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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd September 1874.

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I HAVE the honor to state that one Streenivasa Rao, Acting Vernacular Clerk of this Office, requests that he may be allowed to appear for the Special Test in the English language, although he has only passed the General Test in Tamil. He states that the order of Government, dated 10th March 1871, which requires a candidate to pass the General Test in English or Anglo-Vernacular before appearing for Special Test does not apply to his case, as he had *appeared* for the Special Test once before the above order of Government was issued.

2. That order declares that no person will be admitted to the Special Test in English who has not passed either the English or the Anglo-Vernacular Branch of the General Test. It will, however, be a difficult task for this clerk to study and pass the General Test in addition to his study of the subjects of the Special Test while at the same time in public employ. Heavily worked as my Office is, the clerk is fully engaged with his office-work during the day. To call upon him to pass the General Test Examination a second time would be a hard task. Before the rule came into force he had the privilege of passing the Special Test, as he now requests. In recommending his case, I am by no means unmindful of the precedent that will be established by granting him the indulgence he seeks, but I would beg to state that if any case of this nature can be specially considered, that I now report on is one very deserving of favorable consideration. I request, therefore, that the application of Streenivasa Rao herein enclosed may be laid before the Board for their favorable consideration and the eventual sanction of Government obtained to exempt Streenivasa Rao from passing the General Test in English in order to appear for the Special Test.

3. Streenivasa Rao's public service extends over nine years, and he bears a good character. He knows English pretty well.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Application.

THE Board resolve to request the Commissioner for Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations to favor them with his opinion, *first*, as to whether the proposed relaxation might reasonably be granted in this case; and, *second*, as to the expediency or otherwise of allowing some general relaxation of the rule which requires that the English or Anglo-Vernacular Branch of the General Test must be passed before the Special Test. The rule seems likely to press hardly on men already in Government service, and it is apparently only intended to secure a knowledge of English which may be ascertained by inquiries from the heads of the offices in which the men are employed, and must be beyond question if the men can pass the Special Test Examinations in English.

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2. In recommending Government to pass the order, the Commissioner had in view the rather considerable body of persons, for the most part not in Government employ, eligible, under the rules then in force, to appear for the special tests, but who, it was found, regularly failed to pass when they did appear, owing to their want of knowledge of English. The likelihood of the order pressing with hardship on here and there, a Government servant was, the Commissioner believes, not considered.

3. The Commissioner sees no objection to granting the suggested relaxation of the rule in Streenivasa Rao's case, and would not oppose the extension of the privilege to all *Government servants* similarly situated to Streenivasa Rao on the 10th March 1871, the date of the order; though, as the Commissioner believes, it would prove a doubtful favor to some, perhaps many, of those it would aim at benefiting, he would recommend that a proposed privilege is granted should have it certified by some competent superior officer that, in his opinion, the particular individual's knowledge of English is sufficient for the purpose of the Special Test Examinations. It has been found that persons with no chance whatever of passing the service examinations come up regularly to them as if fully qualified to pass, satisfying themselves that their ill-success is due to fate, and nothing else. The Commissioner notices that it is stated in the case put forward for consideration, the person "*appeared*" for the special tests, and (though not directly stated) he failed; though, if the original letter (herewith returned as requested) of Streenivasa Rao be his own composition, his failure would certainly not be due to a want of knowledge of the English language, or how to use it.

THE Collector of North Arcot having represented that the rule now in force, which declares that no person will be admitted to the special test in English who has not passed either the English or the Anglo-Vernacular Branch of the General Test, worked hardly in the case of a man of nine years' service, named Streenivasa Rao, the Board thought some general relaxation of the rule might be allowed in the case of men already in the service of Government, and known by their superiors to be sufficiently conversant with English. They accordingly asked the Commissioner of the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations for his opinion, and found that he agrees with them.

2. The Board resolve to recommend Government to allow the rule to be relaxed in the case of Streenivasa Rao, and in all cases in which Government servants can produce a certificate of knowledge of English from their immediate European superior.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1874, No. 1,123.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council sanctions the proposed relaxation, but resolves to restrict to Judges and Collectors the authority to grant the requisite certificates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Judicial Department.
„ the Secretary to the Commissioner for the U. C. S. Examinations.

Exd. A. Grubert-

Govt. of [illegible] 1874.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September 2nd

Read

G. O. 2nd September 1874, No. 1,123.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 37-38.

Special Test Examination in English—Suggesting the admission to the—of public servants who have not passed in English in the General Test, on production of a certificate of knowledge of English from Judges and Collectors.

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No. 1,698.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th July 1874.

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3. Streenevassa Row's public service extends over nine years, and he bears a good character. He knows English pretty well.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Commissioner of the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations,
with one original enclosure to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. W. H. French.

1874.

BOARD OF REVENUE

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 6TH JULY 1874, No. 1,698.

Encl.

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JULY.

No. 1,698.

Streemeevasa Row—Acting Vernacular Clerk of North Arcot Collector's Office, who has passed General Test Examination in Tamil.—Application of — for permission to appear for Special Test in English, without passing General Test in English as required by rules, referred to Commissioner, Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations, for expression of his views in this particular case, and in regard to similar cases generally.

W. D. Sealy Esq. 1/7/74

N 2464

Rec 2893/74

To.

W. S. Whitecar Esquire

Collector of North Arcot

Rec 1113/74

Most Honored Sir.

I respectfully beg to submit that although I have passed the U.C.S. examination in the Vernacular, I am at present precluded from appearing for the Special Test examination by the late order of Government (10th March 1873) which directs that none but those that have successfully passed the C.S. in the English branch can be in

in for the Special Tests.

This as far as my case goes seems to be hard. Prior to the above quoted resolution of Government I was fully privileged to appear in english for the Special Test examinations & this order, which was not in force when I successfully passed the U. C. S. in Vernacular affects me to a great extent & stands as a bar to my future progress in this department.

I therefore humbly request your honor will be kind enough to have the rule relaxed in my favor so that I may appear for the Special Test examination in English. As to my qualifications in that Language I beg to refer your honor to your honor's Head Assistant. My knowledge of English I humbly beg to submit, is sufficient to enable me to pass the U. C. S. in English, but taking into consideration that I should desist for another year to come, to pass the U. C. S. in English & then to appear for the Special Tests, I beg that my present request may be recommended to be complied with.

If I should fail to obtain the favorable order

of Government to this my present request
I beg that I may be permitted at
least to appear for the Special Test
in Vernacular. My service extends
over a period of 9 years & I beg
to enclose copies of my testimonials
for your Honor's perusal & which
I request may be forwarded along
with your Honor's recommendatory
letter. I beg to remain
Honored Sir.
9th May 1874. Yr. Obedt. Servt.
Ag Vernacular Clerk

Rec'd 25th May 1874
Sent 30th "

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 2893

From Bd of Rev.

Dated 12th August 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I see no objection to the
Applicant's request - but
feel disinclined to restrict the
grant of the certificate to
Clerks - under 2 certain Head
instead of "European Subjects"
I am inclined
to put the full
redundant

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I do not like the allegation
but I do not see
what we can do
under the Rules
Sd J. S.

FOR ORDERS.

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"C 26th Augt 74 R 28th

No. 2,216.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Board's Proceedings, dated 6th July 1874, No. 1,698,
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Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.
" to the Secretary to the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

Erd. A. Grubert.

No 1123.

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No 2893. Revenue 1874. Department

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS,

PROCEEDINGS, dated 6th August 1874, No. 2,216.

Read the following Proceedings:

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Received 22nd Aug 1874.

AUGUST,
No. 2,216.

Special Test Examination.—Government recommended to allow rule now in force, which declares that no person will be admitted to — in English who has not passed either English or Anglo-Vernacular Branch of General Test, to be relaxed in case of Sreenivasa Rao, Acting Vernacular Clerk of North Arcot Collector's Office, and in all cases in which Government servants can produce a certificate of knowledge of English from their immediate European superior.