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His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the President of the Board of Examiners in considering that the Revenue and Magisterial cases should be omitted from the scheme of the Lower Standard examination. The following alterations will accordingly be carried out in the rules appended to G.O., dated 19th January 1894, No. 43 :—

RULE 18. *I or Lower Standard*—

		Separate maximum.	Separate minimum.
<i>Division A.</i> —Omit “3. Decision of Revenue case	..	50	35 ”
“ <i>B.</i> — “ “3. Decision of Magisterial case	..	50	35 ”

RULE 29.—Omit this rule.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President, Board of Examiners.
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No. 618.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS,
Madras, 1st December 1894.

From

THE PRESIDENT,

BOARD OF EXAMINERS,

MADRAS,

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

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5. In the circumstances above noted, I venture to ask Government to reconsider the matter and dispense with the "Cases" for the lower standard also. In support of the view that they are unnecessary I can add nothing to the remarks made by Mr. Arnold in para 3 of his letter recorded with the G.O. quoted above.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. Hurrock

President, Board of Examiners

C. No. 3527.

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. Mr. Sturrock has asked (D.O.) for early orders as he wishes to arrange for the January Examination.

The Revenue and Magisterial cases enter into Divisions A and B of the Lower Standard - please see page 31 and rule 39 on pages 22 and 23 of G.O. dated 19th January 1894, No. 43.

When a change in the scheme of the examinations was first under consideration in 1893, the Hon. Mr. Gibson [paras. 3 and 7 of his letter on pages 1 and 2 of G.O. dated 6th April 1893, No. 275] was in favour of the total abolition of these cases. The Kistna Divisional Committee also held this view [para. 3 of its letter on page 3 of the same G.O.]. Mr. Le Fanu [para. 5 of his letter on page 5 of the same G.O.] was in favour of retaining one case. Government decided not to eliminate any subjects from the Lower Standard (para. 3 of the same order).

Sir Henry Stokes noted on this occasion.

It seems probable that, as these cases now are set, i.e., by reading out only, they can be given use. The case would, I think, be otherwise, if, after the deposition had been read out in the vernacular, during which the candidate could take notes, he was presented with a verbatim copy of them, as in the vernacular, left to write his decision with reference thereto. This would reproduce the conditions of a written examination, except that, instead of having to read the deposition, over & over as required, the candidate would have to do so for himself; but then this difference would constitute an excellent test of his knowledge of the language -

15/12/94

"I don't think the cases are of
much use but they do no harm except
that perhaps too many books are as-
signed to them".

The Hon. Mr. Garstin was in
favour of the abolition of the cases.

His Excellency the Governor was
of opinion that the Lower Standard
should be left untouched.

It was decided in Council to
make no change in the subjects of the
Lower Standard but to make the papers
in the Codes severer.

*CB.
14/12*
I was absent on leave when this
paper was dealt with so do
not know what passed in Council.
I submit that the portion of
the L. S. Examination which
the President wishes abolished
is useless. I have always thought
it so.

*LD
14/12/94.*

page 10 of original of G.O. 276-4-98,
No. 375

page 13 of -----do.-----do.

page 14 of -----do.-----do.

page 26 of -----do.-----do.

*Now the cases are gone and it
may be by the way that the
President is now to be
proposed by the Council.*

as far as I can gather from the great
majority of the authorities consulted
on this subject, there is nothing to be
gained in retaining this particular
test. Even if it were a good one, &
therefore ^{we} tried to work it as suggested
by the hon. Mr. Bliss, I think it is
extremely doubtful if any of these
young officers could read vernacular
depositions with sufficient ease to
enable them to make out the case, &
record a judgment.

*W
16 Dec*

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Public Department.

From,

The President,
Board of Examiners,
Madras.

To,

The Honourable
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort St. George.

No. 618.

Dated 1st
Decr. 1st } December 1894.
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Subject.

Submitting that, for
reasons stated, the examination
in the "cases" for the Assistant
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dispensed with.

Wm
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