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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1866.*

No. 187. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Forwarding two telegrams to the Government of
India, with reference to certain communica-
tions from the Adjutant General regarding the
examinations of Officers in this Presidency. } (Here enter 20th December 1865, No. 4,682A.)

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1866, No. 97.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests, Director
of Revenue Settlement, Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
and the Board of Revenue, for their information.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests,
" the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, } With Proceedings Military Department,
" the do. Superintendent of Revenue Survey, } No. 4,682 A.
" the Board of Revenue,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Adjutant General.....	Here enter 18th August 1865, No. 275.
Telegram to the Officiating Secretary to Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. }	22nd " "
From the Adjutant General.....	19th Dec. " No. 576.

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 18th August 1865, No. 275; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the 2nd paragraph of the Order of Government, recorded in Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 2790 of 28th July, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to suggest to His Excellency the Governor in Council whether it would not be advisable to solicit an early reply from the Supreme Government, to the Proceedings, No. 1506 of 24th April, regarding the long pending question of tests and standard for Native languages.

2. The subject is one of very great importance to the large number of young Officers studying in this Presidency, whose examinations are held subject to the decision now awaited.

Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, 22nd August 1865; to the Officiating Military Secretary to the Government of India, Calcutta.

Urgent.—Please move Government of India for an early reply to my letter one thousand five hundred and seven, dated twenty-fourth April last, regarding Hindoostanee examinations in this Presidency.

From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 19th December 1865, No. 576; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to request you will bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that there are now many Officers in this Army, who have recently passed the examination in Hindoostanee for 2nd standard, but whose names have not been published in General Orders, pending the result of the reference to the Government of India, alluded to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Order of Government, No. 1506 of 24th April 1865.

2. Constant inquiries are made by Officers to learn the decision; whether a 2nd language is to be required of them, and a feeling of suspense exists among those who have passed the provisionally sanctioned 2nd standard test, as well as those who hesitate about studying until their doubts on this point are cleared up; the Commander-in-Chief considers these circumstances urgently to call for an early decision from the Government of India.

3. I am also directed to bring to notice, that no reply has been received to letter from this Department of 8th December 1864, No. 677, recorded in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 1124 of 22nd March 1865. Sir Gaspard LeMarchant fully concurs in the views expressed by his predecessor in this Command, that the existing arrangements for the examination of the Officers of this Presidency in Hindoostanee are unsatisfactory. The Examining Committee are constantly changed, and therefore it is quite impossible that any one system can be followed: the examinations become very uneven, inasmuch as the tests cannot be equally weighed by each of these impromptu Committees.

4. Officers having the "passed letter," before their names in the Army List, are taken almost indiscriminately as they are found at the Presidency, and as they necessarily incur some expense in bandy-hire to the Court Martial-room in the Fort, where the examinations are held, and for which they receive no remuneration whatever, they are, after some time, considered to have a fair claim to be relieved and others are then ordered on the duty, or else they leave the Presidency in the ordinary changes of the service.

5. The Commander-in-Chief does not consider this plan fair either to the Examiners or the examined; but as the matter has been before Government more than once, and it is known that a different and more approved system prevails both in Bengal and Bombay, His Excellency submits the question in view to some sort of assimilation in this Presidency, for the favorable consideration of Government.

ORDER, No. 4682A, 20th December 1865.

Ordered that the following telegram and letter be dispatched.

Telegram to the Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 20th Dec. 1865, No. 4682B.
To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | " 20th " " " 4682C.

(True Extract.)

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By Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

" Controller of Military Accounts.

" Secretary Board of Examiners.

" Judicial Department, } for information.

" Revenue do. }

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