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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th January 1866.

No. 469. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department:—

Sanctioning the arrangement proposed by the Acting Superintendent Revenue Survey to admit his Head Draughtsman, Mr. D. Sinclair, to the Special Photographic Class at the Civil Engineering College. } (Here enter 16th January 1866, No. 20.)

No. 470. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1866, No. 238.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
With Proceedings Educational Department, No. 20.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Educational Department,
16th January 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 35. From the Officiating Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Chepauk, 1st January 1866, No. $\frac{1}{1}$.

I have the honor to state that, understanding that a Photographic class was about to be established in the Civil Engineering College, I requested the Principal of the College to allow my head draughtsman, Mr. D. Sinclair, to attend it.

2. I explained that Mr. Sinclair was slightly acquainted with the Art, and was desirous of obtaining further instruction, in order that he might be able to attempt Photozincography.

3. I wished to endeavour to apply Photozincography to the reduction of the Taluq maps to the one inch scale. I purposed bearing the charges of the experiment myself.

4. Photozincography has for a long time been practised in the Ordnance Survey Office in England.

5. There is no person in Madras qualified to teach Mr. Sinclair Photozincography. It is necessary that he should become a good Photographer, before attempting further progress.

6. The Principal Civil Engineering College referred my application to the Director of Public Instruction, who has been pleased to state* that none but regular Students in the College can be permitted to join the class.

* See Extract from Proceedings attached.

7. I have the honor to request that the Governor in Council will be pleased to sanction Mr. D. Sinclair being allowed to profit by the instruction of the Teacher of Photography in the Civil Engineering College.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, No. 2546, dated 2nd December 1865.

The Director of Public Instruction regrets that he feels unable to sanction the admission the Photographic class at the Civil Engineering College of the head draughtsman in the office of the Superintendent of the Revenue Survey. The Photographic class, it must be remembered, is on a peculiar footing, and none but the regular Students in the College, on whose account the class was established, by order of Government, can be permitted to join it.

2. The Director observes that, if a person in an office wishes to perfect himself in any branch of Photography, he must be left to secure a Teacher and prosecute the Art at his private cost.

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(Signed) E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.

(True Extract).
(Signed) W. H. EDGCOME, Captain, R. E,
Principal of the Civil Engineering College.

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. H. HESSEY, Major,
Offg. Superintendent, Revenue Survey.

Transferred to the Educational Department, for disposal.

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

3rd January 1866.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for report.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th January 1866.

No. 36. From the Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 8th January 1866, No. 38.

I have the honor to return the letter of the 1st instant, from the Officiating Superintendent Revenue Survey, referred to me, for remarks, by endorsement dated the 5th idem.

2. As already stated in my communication to Captain Edgcome, an extract from which was placed before Government by Major Hessey, I am unable to see any reason for Mr. Sinclair's admission to the special Photographic class at the Civil Engineering College.

3. If there were no other readily available means by which Mr. Sinclair could perfect himself in Photography, the case would be different; but this cannot be alleged. What the ultimate object of the applicant may be does not seem to me of much consequence. But, as I presume that, if Mr. Sinclair qualified himself for carrying out Major Hessey's views, he would receive promotion, or derive some pecuniary benefit, it appears only reasonable that the cost of completing his Photographic education should be borne by himself.

4. I may observe that Captain Edgcome, in addressing me upon the subject, while suggesting that Major Hessey's request might be complied with, used the following language, which implies that he considered the measure by no means desirable;—"I see no great objection to the proposal being sanctioned as a *special case*, but in no wise to be considered as a precedent."

5. Looking then at the peculiar nature of the class, which was specially sanctioned for its present purpose by the Government of India; at the ease with which instruction in Photography can be obtained; at the injurious precedent which would be established; and at the fact that further increase of the class would probably lead to increased expenditure which was not contemplated; I think it necessary to recommend that sanction be not given to the admission of Mr. Sinclair to the special Photographic class at the Civil Engineering College.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1866, No. 20.

The Governor in Council does not consider the objections urged by the Director of Public Instruction against the admission of Mr. Sinclair into the Photographic class at the Civil Engineering College to be sufficient to justify the rejection of the application made on his behalf by the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey. It is clear, from Captain Hessey's letter, that he applied for the admission of Mr. Sinclair, who holds the appointment of Head Draughtsman in his office, into the Photographic class, on the ground that a knowledge of Photography would render

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Mr. Sinclair better qualified for the efficient discharge of his duties. It appears that the Principal has no objection to Mr. Sinclair's admission into the class, as a special case, and, on this understanding, the Government resolve to sanction the arrangement.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Revenue Department.
" Officiating Superintendent, Revenue Survey.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Sanctioning the arrangement proposed by the Acting Advocate Genl Mr Sweney to admit his head daughtsman, Mr A. Sinclair to the Special Photographic class at the Civil Engineering College.

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