

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1295	Press Mis.
224-225		
Dated 6 th May 1918		

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th May 1869.*

No. 224. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1869, No. 2,123 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1869, No. 37.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that there is no one fitted for the post of Head Clerk in the Office of the Sub-Collector. No Officer in that division, holding a post the pay of which is 50 Rupees or less, has passed the necessary tests; and those applications which have been received are from persons who have passed the requisite examinations, but who have no Revenue experience, and who would consequently not be of the slightest use.

2. Under these circumstances I trust that I may be pardoned for again preferring the request that Bonmaganti Sooba Row may be permitted to hold the appointment on condition of his passing the necessary Tests in Tamil.

3. I am induced to do this, not only on account of the difficulty that is experienced in finding a Head Clerk, but also because I have seen few of the "rank and file" of the Native Officers of the Revenue Department, who are equal to Sooba Row in natural ability and aptitude for business. He is steady, well-conducted, regular, inured to the climate of Usur, of which he is a native, and I can endorse the remarks made regarding him by Messrs. Smith and Thomas, copies of which I enclose.

4. Although Sooba Row's services in pension grades are not long, he has, from the time that he was a mere boy, been employed in the Cutcherry, and his father and grandfather before him were Gumastahs at Usur. His knowledge of old cases and of former correspondence regarding them, as well as of the previous history of the division, is very considerable and consequently most valuable; and this being the case, and he being also a remarkably fluent and clear reader, he has always been the Clerk who has been employed on the Revenue work.

5. Although he has not learnt English, he has made himself, during the time that he has been in the office, sufficiently acquainted with the language to copy very accurately, and in a hand which is far better than that of many an English Clerk; and he is also able to read and understand an official letter. He cannot speak English owing to business always being with him in Tamil; but he can comprehend what is said.

6. It would not be just for me to recommend that Sooba Row should be appointed as Head Clerk on the condition of his passing in English, as I am sure that he does not know enough of the language to be able to read up the necessary subjects; and I am aware that he has not time to study English. I have no doubt that he would be able to pass, if permitted to go up for the examination, in Vernacular, and I trust, therefore, that the highly favorable opinion which, from more than two-and-a-half years' observation, Mr. Price has had of his application and experience, and which is supported by that of Messrs. Smith and Thomas, may induce the Board to favorably consider the reiteration of my request that he may be appointed Head Clerk, on condition of his passing the requisite examination in Tamil.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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2. The Local Officers press the relaxation of the rules so earnestly, that the Board resolve to recommend it to the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 225.

ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1869, No. 1,295.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government decline to comply with the recommendation made in behalf of Sooba Row.

2. The Board of Revenue will be furnished, for their information and guidance, with a copy of the Order in the Judicial Department, dated 18th May 1867, No. 820, in which the Government have decided that, except under very special circumstances, a departure from the Rule which requires that the Special Test Examinations shall be conducted in English, cannot be permitted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

.. the Acting Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of 1869) Minutes.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Noted May 10th.

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G. O., 10th May 1869, No. 1,295.

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Nos. 224-225.

Recd. Clerk of Session Sub-Collector's Office.
- By the Commissioned Officer to permit B. Sooba Row
to pass the Special Test Examination in Tamil.
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- Bantleman's recommendation to permit B. Sooba Row
to pass the Special Test Examination in Tamil.
received.*

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Undated the 10 April 1869.

Read the following
Pro. of the Bd. of Rev.

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permit B. Subba Row
of Salem (Collector's Office, N. E. 1st April 1869: 2123)
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for the U. C. S. Examin.

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