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Revenue Department.

No. 636 26 May 1874.

To,

The Secretary to the Government of India
Dept. of Revenue Agri: & Commerce.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter dated 9th March 1874 No. 4/244. I am directed to state that there are not in force in this Presidency any such general rules relating to rewards for the acquisition of, or for proficiency in, any of the languages current in South India.

2. I am directed to submit for the information of the Government of India copy of the instructions which have now been issued

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issued for the conduct of examinations for rewards in the Forest Department. The test which has been adopted is the Higher Standard prescribed in G.O.G.G. 9th September 1864 No. 734. The limit of time within which the reward must be obtained is, similar to that laid down in G.O.G.G. 26th October 1870 No. 4399 Financial for the Public Works Department.

3. I am further to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council that there are European Officers in other Departments* of the Government service who do not come under the operation of G.O.G.G. 9th September 1864 No. 734 and for whom there is no opportunity afforded of obtaining a reward for proficiency in languages while there can be no doubt that efficiency would be increased if they had some stimulus to improve themselves. Similar rules might, I am to suggest, be made applicable to such employes. In most of these Departments there are already compulsory examinations prescribed.

4. There is one other point relating to Military men which seems in the opinion of this Government to need modification. Such Officers cannot, under G.O.G.G. 9th September 1864 receive pecuniary rewards for second Standard examinations in languages other than Hindustani when the

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the period of actual residence in India exceeds 10 years. It may often happen that an Officer of longer service than 10 years who obtains Civil employ is sent to a District the language of which he must necessarily learn and which it is the interest of Government that he should know: but as he is debarred by the G.O. G.G. in question from getting any reward one great stimulus is removed. It is quite possible that at the time when he might have passed he had no opportunity or means of learning the language which it is now desirable to acquire. Under these circumstances it may

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appear reasonable to permit an Officer so situated to obtain the reward under Rule VIII of the G.O. G.G. if he passes within 5 years after joining the Department in which he may be civilly employed.

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Revenue Department,
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26*th May* 1874.

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No. 241.

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,

Department of Revenue,
Agriculture, and Commerce.

Forests, No. 9.

Sir,—With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter, dated 9th March 1874, No. 4-244, I am directed to state that there are not in force in this Presidency any such general rules relating to rewards for the acquisition of, or for proficiency in, any of the languages current in South India.

2. I am directed to submit, for the information of the Government of India, copy of the instructions which have now been issued for the conduct of examinations for rewards in the Forest Department. The test, which has been adopted, is the Higher Standard prescribed in G. O. G. G., 9th September 1864, No. 734. The limit of time within which the reward must be obtained is similar to that laid down in G. O. G. I., 26th October 1870, No. 4,399, Financial, for the Public Works Department.

3. I am further to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, that there are European officers in other departments* of the Government service who do not come under the operation of G. O. G. G., 9th September 1864, No. 734, and for whom there is no opportunity afforded of obtaining a reward for proficiency in languages, while there can be no doubt that efficiency would be increased if they had some stimulus to improve themselves. Similar rules might, I am to suggest, be made applicable to such employés. In most of these departments there are already compulsory examinations prescribed.

* *Departments.*

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Revenue Settlement.	Judicial.
Revenue Survey.	Telegraph.
Government Farms.	Postal.
Revenue.	Marine, etc., etc.

4. There is one other point relating to Military men which seems, in the opinion of this Government, to need modification. Such officers cannot, under G. O. G. G., 9th September 1864, receive pecuniary rewards for Second Standard examinations in languages other than Hindustani, when the period of actual residence in India exceeds ten years. It may often happen that an officer of longer service than ten years, who obtains Civil employ, is sent to a district the language of which he must necessarily learn, and which it is the interest of Government that he should know; but as he is debarred by the G. O. G. G. in question from getting any reward one great stimulus is removed. It is quite possible that at the time when he might have passed, he had no opportunity or means of learning the

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language which it is now desirable to acquire. Under these circumstances, it may appear reasonable to permit an officer so situated to obtain the reward under Rule VIII. of the G. O. G. G., if he passes within five years after joining the department in which he may be civilly employed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Agriculture 1874 Department.

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From

Government of Fort St. George.

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Submits, for information, copy of instructions issued regarding rewards for acquisition of Native languages by Forest Officers; suggests similar rules being applicable to other Departments; and suggests a modification of G. O. G. G., 9th September 1864, No. 734.