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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, Secretary, Provincial Civil Service Examination Board, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras), dated 24th January 1899, No. 22-P.C.S. :—

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, a letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General pointing out that no standard of vision is laid down for candidates for the Provincial Civil Service.

ENCLOSURE.

From Captain C. DONOVAN, M.D., I.M.S. Secretary, Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary, Board of Examiners for the Provincial Civil Service Examination, Presidency College, dated 5th November 1898, No. 6135.

I have the honour, by order, to quote in the margin an extract from a letter from the President, Civil Medical Board, which examined the candidates for the Provincial Civil Service Examination on the 22nd October 1898, and to suggest that definite orders may be obtained on the subject from Government for future guidance.

"2. The Board further observe that no standard of vision is laid down in the rules for the examination of such candidates, and they consider this is specially desirable."

Endorsement No. 1262.

Submitted.

(Signed) D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

1st February 1899.

READ—again the following Official Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, dated 23rd February 1899, No. 54 :—

[Reference.—Letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, to the Secretary to the Board of Examiners, Provincial Civil Service Examination, No. 6135, dated 5th November 1898.]

The Surgeon-General is requested to be good enough to advise Government as to the standard of vision which should be adopted in the case of candidates appearing for the Provincial Civil Service Examination, Madras.

READ—also the following letter from Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 11th March 1899, No. 230 :—

With reference to official memorandum No. 54 of the 23rd ultimo, I have the honour to submit, for consideration and sanction of Government, the following proposals from the Superintendent, Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, on the standard

of vision to be adopted in the case of candidates appearing for the Provincial Civil Service Examination, Madras :—

(i) The standard of vision usually adopted by the Board of Examiners at the India Office, London—

(a) In the case of candidates for admission into the several departments of Her Majesty's Indian Government Service, vision is tested by letters corresponding to those in the last edition (1885) of Snellen's test-types. These, as in all the later editions, are numbered on the metrical system. The person to be examined is to be placed with his back to the light at a distance of 6 metres or 20 feet from the types which are to be hung or held perfectly upright with a bright light falling on them.

(b) In the case of candidates for the Indian Government Civil Service one is not disqualified by ametropia of one or both eyes provided that vision can be brought up to $\frac{6}{6}$ in one eye and to $\frac{6}{6}$ in the other by correcting lenses and that there are no morbid changes in the fundus of either eye. A posterior staphyloma, however, if stationary, will not disqualify a candidate, provided the accompanying myopia do not exceed 2.5 D in either eye and no active morbid changes of the choroid on return be present. Myopia of 5 D is allowed. Nebula of the cornea of either eye disqualifies if vision be reduced to less than $\frac{6}{12}$, and in any case where nebula exists, vision in the latter eye should equal $\frac{6}{6}$ with or without glasses. Paralysis of one or more of the exterior muscles of the eyeball disqualifies a candidate, but a candidate who is said to have been cured from squint by operation may be accepted, although binocular vision has not been restored, provided vision can be brought up to $\frac{6}{6}$ in one eye and to $\frac{6}{6}$ in the other, by correcting glasses and the movements of each eye be good.

(ii) When a Medical Board is convened to examine candidates for the Provincial Civil Service Examinations, it will save much time and trouble if the Superintendent, Government Ophthalmic Hospital, was nominated a member, so that any question of defective vision could be at once disposed of and any further reference on doubtful cases thus avoided.

ORDER—No. 226, Revenue, dated 6th April 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The Surgeon-General's proposals are approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

A. H. G. G. G.
for Secretary to Government.

the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
the Public Department,
the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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