

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th July 1868.*

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Passing orders on papers regarding the qualification for admission to the Staff Corps and the qualification for appointment to a particular department of Staff employment. } (Here enter 1st July 1868, No. 2,586.)

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1868, No. 1,866.
Communicated to the Superintendent
of Revenue Survey.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 2,586.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Secy. to Govt. of India, Home Dept. Here enter 30th April 1868, No. 504.
Memo. from the Secy. to Govt., Revenue Dept. " 26th May "

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Home Department, (Revenue) under date the 30th April 1868, No. 504.

Read memorandum from the Military Department, No. 1019, dated 18th ultimo, enquiring whether, with reference to the orders of the Secretary of State insisting upon uniformity throughout India in the tests for admission to the Staff Corps, the rules laid down in Home Department Notification, No. 3474, dated 8th August 1866, requiring certain additional qualifications in an Officer of the Survey Department employed in Bombay, should not be either extended to the Bengal and Madras Presidencies or modified in the case of Bombay.

Read again Proceedings 4th April 1868, No. 20, suggesting that the Surveyor General of India should be asked to settle, in communication with the Local Governments, the test examination for the Survey Department which should be obligatory throughout India, leaving it to the Local Governments to call upon an Officer of that Department, before being actually employed in any special duty, to acquire any further knowledge that local circumstances may render necessary.

Read also memorandum from the Military Department, No. 672, dated 17th instant, approving of the plan suggested.

REMARKS.

The plan should, therefore, be carried out, and Local Governments requested to place themselves in communication with the Surveyor General for the purpose.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this resolution, and of the correspondence read, be forwarded for information and guidance to the Governments of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, North-Western Provinces and Punjab, and the Surveyor General of India.

Ordered, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Military Department for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 1019.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

It having been observed (though formerly inadvertently overlooked) that the rules laid down in Home Department Notification, No. 3474, dated 8th August 1866, did not merely require certain additional qualifications in an Officer of the Survey Department employed in Bombay, but were to be substituted for the corresponding rules in section 7 (Survey Department) of the "tests for admission to the Staff Corps," and that only in the Bombay Presidency, the undersigned has been directed to explain that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India has repeatedly urged the importance of having such tests in each Department the same in all three Presidencies.

2. He is instructed, therefore, to suggest for consideration, whether the new rules referred to should not be adopted in the Presidency of Madras and Bengal also, as indicating the tests for admission to the Staff Corps, or whether they should not cease to be considered to be such in the Bombay Presidency.

3. It is, of course, in the competency of the Local Government or of the Surveyor General to require an Officer, after admission, to acquire any further knowledge before he is actually employed in any place where the possession of such knowledge is necessary.

4. The rules laid down in Home Department Notification, No. 3563, dated 10th August 1866, are, it is believed, applicable to all three Presidencies, and are, therefore, free from objection as an amendment of the tests laid down for the Survey Department in Military General Order, No. 531 of 27th June 1864.

5. It is regretted that, owing to the oversight adverted to in paragraph 1 above, any inconvenience should now be occasioned to the Home Department or to the Bombay Government; but the principle involved is considered one which it is deemed very important to maintain.

18th March 1868.

(Signed) H. W. NORMAN, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

To the Home Department.

No. 672.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

In reply to the memorandum from the Home Department, No. 393 of the 3rd April 1868, the undersigned is directed to state that the plan suggested for the settlement of the tests to be laid down for the admission of Officers of the Survey Department to the Staff Corps, is in accordance with the views of Government in the Military Department.

17th April 1868.

(Signed) B. E. BACON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

To the Home Department.

No. 393.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned is directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the Military Department, No. 1019, dated the 18th ultimo, intimating, with reference to the modifications sanctioned for the Bombay Presidency in the tests for admission to the Staff Corps of candidates employed in the Survey Department, that the Secretary of State has repeatedly urged the importance of having such tests in each Department the same in all Presidencies.

2. It appears to this Department that it will be the simplest plan to ask the Surveyor General to settle, in communication with the Local Governments, the test examination which should be obligatory throughout India, leaving it to the Local Governments to require an Officer, after admission, to acquire any further knowledge that local circumstances may render necessary, before he is actually employed in any duty. The undersigned is, therefore, directed to enquire if this will meet the wishes of the Military Department.

3rd April 1868.

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Mily. Department.

Transferred to the Revenue Department, for consideration, whether any modification of existing tests for appointment to the Survey Department is called for.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th May 1868.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey for report.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secy. to Govt., Revenue Dept.

20th May 1868.

From the Superintendent Revenue Survey, Chepauk, 23rd May 1868, No. $\frac{761}{23}$; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George.

In obedience to the Orders of Government, referring for my report the question of the necessity for adopting the rules in force in the Bombay Presidency for the examination of Officers in the Survey Department for entrance to the Staff Corps, I have the honor to state that in my opinion no reason exists for making Officers serving in the Survey Department, the subjects of an examination for the Staff Corps different from that required of any other Officers.

2. Government are aware that before an Officer is permanently appointed to this Department, he has to go through successfully a practical course of surveying,

&c., to pass an examination in the vernacular of the district and in surveying at the Civil Engineering College. The above mentioned tests are irrespective of his examination for the Staff Corps, and are applied whether he belong to the Staff Corps or not.

Transferred to the Military Department, with reference to the docket in that department, dated 19th May 1868, and with the opinion of the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, that as desired by the Superintendent Revenue Survey, the departmental test for Survey Probationers should be kept distinct from the ordinary test for admission with the Staff Corps.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secy. to Govt., Revenue Dept.

26th May 1868.

ORDER, No. 2586, 1st July 1868.

Ordered that the communication from the Superintendent Revenue Survey above recorded, together with the transfer docket from the Revenue Department, be submitted for the consideration of the Government of India, with advertence to the remarks of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, in the Military Despatch* to that Government, dated 24th January 1868, No. 19, to the effect that "the qualification for admission to the Staff Corps, and the qualification for appointment to a particular Department of Staff employment," should be kept quite distinct, and "that one uniform test should be maintained for the admission of an Officer to the Staff Corps, whatever the nature of his Staff duty."

* Recorded in Proceedings of Government,
2nd April 1868, No. 1341.

2. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey will, however, be instructed, through the Revenue Department, to communicate with the Surveyor General of India, as to whether any and what modification may appear to be called for in the existing tests for appointments to the Survey Department, and report the result to Government.

Docket to the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 1st July 1868, No. 2587.
(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
Adjutant General.
Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

Received 1868. Wm. H. H.
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Proceedings of the
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Wm. H.

Noted 1st. 3 July.
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