Public).

My attention has been recently again directed to the unsatisfactory nature of the results of the tests in riding which the selected candidates for the Civil Service of India are required to undergo during their probation, and it is evident that those results are not likely to improve when the term of probation is reduced to one year, as it will be as regards all men selected hereafter.

2. I have at present under my consideration a draft which the Civil Service Commissioners have laid before me of the regulations proposed to be issued for the open competitive examination to be held in 1893; and in connection with that draft it has been suggested that it is desirable to announce that candidates failing to obtain from the Civil Service Commissioners satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India, as a substantive part of the departmental examination, and will receive no increase of their initial salary there until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government.

3. Before making this announcement, I shall be glad to be informed, as speedily as possible, whether your Excellency in Council sees any practical objections against carrying it into effect. I attach material importance to the riding qualification, and I believe that the Local Governments agree in this view.

4. While I have no wish to prevent the further examination in riding (in India) of a member of the service who, as a selected candidate, has obtained a satisfactory certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners, if such further examination be found in any case to be necessary, I think that the holder of a satisfactory certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners should not be liable to be mulct as to his pay, whatever may be the opinion of the Government which he serves in India as to his ability to ride.

Nos. 1826-1830.

* The Government of Bombay.
" " of Bengal.
" " of the N.W.P. and Oudh.
" " of the Punjab.
" Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

Copy forwarded to *
with a request that intimation may be sent by
wire whether there is any objection to the pro-
posal mentioned in paragraph 2 of the despatch

(By order.)

SIMLA,
20th August 1892.

(Signed) P. G. MELITUS,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Simla, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras and the Chief Commissioner, Burma, dated 20th August 1892, Nos. 1824-1825.

In connection with draft regulations for open competitive examination for Indian Civil Service to be held in 1893, it has been suggested to Secretary of State to announce that candidates failing to obtain from Civil Service Commissioners satisfactory certificates of ability to ride will be subjected to further tests in India as substantive part of departmental examination, and will receive no increase of initial salary until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of their Government. Is there any objection to this proposal? Please wire reply.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Simla, dated 24th August 1892, No. 392.

Your telegram 1824, August 20th. Please see Madras letter to Secretary State, 30th June last, 9 (Public). This Government would much prefer that no men should be sent out unless thoroughly qualified in horsemanship, that equitation course in England should be made much more stringent, and no candidate allowed to join service till he has satisfied competent board that he is a good rider.

Telegram from His Excellency the Viceroy, Simla, to the Secretary of State for India, London, dated 6th September 1892, No. 1881.

Your Public despatch No. 75, 28th July last. Civil Service of India equitation tests. There is no objection to the proposal contained in paragraph 2.

Endorsement by the Public Department, dated 7th May 1894, No. 912.

Endorsement by the Accountant-General, dated 16th May 1894, No. 1348.

ORDER—dated 7th June 1894, No. 402, Public.

Rule 10 of the regulations for the open competition for the Indian Civil Service, referred to in paragraph 2 of Home Department letter of the 19th April 1894, No. 140, is as follows:—

"10. The selected candidates will also be tested during their probation as to their proficiency in riding.

"The examinations in riding will be held as follows:—

"(1) Shortly after the result of the open competitive examination has been declared, or at such time or times as the Commissioners may appoint during the course of the probationary year.

"(2) Again at the time of the final examination, candidates who may fully satisfy the Commissioners of their ability to ride well, and to perform journeys on horseback, shall receive a certificate which shall entitle them to be credited with 200 marks to be added to their marks in the final examination.

"(3) Candidates who fail to obtain this certificate, but who gain a certificate of minimum proficiency in riding, will be allowed to proceed to India, but will be subjected, on their arrival, to such further tests in riding as may be prescribed by their Government, and shall receive no increase to their initial salary until they have passed such tests to the satisfaction of that Government. A candidate who fails, at the end of the year of probation, to gain at least the certificate of minimum proficiency in riding, will be liable to have his name removed from the list of selected candidates."

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that such junior civilians as obtain from the Civil Service Commissioners the certificate referred to in rule 10 (2) quoted above should not be subjected to further tests in equitation in this country. The course in the Body Guard Riding school will in future be dispensed with in their cases. They will be permitted to remain for one month in Madras to enable them to make the acquaintance of the heads of the administration and to complete the necessary arrangements for proceeding upcountry, and the President of the Board of Examiners will arrange for their examination by the test prescribed in rule 3 of the Civil Service Manual within this period of one month.

3. Those civilians who obtain the certificate of minimum proficiency referred to in rule 10 (3) will be examined, as soon as possible after their arrival at the Presidency, by the Board referred to in paragraph 5 *infra*. The test will be a thoroughly practical one and no officer will be considered to have qualified who does not prove satisfactorily that he is at home on horseback and can cover a fairly rough bit of country without difficulty. Such officers as satisfy the Board in these respects will, as in the case of those referred to in the preceding paragraph, be expected to join their districts within one month after arrival. Every civilian who does not satisfy the Board as to his riding capabilities will attend the Body Guard school for one month, at the end of which period he will be examined for the second time by the Board. Should he again fail, he will join his district immediately and present himself at the half-yearly examinations which will be held at Madras by the Board in January and July until he obtains a certificate of qualification in riding.

4. No civilian will, it will be observed, receive deputation allowance on appointment as acting Head Assistant or the increased pay of a passed Assistant on passing the Higher standard until he obtains a satisfactory certificate of ability to ride.

5. As regards the Board required to carry out the tests, the Government considers that, in consequence of the examinations in riding which have now been instituted in connection with probationary Deputy Collectors and officers of the Police and Salt departments, there should be a permanent board for the purpose. The following gentlemen will form this Equitation Board:—

Honorable Mr. C. S. Crole, President.

The Inspector-General of Police.

The Commandant of His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard (with the permission of His Excellency the Governor).

Mr. L. M. Wynch, I.C.S.

The Board will conduct examinations half-yearly at Madras in January and July. Three members will form a quorum. When candidates belonging to the Police department are examined, one member of the examining board must be a Police officer, and should the Inspector-General of Police be unable to attend at any examination, he will nominate in his stead an officer of his department who is a good rider. The necessary arrangements for holding the tests will be made by the President of the Board of Examiners or the department or head of department concerned with the President of the Equitation Board. Vacancies in the Board will be reported to Government by the President of the Board of Examiners.

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