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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th November 1865.*

No. 487. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department:—

Concurring with the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, in the opinion that the proper authority to grant certificates of qualification in surveying is the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, and not the Superintendent of Revenue Survey. (Here enter 18th November 1865, No. 329.)

No. 488. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1865, No. 2,909.
Communicated to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
with Proceedings Educational Department, No. 329.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
18th November 1865.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 48. Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department.

Observing that it will be considered in the Educational Department whether the Superintendent of Revenue Survey may not be declared competent to grant certificates of qualification in Surveying to Officers employed in his Department. (Dated 10th October 1865, No. 2450).

Forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for report, after communication with the Principal of the Engineering College.
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

12th October 1865.

No. 49. From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 25th October 1865, No. 2246.

I have the honor to return the copy of Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, of the 10th instant, referred to me for report after communication with the Principal of the Civil Engineering College. I also return the enclosure to Major Hesse's letter of the 4th instant, and I submit a communication from the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, dated the 20th idem.

2. I entirely agree with Captain Edgecome in considering that it is undesirable to empower the Superintendent of the Revenue Survey to grant certificates of qualification in Surveying. The privilege of issuing such certificates should, in my opinion, be vested in a single authority, otherwise two certificates, nominally of the same character, might indicate very different degrees of proficiency; and, if it be allowed that only one Officer should be empowered to grant certificates, I presume there can be no doubt as to the propriety of the Principal of the Civil Engineering College being that officer. I have also to remark that the observation made by Captain Edgecome in paragraph 2 of his letter seems to me to possess much force.

3. In regard to the examination now held in Surveying being an easy one, as is asserted by Major Hesse, the fact, if it be one, appears to me to be an additional reason why the test should not be dispensed with. If gentlemen, desirous of entering the Revenue Survey Department, know that they will not be received till they have passed the prescribed test, I have no doubt they will secure the necessary qualification; and here I beg to deprecate most strongly the admission of gentlemen as probationers before they have obtained the necessary certificate, as I hold that such a course places all parties concerned in a false position.

From the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras; dated Chepauk, 20th October 1865, No. 496.

Having given full consideration to the subject referred to in your Proceedings, No. 2169, dated 14th instant, I have the honor to report that, in my opinion, no reasonable grounds are shewn to exist in Major Hesse's letter for extending to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, the privilege or power of granting certificates of qualification in surveying.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
18th November 1865.

2. By Government Order, No. 1971, dated 23rd August 1865, future admission to the Revenue Survey Department is restricted to Officers or others who have *passed in surveying*; and it is hardly desirable that this examination should be conducted by the Head of the Department anxious to secure their services, but rather by an Officer totally unconnected with the Department.

3. With reference to those Officers now employed as probationers, I note that they are directed to pass an examination in surveying within six months of the date of the order above quoted. This being a practical examination in their general duties will of course be conducted by the head of the department, and on the result will (I presume) depend, as heretofore, the confirmation of the officer in his appointment. It is not necessary that this examination should carry with it the letters "Surv" before an Officer's name in the Army List, or entitle him to a certificate.

4. When these probationers are disposed of, the course to be adopted in future would appear to be simple enough, for, if it be laid down that to be eligible for admission to the Revenue Survey Department candidates *must have passed in surveying*, they will readily find means to qualify, and I would remark that a class for Military Officers now exists in this College, which, if needs be, might be extended to include Civilians, for although Major Hessey considers the test now in force to be a slight one, I do not hesitate to state that, with the exceptions of Section Nos. 8 and 10 (which it might easily embrace), it meets and more than meets the requirements of the Revenue Survey field work course, and in it also is included a knowledge of most of the points detailed the course of office work.

5. Under these circumstances, therefore, I consider it unnecessary to empower the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to grant certificates of qualification in surveying, as such certificates will in future only be required for admission, and I have shewn the desirability of their coming from an office not in the Revenue Survey Department.

6. The enclosure to Major Hessey's letter is herewith returned.

(True Copy).

(Signed) E. B. POWELL,

Director of Public Instruction.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1865, No. 329.

The Governor in Council concurs with the Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, in the opinion that certificates of qualification in surveying should be granted by one authority only, and that the proper authority is the Principal of the Civil Engineering College.

2. It has come to the knowledge of the Government that complaints have frequently been made of the inefficiency of the instruction in surveying given in the Civil Engineering College for fitting the pupils for active work, and the Government accordingly resolve to instruct the Director of Public Instruction to place himself, in communication with the Principal of the Civil Engineering College and the Superintendent of the Survey, on the subject, and to suggest a remedy for the evil complained of.

(True Extract).

G. J. Constantine

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

„ Revenue Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

25th November 1865.

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