

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 965

Dated 29-8-99.

INDEXED.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Dispensing with the Matriculation Exam. as an entrance test for the Examining Dept. of the Govt. Press & substituting the Elementary & Intermediate grades of the Govt. Technical Exam - Proof Readers' work for proof readers & examiners, and stating that exceptions from this will be granted where necessary on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

T

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Public (189 9) Department.

CURRENT No. 2115

Order

From The Superintendent,
Government Press,
Madras
No. 2869.

Dated 27th July 1898.

Received 29 " "

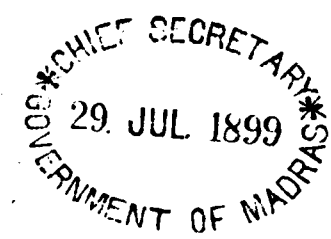
Registered 30 " "

Enclosures nil.

Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

Submitting report on the in-
efficiency of the Examining
Department complained of
by the Compositors in their
petition of 30th March
1897.



Compositors, and...

No. 2869.

Government Press,
MINT BUILDINGS, MADRAS,
27th July 1899

BACK PAPERS

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	72	Pub.	18.1.99
	534	Ed:	17.9.97
	490	"	18.6.98
	745	"	5.8.99

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

OFFICE NOTE.

In reply to paragraph 2.
D G.O. No. 72 Public, dated 18th Jan 1899, the Superintendent submit that, while there is some room for improvement in the Press department of the Press, the assertion of the petitioners is misleading. It is principally owing to the Compositors being unable to read some manner with facility that two readings are required, and because cannot be relied upon to correct the corrections marked in the two readings that a revised proof has to be taken. In other Govt. Presses, in And a rough proof and a fair reading is given; follow a revised proof and a press proof, showing that faults are common to Compositors, and so.

107
 urate proofs being issued
 in the Press.

2. As regards the general
 efficiency of the Examining
 apartment, the Superintendent
 does not consider it is as
 efficient as it was twenty or
 even ten years ago. Formerly
 the bulk of this department
 consisted of Eurasians possessing
 a fair knowledge of English
 who had passed no examinations
 it who had worked for years
 as reading boys or compositors,
 and thus became thoroughly
 acquainted with the technical
 side of proof-reading while
 their knowledge of English
 literature, etc., was quite equal
 that of the present matriculates,
 and they thus had greater
 confidence and certainly
 were quicker workers. Their
 numbers have been considerably
 reduced now, as will be seen
 in the following figures:-

Eurasians		Natives	
Examiners	10	2	2
Proof-readers	2	2	2

None passed

* 1 Matric., and 2 General Test
 † 1 F. A.

	Examiners		Proof-readers		Home proof-readers	
	Eurasian	Native	Eurasian	Native	Eurasian	Native
1888 Examiners	-	-	-	1	-	-
1888 Proof-readers	-	2	-	-	-	-
1888 Home proof-readers	1	2	-	3	-	1
March 1899 Examiners	-	-	1	2	-	2
March 1899 Proof-readers	-	-	-	3	-	4
March 1899 Home proof-readers	5	7	2	9	-	3
	6	11	3	18	-	10

Eurasians		Natives	
1888 Examiners	17*	-	-
1888 Proof-readers	9	7	7
1888 Home proof-readers	-	-	-

March 1899 Examiners	6	11
March 1899 Proof-readers	3	18
March 1899 Home proof-readers	-	10

3. Recognising the lack of
 practical efficiency of the passed
 candidates who were being
 engaged in the Press as far
 back as 1890, classes were
 organised for teaching proof-
 reading among other subjects
 and 75 candidates have presented
 themselves for the Elementary
 Examination in Proof-reading
 under the four technical examinations
 since 1893, of whom 28 passed,
 while for the Intermediate 12
 have come up and only 2 passed.
 Of these 28, 6 had passed only
 examinations lower than the
 matriculation, and the others
 had passed no examinations.
 Reading boys are also required
 to attend classes in composition
 work. These examinations not
 being recognised as tests for
 special posts, the majority of
 this department are most
 indifferent in attempting

to pass them especially in the higher examination. Of course, other things being equal the men who pass the tests are preferred for promotion, but still the result is not as satisfactory as under the old style, and the Superintendent

	Number	Number passed in Prof-readers work	
		Elementary	Intermediate
Examiners	17	8	2
Prof-readers	21	8	-
Former Prof-readers	10	1	-
Leading Boys	38	-	-

would therefore recommend that the general Educational tests prescribed for the employees in the Examining Department be withdrawn to enable more unpassed Eurasians being employed in the department.

If however a test is thought desirable it should be the Job. Technical Examination, Prof-readers work, Elementary, for Prof-readers, and the Intermediate Examination for Examiners; but the Superintendent does not recommend these tests being made compulsory at present. The Superintendent would again draw attention to the fact pointed out in paragraph 11 of Office Notes No. 2669, dated 18th June 1897 (G.O. No. 534 Educational, dated 17th September 1897) that in other Government Presses in India no Educational restriction is placed on the employment of qualified practical men, and he considers there should be none in the Government Press.

Matriculation without handwriting and dictation.

4. As far as individual in the Examining Department are concerned, the Superintendent exercises a close supervision as regards qualifications, &c before promotions are made, and such of the employees as are inefficient are reduced or removed from that department.

R. Hill

Superintendent.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government.

C. No. 2115 From the Supr. Court. Penn., No. 2869, dated 27-7-1899.

” ” ” , ” , ... 189 .

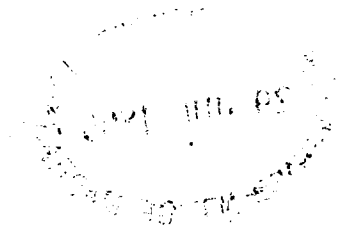
"..... , "..... , "..... , ... 169 .

....., "....., "..... 189 .

For order

The Sup't. Genl. Press
submit the report enclosed
for in para 2 of G.O. no
72 Public dated 18.1.99
(para 6 of the Ch. Secy's note
printed with the G.O.)
regarding the efficiency
of the Examining Dept
of the Press.

2. The Compositors of the Press complained that they sustained loss by the employment of uneducated & inefficient men as Examiners, when Graduates or other efficient men could be obtained.



for the same salaries - the ~~that~~ experience from
Dept. on the other hand - they can not be obtained.

My that the ~~examining~~
Examining dept. is not so
efficient now as it was
ten or twenty years ago,
because formerly he was
able to employ unpassable
Examiners with a practical
knowledge of their work,
whereas now he is compelled
to employ persons who
have no practical knowledge.
He points out at the same
time that the complaint
of the Compositors is misleading;
that the number of proofs
required is due to the
inability of the compositors
to read sets with facility.
because they cannot be
trusted to carry out the
corrections marked on the
first proof, & that similar
precautions are adopted
in other Govt. Presses in
India.

3. The question of

4/8/99

Submitted for orders. The Sup. of
the Press desires that the present test-
viz: Making relation - be with drawn &
that no tests be in force at all.
If however any test is enforced it
should be

Technical Exam. Proof readers' work
Elementary - for
Proof readers.
Intermediate Exam. for
Examiners.

The Sup. points out that in other Govt.
Presses no tests are in vogue at all.
Submitted that the tests may
be cancelled & the Sup. allowed to
take the best men he can get. It
will be good in one way; it will give
more employment to Examiners.

4/8/99

examining members of
the Examining branch
from educational tests
is one for consideration
in the Educational Dept.

Cy
3.4.20

L. L. M. v. O.

I am strongly of opinion
that the practical work of
the Press should not be entrusted
in this matter to a ~~man~~
rule made in the interests
of Arts Education. It is
desirable that a ~~man~~ Technical
Educational Exam. be introduced
in the Press. I think
the Sup. should be allowed to
choose his Examiners whose
experience shows he can get
the best men.

4/8/99

26.0. No 1988 of 5-2-99

P. 7.0.



Issue on 20.11.20

making the necessary
attention in the Public
Service Notification.

3. The Supt. Govt. Press
will be at liberty to
apply for exemption from
the above mentioned
tests in the case of
practically trained men
who may be necessary for
the efficiency of the work
of the Press.

Cs
12.9.99

ff
12/8/99

ff
12/8/99

20th Supt. Govt. Press
Education Dept.
(para 3 & 4)

dispol.
2-9-99

Of 3270.

NOTE FOR Head Clerk
Chief Secretariat

My office note no. 2869
dated 27th July 1899 has
been mislaid - Please
send a copy of the same
or if it is forwarded in
original, a copy will be taken
and returned.

R Hill

Govt. Secy. Secy. }
12th Dec 1900. } Superintendent

No. 1.
1,000-2-2-00.

S. L. P.

Your note referred to
above is sent in original.
Will you kindly return it
after you have taken
copy.

Dr. H. L.
2.12.10

Returned with thanks

R Hill
8/1/01

Reference

Returned
P. H. 0-965
29.12.01

When given for copying _____
 When copied _____
 When examined _____
 When signed _____

189

READ AGAIN G.O., No. _____, DATED
 189 .

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

ST. SENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
 IN ORIGINAL.

N.B. -

- A = Copy in full.
- B = Not to be copied.
- P = Copy abstract only.
- Q = Copy heading only.