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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th December 1862.*

No. 191. Read the following letter from Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 31st October 1862, No. 886:—

SIR,

1. Captain Barber, Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, has reported to me that the Civil Paymaster has refused audit to his bills of Civil salary from the date of the receipt in Madras of the Extract Proceedings of the Governor General, under date 1st August 1862, No. 21.

2. I have the honor to point out that under G. G. O. No. 10A of 1861, Officers in the D. P. W. are exempted from the obligation to pass the examination for Staff in Hindustani, and as the same tests in vernacular languages are prescribed for that Department and the Revenue Survey, I trust the same indulgence will be extended to an Officer of the Survey Department.

3. Captain Barber was for some years employed in the Road Department and in that of Public Works before his appointment to the Survey in 21st June 1861, and at the time no stipulation regarding his passing a vernacular language was made. He is a most efficient and zealous Officer, and if the Survey is deprived of his services I shall feel greatly embarrassed to fill his place as Deputy Superintendent in charge of a District. At present three* Officers are on sick leave to Europe and another has intimated his probable removal to the Police. The Second Assistant Superintendents (especially those who entered by competitive examination) are not fitted for promotion, and there is a vacancy in the rank of First Assistant still unfilled. The difficulty met with does not consist in not being able to obtain good Surveyors and linguists but men of suitable age, temper and standing, with an aptitude for controlling and managing a large establishment such as that under the orders of a Deputy Superintendent, numbering in all 500 or 600 persons.

4. I venture therefore to request if no exception can be made in favor of this Officer, that he may be granted a period of six months to enable him to pass the prescribed Departmental examination in Tamil, and that in the meantime he may be permitted to draw his Civil salary as usual and continue to perform his duty as Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey.

5. It may be well to state that Captain Barber has a good colloquial knowledge of Hindustani. He has, moreover, informed me that as far as his official duties permitted he has employed himself on the study of Tamil. I am aware that but little leisure is left to a Deputy Superintendent of Survey after satisfying the calls of duty.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1862, No. 2,602.

1. The suspension of the audit of Captain Barber's salary and allowances in the Civil Department from September last had already been reported† to Government by the Civil Paymaster.

2. On referring to the correspondence which has taken place in the Public Works and Revenue Survey Departments regarding this Officer, His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that every opportunity has been afforded to Captain Barber of qualifying himself departmentally but that he has hitherto failed to pass the Vernacular examinations prescribed for Officers serving in the two Departments alluded to.

3. Further not having passed for Staff in Hindustani he is ineligible under the recent orders‡ of the Supreme Government to hold any appointment, Civil or Military.

4. No relaxation in the rules referred to in the preceding paragraph is to be allowed except in cases where Officers in the Department Public Works come under the provisions of G. O. G. G. 15th January 1861, or where Officers on a personal Staff are allowed six months to qualify.

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6. Major Priestley in his letter recorded above proposes that as Officers in the Survey have to pass a test in the Vernaculars similar to that prescribed for the D. P. W., the provisions of the G. O. G. G. in question should apply to them.

7. This could only be done by a special application to the Government of India, and His Excellency in Council is unwilling to bring such a proposal forward observing that under the system now coming into force the relaxation hitherto allowed in the D. P. W. even will be done away.

8. The Government are quite aware of Captain Barber's merits as an Executive Officer and of the embarrassment which is likely to occur if the Survey Department is summarily deprived of his services. All that they can do however is to allow him a further period of six months to qualify in. No Staff allowances can be passed to Captain Barber till he is declared so qualified. The Government have no objection to grant Captain Barber leave on similar terms, if Major Priestley can spare his services.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Memorandum
Capt. Barber of the 33rd Regt. N. S. was employed as Assistant to the Superintendent of Roads and Correspondence. His confirmation in that appointment recorded in G. O. 4 June 1857. No. 1065 P. W. D. was made conditional upon his passing the prescribed Vernacular Examination in one year from the 27th September 1857. He failed in doing this.

On 1 June 1859 Colonel Faber reported to the Chief Engineer that this Officer had still not qualified. Capt. Barber had in the interval been transferred to the Public Works Dept., with a high character from the Superintendent of Roads, and in view to the zeal, assiduity, and success which had marked all his operations within Col. Faber's own knowledge as well as to his competency in Tamil sufficient for all practical purposes. The Chief Engineer considered that the removal of Capt. Barber on the ground of alleged linguistic disqualification, will be a great, and in a measure an irreparable loss to the D. P. W. Col. Faber therefore solicited the permission of Govt. to exempt Capt. Barber from further examination, and to permit him to continue his able and faithful executive officer in his present appointment.

Capt. B. had passed for a Company in the Indian Army.

The Govt in their order of 6 June 1857. No. 1084. P.W.D. declined to accede to ~~Col.~~ Col. Faber's proposal.

From the Gazette it appears that on 2 June 1857 (Capt. Barber was permitted to resign his apph from 1 August/57, or from date of embarkation, & proceed to Europe on furlough.

On the 18th July 1857 he was ordered to join his Regiment on Field Service, and on 4 August following his furlough was cancelled until circumstances admitted of his proceeding to Europe.

In May 1859 he was permitted by the Bombay Govt. to visit Europe.

He returned to this country about the middle of 1861, and while in India prior to rejoining his Regiment his services were applied for by Major Priestley for employment in the Survey Dept. It was noticed that he had not passed in Hindustani for staff, but this, it was stated, was no disqualification for the particular work required of him. In every other respect he was well fitted.

As no other officer equally qualified for the duties of the

G.O. 14 June 1857. No. 1207. R.D.

Department was available, the Govt resolved to apply to the Pro. Com. C. for Capt. Barber's services, observing that as he would be required to pass the Departmental examination in one of the Vernaculars within twelve months it was hoped that no objection would be offered to his proposed employment.

Capt. Barber was accordingly appointed and he now holds the position of Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey.

* Recorded in Madras Govt. Office Military Dept. 27 August 1852 No. 2941

Recent orders have been received from the Supreme Govt. reviving in their entirety the ruling of the Govt of Directors that no officer who entered the service subsequently to the 9th January 1837 would be deemed eligible to any Staff position unless he had passed a certain examination in

* G.O. 9 Jan 1837
* G.O. 25 June 50
* G.O. May 1859

the Hindustani Language. The rule laid down in 1837 and followed up in 1850 and 1859 are now declared to apply to all appointments or employment whether Civil or Military. The only relaxation being in cases where officers selected for employment in the Public Works Dept come under the provisions of the G.O. 15 January 1861 or where they

Staff officers are allowed six months to qualify.

In conformity with these orders the Civil Paymaster has refused to pass Capt. Barber's Civil Salary Bill; and Major Priestley brings the subject to the notice of Govt in his letter of 31 Oct 1882. No. 886.

Great embarrassment is anticipated should the Survey be deprived of Capt. Barber's services.

Major Priestley also points out that under S.G.O. No. 10.A. of 1861, officers

in the S.P.W. are exempted from the obligation to pass the examination for staff within

distances as the same tests in the Vernaculars are prescribed for that Dept. of the Rev. Survey, he considers that the same indulgence might be extended to an officer of the Survey Dept.

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From Govt G.O. No. 14 March 1882 No. 535

S.G.O. No. 10.A. 1861. Inconvenience having been found to arise from the application of officers of the Engineer Establishment of the different tests for examination in the languages laid down in S.G.O. of Jan 1839 &c. The S.G. is pleased to notify that the S.G.O. in question does not apply to officers employed under the P.W.D., the tests of which will remain as laid down in the Code, or amended from time to time by the Govt of India in the Dept. Public Works.

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Neither has Capt. Barber passed any examination according to the test laid down for the Revenue Survey Department for Major Priestley proposes that he be allowed a further period of six months to qualify in Tamil.

Under the circumstances though notice by Major Priestley will the Government make a special application to the Supreme Govt for the exemption of Capt. Barber as proposed in the Chief Secretary's pencil note; or will they inform the Superintendent Revenue Survey that as Capt. Barber has neither qualified for staff or departmentally he must look out for another deputy?

I agree. He should pass within 6 months. I would not report this to the Supreme Govt if it can be avoided.

cc - 18/11/82

Order requested. Capt. Barber is a capital officer.

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on Rec No. 3028

No. 2602 P.O.
Pro. of the Madras Government
dated 13th Dec. 1862

Read the following
letter from Major
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Revenue Survey

Informing that Officers in the
D.O. are exempted from the obli-
gation to pass the examination for
Prof. Hindustani and requesting
the same indulgence with be-
stowed to Prof. Survey Dept. as
the same tests in Vernacular
languages are presented for both
Departments.

(Here enter 31 Oct/62)
No. 886

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and he is ineligible
under the recent
orders of the Supreme
Govt to hold any
appointment, civil
or military.
No relaxation in
rules referred to
the preceding para-
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27 August 1862
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cases where Officers
in the Dep't Public Work
come under the pro-
visions of G.O. 9.9.2
15 January 1861 or
where officers on
personal staff
are allowed six
months to quali-
fy.
Major Priestley
in his letter recorded
above proposed that
no officers in the
Dep't Public Work
be considered to
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No. 2602.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 13th December 1862.

From Supt. of R. Survey Dy
6 June/53 C no. 1324.

Captain Barber
of the Survey Department
allowed a further period
of six months to qualify
himself for staff employ.

No 191 & 192.