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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th February 1863.

Read the following letters :—

No. 154. From Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 11th December 1862, No. 1,033.

SIR,

G. O. 4th August 1862, No. 1,653.

1. In reply to a query from one of my Deputies, I expressed an opinion tha unpassed men now holding appointments of more than Rupees 25 monthly pay, can be promotec to a higher appointment or receive an increase of salary although they may have entered the Department at a date subsequent to 1st January 1859, coming under the head of "persons specially exempted by Government."

2. I have since learned from Mr. Master Director Revenue Settlement, that he has taken a different view of the case, and therefore do ryself the honor to address you for the purpose of ascertaining whether I have interpreted the Oder of Government aright. I shall also be glad to know whether unpassed men appointed to a pet of Rupees 50 may without passing be permitted to receive the full salary, although at the dat of the late order they were only in the receipt of a part of the full salary.

No. 155. From Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 9th January 1863, No. 41/4.

SIR,

4th August 1862.

1. In connection with the subject of my letter, dated 11th December 1862, No. 1,033, I have to honor to inform you that on the promulgation of the Order of Government, No. 1,653, by which the exemption from the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination till ten accorded to the Survey and Settlement Departments was revoked, I issued a Circular to the local Survey Officers, calling for their opinions regarding the effect likely to be produced by ion the Department more particularly with respect to filling appointments of Draughtsmen and Srveyors.

* No. 1 Party, Salem.
1 Writer.
1 Ameen.

No. 2 Godavery.
1 Writer.
1 Draughtsman.

No. 3 Kistna.
None.

No. 4 Coimbatore.
1 Writer.
1 Detail Surveyor.

No. 5 Nellore.
2 Writers.

5 Writers.
1 Draughtsman.
1 Surveyor.
1 Ameen.

8 Total.

2. Their eplies are almost identical and to the effect that the posts of Surveyor and Draughtsman can only be efficiently filled by men trined in the Survey, and as the total number of passed candidates in the District establishments only amounts to *eight*,* the result will be a virtual stoppage of all promotion in the Department. The knowledge required moreover being peculiar and technical the only place from which in the least fit passed candidates can be procured is the Civil Engineering College, and from that institution notwithstanding repeated applications I have only obtained two Surveyors whose attainments as Surveyors are certainly not above the average of those in the Department. In addition to the above may also be stated the general disinclination of passed men to enter a Department which offers neither the inducements of light work nor large pay, and of which the duration is fixed at seven or eight years more.

3. These repies are enclosed for reference. I beg to invite attention more particularly to that of the Deput Superintendent, Godavery District, Major Crewe, in which the subject is fully explained.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1863, No. 299.

1. In the fist of the letters above recorded, Major Priestley enquires.

I. Whether persons *now* holding appointments of more than 25 Rupees can be promoted without passing although they entered the Department after the 1st January 1859.

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II. Whether persons who at the date of the order of Government withdrawing the exemption from the examination rules previously granted to the Survey and Settlement Departments, stood appointed to posts of more than 25 Rupees, but actually received only part of the full salaries of their offices, can receive the remainder without passing.

* 4th August 1862, No. 1,673.

With the second letter Major Priestley submits letters from his Deputies setting forth the necessity of continuing the exemption hitherto allowed.

2. The Governor in Council has given his careful consideration to the subject, and is of opinion that the Survey Department requires exceptional treatment, because, firstly, men may be qualified to do good service in it who would not be able to pass or be fit for employ in other Departments; and secondly, the travelling and exposure incident to its duties make it difficult to find the same number of candidates as are found by heads of other offices. But it is only in respect to certain grades that this indulgence is necessary. Surveyors, Draughtsmen and Lithographers may all be perfectly competent for the duties of their respective offices, and yet be unable to pass the prescribed service tests. The requisite number of these officers, moreover, cannot be obtained from the ranks of the "passed" candidates. But these reasons do not apply to Clerks and ordinary employés and consequently no exception can be made in favor of officers of this grade. The Government resolve under the circumstances stated to continue (but only as regards the particular servants already specified) the special exemption from the examination rules hitherto allowed to the Survey and Settlemen Departments generally, with the proviso that passed candidates physically fit for the work shall always have the preference. The Government do not deem it necessary that each case should be submitted for their orders. The Civil Paymaster will be authorized to pass the salaries of such men as have not passed, on the Certificate of the Deputy Superintendent or Superintendent that passed men were not procurable.

3. Major Priestley is authorized to make the promotion alluded to in his first question in the case of Surveyors, Draughtsmen and Lithographers. The full salaries alluded to in his second question can be paid to present incumbent but all except the particular servants mentioned above, must pass before obtaining further promoon. Clerks, Copyists and officers of that class will be brought under the general rules at once.

4. As already ruled all unpassed men empoyed under this order must pass before they can enter any other Department in a grade the salary of which exceeds 25 Rupees per mensem.

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

No 1033.

Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
11th Decr 1862

From

Major T. J. P. Priestley
Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

G.O. 4th Augt /62
No 1653

In reply to a query from one of my Deputies I expressed an opinion that unpassed men now holding appointments of more than Rupees 25 monthly pay can be promoted to a higher appointment or receive an increase of Salary although they may have entered the Dept. at a date subsequent to 1st January /57 Comng under the head of "persons specially exempted by Government".

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

J. Priestley Major
Superintendt Revenue Survey

Major Priestley is informed that
Intended
unpassed Cannot under the ci
cumstances stated, be promoted
until they pass the prescribed test.
Similarly persons appointed to Offices
of 25 Rs & upwards but drawing only
a portion of the Salaries of those Offices
cannot receive more than they now do—

Revenue Department—

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Memorandum on Revenue
Nos 3, 4, 19 and 80—

In 1859 the Govt
established Examination
Rules were passed whereby
no person could thereafter
get an appointment above
10 Rupees monthly without
passing the prescribed test.
In April of that
year Mr Rewitt urged so
strongly the injurious effect
of this restriction on the Sur
=vey and settlement Depart
=ments that Govt exempt
=ed them from the rule
with the proviso that passed
candidates physically as
well as intellectually quali
=fied should always have
the preference—
In 1860 on another
representation from Mr Rewitt
this exemption was continued
for 12 months—

Govt Letter No 1853 dated 29th May 1860
Revenue Survey Nos 3, 4, 19, 80
Collr Ahmednagar

Sir

I am directed to forward herewith
a Petition from Mr Rewitt
Superintendent of Revenue Survey
and to request that you will
cause the Petitioner to be informed
that the Rule requiring Candidates
for Appointments on Rs 10 to pass
the Examination prescribed for
Revenue Officers has been extended
to Surveyors by the Rule published
at page 1 of the Bombay Government
Gazette of 1st March 1860 and that
no exemption from it can be granted
to Mr Rewitt's Assistants.

I am Sir
Your most obedt Servant
Secretary to Govt

Govt Letter No 1033 dated 29th March 1860
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Secretary to Govt

Govt Letter No 2918 dated 10th Sept
No 1033
Collr Ahmednagar
Copy forwarded

Copy forwarded to the undersigned
for information and communication
to a Petition addressed to
Government by Mr Rewitt
Superintendent of Revenue Survey
Ahmednagar
Although at the date of the
Petition Mr Rewitt's assistants
were receiving Rs 25 per mensem
they were only in receipt of Rs 10
per mensem at the date of the
Govt Letter No 1033 dated 29th March
1860 and consequently
were not entitled to the exemption
from the Examination
prescribed by that Letter

The same course was followed in 1867 with the additional proviso that unpassed men admitted in the Survey and Settlement should not gain admission into other departments without fresh pass-

Last year the examination rules were altered and made inapplicable to appointments of less than 25 Rupees. In consequence of this (I presume) the Govt refused Mr Masters application for a further continuance of the exemption

exemption previously accorded to the Departments under consideration.

In the first of the letters herewith submitted for orders Major Priestley enquires

I. Whether persons now holding appointments of more than 25 Rupees can be promoted without passing although they entered the Department after the 1st January 1869.

II Whether persons who, at the date of the orders of Government withdrawing the exemption, stood appointed to posts of more

Only in the case of Surveyors Draughtsmen & Lithographers I suppose. Yes

more than 25 Rupees
but actually received
only part of the full
salaries of this office
could receive the re-
-mainder without passing
See the second
letter Major Priestley
submits letters from
his deputies setting forth
the necessity of continu-
-ing the exemption
hitherto allowed.
In accordance
with the spirit of the
rules both the questions
put by Major Priest-
-ley must be answered
in

- Yes - but they must pass
before obtaining further
promotion except in the case
of the Deputies mentioned above
Ellc

- The Survey Dept. suffers
in deference - because subs-
-ens may be sacrificed to do
good service in it who could
not be able to pass & be fit
for employ in other Depts. &
2ndly - the travelling & ex-
-pense render it difficult
to find the same number
of candidates as are found by
heads of other offices.
Ellc

in the negative.
But the very serious
effect of this on the Survey
must be considered.
Under all the circumstances
it seems to me that the ex
public interests require that
some relaxation of the rules
should be temporarily al-
-lowed so far as such ap-
-pointments are concerned
as those of Surveyor Draughts
-man or Lithographer. To
these men a literary educa
-tion is not essential, and
with the proviso that passed
candidates, physically fit
for the work, should always
have the preference, the spe
-cial exemption hitherto al
-lowed might I think be
continued from year to yea
in

on sufficient cause being shewn.

As regards Clerks and Officers of that class I should be disposed to hold out at present.

If Government approve of this it has to be decided whether each case shall be submitted for their orders or whether the Civil Paymaster be authorised to pass the salaries of such men on the certificate of the Deputy Superintt that passed men were not procurable.

Major Priestley's questions will, if Government approve this step be answered in the negative as regards all but these grades mentioned.

Mr Master has made no further remonstrance and the work of his men is generally of a different character where some degree of education is necessary.

Of course unpassed men employed under these circumstances above stated must pass before they can enter any other department in a grade above 258

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Revenue Department

No. 299.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 10th Febry 1863.

Read the following letters from the Superintt Pensioners

Requesting to be informed whether persons appointed to a post of Rs. 50 may without passing the examination be permitted to receive the full salary although at the date of the late order they were only in receipt of a post of the full pay.

(Here enter 11th Decr 1862 No 1033)

Bringing to notice the difficulties that will be encountered by enforcing the O. G. of 14th August 1862 No 1652.

(Here enter 9th Jany 1863 No 41)

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Tests

4th August 1862 Pa. 1653

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10 Superintt of Rev: Survey Distt Nos
North Lincolnes & Dist Nos
1 Director of Rev: Settlement
8 Civil Paymaster
5 Public Department.

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of 10th February 1863.

Letters from the Supt. of
Rev: Survey on the expedi-
ency of the examination
rules to the Survey Dept.
with orders thereon.

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