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Requesting the Govt to approve the action of this Govt in having decided that the birch Account Code should cease to form a separate division for the Lower & Higher Standard Examinations of Assistants should be included under division C (Revenue)

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From The Accountant General Madras

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Dated 11th January 1899

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SUBJECT.

Pointing out the circumstance under which the sanction of the ~~Secretary of the~~ Government of India should be obtained to exclude the Accountant General from the Board of Examiners

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11th January 1899.

No. 88

From

J. Hesketh Biggs Esquire,
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department.

SIR,

A With reference to paragraph 2 of Government order
No 1404 Pub: dated the 21 of November 1898 approving of
the proposal of the President of the Board of examiners that
it is no longer necessary that the Accountant General
should be a member of the Board of examiners, I have the
honour to point out that this order is opposed to para-
-graph 7 clause 1 of the Government of India Resolution
No 355 Financial dated 18 January 1882 recorded in G.O
F No 201 Finl: dated 3 February 1882 ruling that a
paper of questions on Treasury and Local Fund
accounts set by the Local Accountant General or
Comptr

should form a part of the Examination under each standard. I therefore request that the sanction of the Government of India may be obtained to the above proposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedt: Servt:,

Accountant General.

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From The President,
Board of Examiners,
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MADRAS CHIEF SECRETARIAT
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Submitting for approval certain changes in the rule for the examination of Assistants.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 1137. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS,

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Madras, 16th February 1899.

From

THE PRESIDENT,

BOARD OF EXAMINERS,

MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Thro' the Accountant General. FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement dated 20th January 1899, No. 199, Public, I have the honour to state that my proposal to omit the name of the Accountant General from the list of Members of the Board of Examiners seemed to me to be a natural corollary to the decision of Government that no separate paper should be set in the Account Code. This decision was not based on any recommendation made by me, and I was not aware that there had been any orders of the Government of India on the subject.

2. I learn from the Accountant General

Returned herewith

G.O. No. 1673, Public, dated 15th December 1897, para 2 (b) and (d)

General that he has no objection to the account question forming a part of the Revenue paper, but he considers that at least eight questions should be set, in which case their inclusion in the Revenue paper would be impracticable.

3. In the circumstances the simplest plan will probably be to continue to have a separate paper for the Account Code including the subject in Division C. Revenue. The use of books might be allowed as in Bengal.

4. The adoption of the proposals now made would involve the following changes in the rules sanctioned in G. C. No. 1237, Public, dated 29th September 1898.

In rule 27 of the Appendix to the G. C substitute the following for Division C for both the Lower and Higher Standards.

	Detailed Maximum.	Separate Maximum	Separate Minimum
(1) Revenue & Law, Boards Standing orders &c { Without books / With books } (2) Civil Account Code, Vol. I, With books	240		120

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In rule 28 for 120 marks read 150.

For rule 32 substitute the following.

The next object of the Lower Standard is to test the Assistant's general acquaintance with the leading principles of the system of Revenue administration and Criminal Justice and specially with so much of laws and rules of procedure as it is necessary for an officer to know in order to exercise properly the highest functions of an Assistant to a Collector and Magistrate. For this purpose sets of questions on Revenue and Magisterial subjects and on the Law of Evidence shall be furnished by the Board of Examiners. These questions shall be so framed as to show the possession or the want of a general and intelligent acquaintance with the subjects of examination and the laws applicable thereto. The papers under Divisions B and C shall contain

question-

questions on the Regulations, Acts and other books and rules as shown in the lists appended to rule 37, and the paper on the Civil Account Code, Volume I, under Division C shall contain eight questions framed so as to test the Assistants general knowledge of the principles and rules of the Code relating to such matters as come before a District or Treasury officer in the ordinary routine of business. These questions shall be answered with the aid of the Code. The questions in the subjects comprised in Division B and those on Revenue & Law" Board's Standing orders &c. in Division C shall be arranged in two classes – one dealing with the more important or more common Acts and Orders in answering which no books shall be allowed, and the other class dealing with less important and less common subjects in answering which the assistance of books shall be allowed.

The use of guides, digests or summaries shall not however be permitted, the Assistant being confined to the original laws, Standing orders, Rules and Manuals prescribed in the Lists appended to Rule 37, the object being to test the Assistants knowledge of where readily to find the law or practice on points arising in the ordinary course of business.

Under rule 37 and at the end of "Books and Publications" under list A "(7) Civil Account Code, Volume I" and at the end of "Books" under list B (4) Civil Account Code, Volume I"

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,

President

Fort St. George
Accountant Genl's Office
22nd February 1899.

No 706

Forwarded. A separate paper on the Civil Account code seems desirable. It is for Government to decide whether books should be allowed or not. If however, the questions are to be answered with the help of the book, they will have to be more technical in character and more difficult than would otherwise be necessary. What is required seems to be a general knowledge of the principles of the Code rather than an attempt to master the technicalities of the rules, and the test of such a general knowledge can best be obtained by a paper of questions of moderately wide scope to be answered without books.

Accountant General.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department.

C. No. 152 From the Accountant General, No. 88, dated 15 2 99
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Forwarded

Govt. 1237, Pub, dy 25.5.99

Govt. 1404, Pub, dy 21.4.99.

In this connection I beg to refer to the proposal of the President of the Board of Examiners that the Civil Account Code does not form a separate subject for the Examination and that the questions set by the Members of the Board who add the Revenue papers, it was no longer necessary that the A.G. should be a member of the Board and that he might therefore in future be omitted from the list of members. This proposal was approved.

2. In the first of the annexed

... of the Board
... Examiners, which were
... moved by Post, are affected
... by Clause 1 of the Post
... Duties Regulation Revoked
... GO No 201, Fin, dy 3.2.82,
... placing that paper Expenditure
... on Treasury and Local Fund
... accounts set by the Local
... Accountant General thereof
... forms part of the Examiners
... Establishment, &
... Support
... all the expenditure of the Examiners
... & Duties should
... be charged to the above
... heads and omits the A.G.
... from the Board.
... This letter further directs
... reference to the Revised Standing
... Instructions, that regard shall
... be had to Orders and to avoid the
... necessity of extracting from the
... Lists of Members of the Board
... of Examiners returned to
... Govt the names of such Members
... the discussion of which
... no separate paper should
... be sent in the Account Code.
... He also adds that the name

GO No 1237, Pub, dy 29-9-98

GO No 1673, Pub. dy 15.2.97
para 2(b) & (d)

[redacted]

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1-3-97

(vide the notice in G.O 1673 Public d. 15/12/97. Page VI)

[illegible] importance is the writer's
claim in the Secretary's
opinion that there may
in the case of young Civilians
The simplest plan seems
here that the Accountant
under Revenue and that
a separate paper being
A.G. on the Bill of Examin
but if the Revenue heads
be taken as 100 to assign a
maximum of 10 to this
subject: Or to take the heads
proposed by the President viz
160 Revenue 80 Comm. 140
& C.A.C. 16.

8/7/99.

I think as the A.G. has delayed
so long in pointing out that
the Revenue of India was in fact
and as the Govt has carefully
considered the arrangement
& provided as well for the
knowledge of the Accountants
as well as the multiplicity

[illegible] proposed to [illegible] "Revenue
under Accounts". The
Secretary's estimate of
knowledge, and that of
the Civilians [illegible] compared
to Revenue, and the
Chart was prepared for
the C.A.C. in, it is
shape of Tally and Letter,
altogether too high.
By pressing down
[illegible] the Accountants
of the Civil Offices to the
[illegible] C.A.C.
Sir, I am writing
under dispatch to the
subject, & at the same
time will be enclosing
to the Secretary of India's
conclusion.

Sir
2/8/99.

Since I wrote that I have
Bills whether the paper on
C.A.C is a separate paper
a few sentences included in the

...would be made to India to confirm what has been done. It may be added that this Govt considers the great increase of book work in the Exams. seriously detrimental to the outdoor work on wh. a colloquial knowledge of the numerous & difficult vernaculars of this South depends, and that it has sought to overcome this drawback by making the book test easier & the lingual test more difficult. It was found that the Madras Lt. Exams. were far more difficult than those of other Presidencies. The young civilians could not pass & lost heart & a large change had to be made.

Of course if India insists we must revert to the separate paper & see in the minimum marks.

MA

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From order.

H. M. [illegible]

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The Govt. of India will be addressed.

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Letter No 391 of 29-9-99

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Finance & Commerce Department.

Sir,

In the proceedings of this Govt., quoted in the margin, revising the rules for the examination of Assistants, it was decided after full consideration that the Civil Account Code should cease to form a separate division for the Lower and the Higher Standard examinations, and should in future be included under division C (Revenue). In place of the separate paper which was formerly set upon this subject, the President

[redacted] would be made to India

[redacted] one or other of the Revenue papers

done or more questions on the Civil

[redacted] count Code. In consequence of this

[redacted]vision the President of the Board of

[redacted] Examiners recently brought to notice

[redacted] that it was unnecessary to retain as a

member of the Board of Examiners the

Acct. Genl, by whom the paper on the

Civil Account Code was formerly set,

and the Govt. concurred in this view.

The Acct. Genl. now points out that the

orders of this Govt. are opposed to

paragraph 7 clause 1 of the Govt. of

India resolution No.35; Fin., d/18th

January 1902, under which a paper

of questions on Treasury and Local Fund

accounts, set by the local Acct. Genl.,

should form a part of the examination

under each standard, and he suggests

that the sanction of the Govt. of India

should be obtained to the change.

[redacted] may be moved to confirm [redacted]

this

[redacted]em to explain that in re-

vising the rules this Govt. was in-

fluenced by the consideration that the

great amount of book work involved by

the examinations as they previously

stood was seriously detrimental to the

out door work of Junior Civilians, on

which a colloquial knowledge of the

numerous and difficult vernaculars of

this Presy. depends. It was accordingly

sought to overcome this drawback

by making the book tests easier and

the lingual test more difficult. In

curtailing the written examination it

became necessary, in order to maintain a

due proportion of importance between

the different subjects, to reduce con-

siderably the maximum marks assigned to the

Civil Account Code, and with the re-

duction of the marks the retention of

the

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[illegible] applies
would be made to India.

one or other of the Revenue papers
of the Civil Account Code by Assistants
should be banned. The Code will con-
tinue to be one of the subjects of the
examination, and a considerable knowledge
of its provisions will be required to
enable an Assistant to answer the ques-
tions set. The position of the separate
paper is thereby a part of the general
curtailment of the written examination,
which will have the effect of bringing
the Civil Account Code into proper
relation with the other subjects. It
appears therefore to be in no way op-
posed to the spirit of the Govt. of
India instructions I am to add that
it is immaterial whether the questions
on the Civil Account Code continue to
be set by the Acct. Genl. or are assigned
to the officer who sets the paper of
which it forms a part; but unless there
are strong reasons to the contrary this

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