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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th April 1866.

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Passing orders on a letter from the Government of India, prescribing the tests to be passed by Officers of the Madras Army under the second standard. } (Here enter 27th March 1866, No. 1,164A.)

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1866, No. 833.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 12th March 1866, No. 443; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I am directed to acknowledge your letter, No. 4682C, dated 20th December 1865, and previous correspondence, upon the subject of the tests to be passed by Officers of the Madras Army under the 2nd Standard.

2. In reply, I am to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the Government of India have already admitted that, for the present at least, passing in Hindi is not to be insisted upon in the Madras Presidency, as a necessary qualification for Staff employment in that Presidency.

3. But the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council considering that an elementary knowledge of one of the vernaculars, is always of use to officers employed on the Staff in the Southern Presidency, is of opinion that there will not be any hardship in requiring them to pass in Tamil or Telugu, in addition to the test in Hindoostani prescribed for the 2nd Standard.

4. The knowledge will of course, I am to remark, be somewhat more difficult of attainment than a corresponding knowledge of Hindi, a cognate language of Hindoostani, but the difference is not, His Excellency in Council is of opinion, such as can be taken into account, while on the other hand, if the study of a second language be foregone in the case of Madras Officers, they are clearly placed at an advantage compared with other officers serving in India.

5. It appears therefore to the Governor General in Council to be desirable that, in the examination for the 2nd Standard in the Madras Presidency, either Hindoostani and Hindi shall be the tests as originally prescribed, or if the Madras Government prefer it, an elementary knowledge of one of the Madras languages be substituted for Hindi, it being understood that no officer can be admitted to Staff employment out of the Madras Presidency who has not passed the Hindi test.

6. The subject of the system of examination Committees, and the remuneration of the members composing them will receive early attention.

ORDER, No. 1164A, 27th March 1866.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, (Adjutant General's Department) with reference to Proceedings of Government marginally noted, and the following G. O. published.

Pro. of Govt., No. 1506, *dated* 24*th April* 1865.
,, ,, 4682B, ,, 20*th Dec.* ,,

2. With reference to the alternative suggested in paragraph 5 of the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council directs that the examination for the 2nd Standard, in this Presidency, shall be either Hindoostani and Hindi, as originally prescribed, or Hindoostani and an elementary knowledge of one of the Madras languages.

3. Canarese being spoken over an extensive area of this Presidency, the Government consider that it may be left to the option of officers to select that language, instead of Tamil or Telugu.

4. The Commander-in-Chief will be good enough to submit the tests he would propose for the examination of officers, as to their elementary knowledge of Tamil, Telugu or Canarese.

G. O. by Government. | Here enter 27th March 1866, No. 126.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
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