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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th May 1876.

Read the following :—

No. 97. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May [illegible], No. 606, Forest No. 30 :—

Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 14th February 1876, No. 202.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th November 1875, and with reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No. 658/1 I have the honor to submit the Test that I think our subordinates should be required to Pass before they can be promoted to the post of Forest Ranger.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Test for Upper Subordinates, Forest Department.

UNLESS specially exempted by the local Government, no person shall, in future, be appointed to the upper subordinate grades of the Forest Department, (*i.e.*, Sub-Assistant Conservators and Forest Rangers other than Probationers), unless he shall have passed the following examination :—

1. If a European or East Indian, Vernacular test in the language of the district in which he may be employed as prescribed for.

If a Native, English test as prescribed for.

2. A practical knowledge of the system of keeping and rendering accounts and other returns in the Forest Department; rates for felling, trimming, carting, and labor generally; and market rates of the prevalent description of timber, fire-wood, &c. Paper to be drawn up by the Conservator periodically in communication with the Deputy Conservators of districts.

3. A practical acquaintance with the timber-trees and other forest-products of the district in which he may be employed; their value, uses, &c.; average consumption of timber and fire-wood in the district; quantity exported, and by what routes, &c. Paper to be drawn up as above.

N.B.—When the Forest Law and a Manual are introduced, papers on those subjects will be added, and an elementary knowledge of the land-tenure of the district.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Conservator of Forests.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No. 658.

2. In the order just quoted, the Government called for a report on the subject of requiring from Forest subordinates, on admission into the Department, a sufficient acquaintance with forestry, planting, and surveying, and in the letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th November 1875, No. 3,156, a preliminary test for those entering the Probationer's grade, and one to be passed by all Probationary Rangers before being posted permanently to the Ranger's grade, was proposed by the Officiating Inspector. Colonel Beddome now submits the test which, in his opinion, Forest subordinates should pass before appointment to the grades of Sub-Assistant Conservator and Forest Ranger, but makes no mention of a preliminary test for entrance into the Department. He is requested to state what qualifications should be required for admission as Probationers.

As regards the test now proposed for Probationary Sub-Assistant Conservators and Rangers, the Board observe that no stipulation has been made in regard to knowledge of Surveying,—a point which has been insisted on in recent orders. The test prescribed in G.O., dated 6th July 1875, No. 1,011, was drawn up primarily for candidates of the Conservator class, but its application is not expressly limited to them, and it is termed the Forest Officer's Survey Test. The addition of the following clause is therefore suggested:—"A knowledge of Surveying according to the test prescribed by G.O., dated 6th July 1875, No. 1,011, will be required."

4. The Conservator has omitted to enter the standard of the Vernacular Test. For Europeans and East Indians Test B., prescribed by G.O., dated 9th January 1873, No. 21, is applicable, but no simple test has been prescribed for ascertaining the knowledge of English possessed by natives, as far as the Board are aware. The Vernacular Test B. might be made applicable by the substitution of "letter" for "arzi" in Clause (a), and "Englishman" for "Gumastah" in Clause (b). The test appears to secure just the kind of knowledge of the language that is requisite. If this suggestion is not approved, the candidate for promotion might be required to pass the General Test in English.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 98. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 28th April 1876, No. 607.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting statement called for in the Official Memorandum, No. 78, dated 26th April 1876.

No. 99. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd May 1876, No. 1,162.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 12th April 1876, No. 50 :—

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March, No. 808, I have the honor to inform you that I am doubtful whether any preliminary test is necessary for men entering the probationer's grade. A good physique and a fair knowledge of English is all that is necessary, as these men cannot be permanently appointed as Rangers till they pass the prescribed test, failing which their services will be dispensed with. The fact of any test being necessary before the first nomination might cause much delay in procuring men adapted for our work. Should the Board, however, think differently, the tests suggested in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings above quoted might be made obligatory.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1876, No. 808.

2. The Board think it undesirable that probationers should be admitted without any test; a fair knowledge of English should at least be required, and the language test should be passed prior to admission as probationers.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1876, No. 604.

Forests, No. 4.

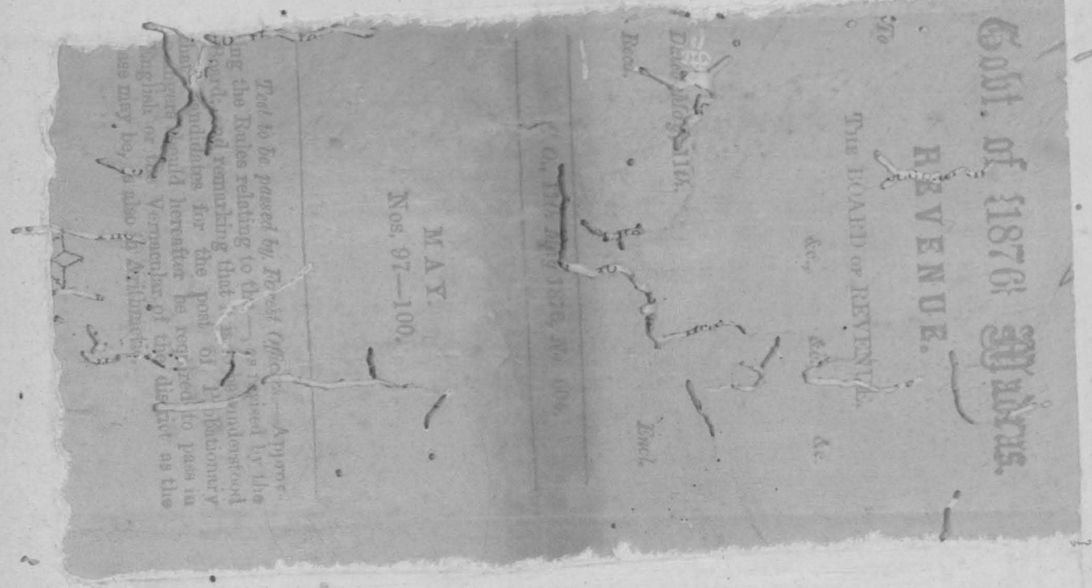
THE Rules, as revised by the Board, are approved; it being understood, however, that candidates for the post of Probationary Rangers should henceforth be required to pass in English or the Vernacular of the district as the case may be, as also in Arithmetic.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Conservator of Forests.
" the Accountant-General

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.



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FOREST No. 227.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th November 1875, No. 3,156.

Read the following letter from Major R. S. JAGO, Deputy Conservator in temporary charge of the office of Inspector of Forests, Ootacamund, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1875, No. 653:—

WITH reference to the Sub-Secretary's Memorandum, No. 116-1,581, dated 27th September, calling attention to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 3,942, of 8th May 1875, I have the honor to state that the Officiating Inspector is fully impressed with the importance of securing a practical professional training and knowledge in those appointed in future to the posts of Forest Ranger, and has taken the first step in this direction by proposing on the scheme for the revision of subordinate establishments now before the Government of India, the creation of six Probationary Rangers' posts, to be held by men during training, and such an improvement in the emoluments and prospects of the upper subordinate grades that we may reasonably hope to secure a good stamp of men fairly educated.

2. On receipt of the orders of the Government of India on the revision scheme, the Officiating Inspector will be prepared to submit, in communication with the Board, a preliminary test for those entering the Probationers' grade, and one to be passed by all Probationary Rangers before being permanently appointed to the Rangers' grade.

3. The formation of a good museum or school of economic Botany (which it would probably be found advisable to affiliate with the Civil Engineering College or Government Farm at the Presidency), as suggested by Colonel Beddome, would greatly facilitate the acquiring of professional knowledge by those anxious to qualify for admission into the department as Forest Rangers.

BEFORE addressing Government as required in G.O., 27th April 1875, No. 658, the Board will await the further communication promised in paragraph 2 of the Inspector's letter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Officiating Inspector of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

1875.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 19TH NOVEMBER 1875, No. 3,156.

Encl.

Received

NOVEMBER.

Fores No. 227.

Forest Subordinates.—Awaiting further communication from Inspector of Forests regarding a preliminary test for those entering the Probationer's grade, and one to be passed by Probationary Rangers before being permanently appointed to the Forest Ranger's grade.

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FOREST No. 30.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd March 1876, No. 808.

Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 14th February 1876, No. 208:—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th November 1875, and with reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No. 658, I have the honor to submit the Test that I think our subordinates should be required to pass before they can be promoted to the post of Forest Ranger.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Test proposed for Upper Subordinates of the Forest Department.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 27th April 1875, No. 658.

2. In the order just quoted, the Government called for a report on the subject of requiring from Forest subordinates, on admission into the Department, a sufficient acquaintance with forestry, planting and surveying, and in the letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th November 1875, No. 3,156, a preliminary test for those entering the Probationer's grade, and one to be passed by all Probationary Rangers before being posted permanently to the Ranger's grade, was proposed by the Officiating Inspector. Colonel Beddome now submits the test which in his opinion Forest subordinates should pass before appointment to the grades of Sub-Assistant Conservator and Forest Ranger, but makes no mention of a preliminary test for entrance into the Department. He is requested to state what qualifications should be required for admission as Probationers.

3. As regards the test now proposed for Probationary Sub-Assistant Conservators and Rangers, the Board observe that no stipulation has been made in regard to a knowledge of Surveying, a point which has been insisted on in recent orders. The test prescribed in G.O., dated 6th July 1875, No. 1,011, was drawn up primarily for officers of the Conservator class, but its application is not expressly limited to them and it is termed the Forest Officer's Survey Test. The addition of the following clause is therefore suggested: "A knowledge of Surveying according to the test prescribed by G.O., dated 6th July 1875, No. 1,011, will be required."

4. The Conservator has omitted to enter the standard of the Vernacular Test. For Europeans and East Indians Test B., prescribed by G.O., dated 9th January 1873, No. 21, is applicable, but no simple test has been prescribed for ascertaining the knowledge of English possessed by natives, as far as the Board are aware. The Vernacular Test B. might be made applicable by the substitution of "letter" for "arzi" in Clause (a), and "Englishman" for "Gumastah" in Clause (b). The test appears to secure just the kind of knowledge of the language that is requisite. If this suggestion is not approved, the candidate for promotion might be required to pass the General Test in English.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with manuscript copy of List, and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 19th November 1875, No. 3,156.

" the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND MARCH 1876, No. 808.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, No. 1011/X, dated 9th March 1876, and enclosures:—

Encl. 2

Submitting, with suggestions, a letter from the Conservator of Forests proposing the test to be passed by candidates before appointment to the grades of Sub-Assistant Conservator and Forest Ranger, and requesting that officers to state what qualifications should be required for admission as Probationers.

Received 5th April 1876.

MARCH.

Forest. No. 38.

Forest Subordinates.—Submitting to Government, with suggestions, letter from Conservator of Forests proposing the test to be passed by — before appointment to the grades of Sub-Assistant Conservator and Forest Ranger, and requesting that officers to state what qualifications should be required for admission as Probationers

R.C. 1 Aug/76 R.O. Aug
& reply R.S. Nov/76

Memo for orders

Board's No: 22nd March 1876 No 808.

In G.O. 9 Jan 1873 No 21, rules for the examination of officers of the Forest Dept in the General and Canarese Languages of this Presidency were passed. The Test A or the higher test, applied to European & East Indian candidates for appointments of the Assistant Conservator grade. The Test B. was prescribed for European & East Indian candidates for any grade of Forest Officers. In addition thereto, the Forest officers' Survey Test was prescribed in G.O. 9 June 1875 No 1011/X for the officers of the Conservator class. Now, in accordance with the suggestion made by the Govt of India in para 6 of their letter recd in G.O.

and

27 April 1875 No 65 of Lieut Subordinates in the Inferior grades of the Forest Dept should have sufficient acquaintance with Forestry, planting & surveying; the present proposals are submitted. According to this, assistants to the Head of the Local Conservation & Forest Rangers should pass tests 1, 2, & 3. stamped in the Memo from Lt Col Haddow. Test 1 seems to be the same as Test 4. above required, with corresponding alterations to make it applicable to natives, as recommended in para 6 of the Proceedings. Tests 2 & 3 ~~apply~~ relate to Forestry - On this last point it will be well to refer to Capt Walker's letter dy 18 Nov 1874 No 443 recorded in Govt dy 3 Dec 1875 No 178. in which the Govt remarked that no further tests in Forestry should be required.

para 1

para 6.

The Board of Revenue propose to add a knowledge of surveying according to G.O. 6 July 1870 No 1011; & before the amount of the Conservator to specify the tests, to be required for Rotation.

Orders are requested as to whether the proposals of the Conservator as modified by the Board of Revenue may be approved.

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I think a careful statement of the several grades with the duties & the tests proposed for each should be prepared & circulated. Then we must be guided by the opinion of those who have to carry out the duties & tests.

I quite agree

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Test for Upper Subordinate Forest Dept.

Sec. Office Memo No 7
Dated April 1876

R.C. 15th May/76 R 10 thereof
8 April R 25 April/76

Test for Upper Subordinate Forest Department.

Unless specially exempted by the local Government no person shall in future be appointed to the upper subordinate grades of the Forest Department (i.e. Sub-Assistant Conservators and Forest Rangers other than Probationers) unless he shall have passed the following examination—

1. If a European or East Indian vernacular test in the language of the District in which he may be employed as prescribed for

If a Native — English test as prescribed for—

2. A practical knowledge of the system of keeping and rendering accounts and other returns in the Forest Department—rates for felling, trimming, carting and labor generally

and

and market rates of the prevalent descriptions of timber firewood &c. paper to be drawn up by the Conservator periodically in communication with the Deputy Conservators of Districts

2. A practical acquaintance with the timber trees and other forest products of the District in which he may be employed their values uses & average consumption of timber and firewood in the District quantity exported and by what routes &c. papers to be drawn up as above.

N.B. When the Forest Law, and a Manual are introduced papers on those subjects will be added and an elementary knowledge of the land tenure of the District

/Signed/ R. H. Beddome. Lt Col
Conservator of Forests.

/ True Copy /

Ag. Secretary

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Enclosure in Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue dated the
Secretary to Government R.D.
dated 12th March 1856,
Read No. 30/808.

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Manuscript Copy of List.

Statement shewing the several grades of Forest Officers and Rangers with the tests prescribed for each, given in full against each grade or class and the duties appertaining to each.-

Grade or class	Prescribed tests.			Proposed tests.						Duties appertaining to each	Remarks.
	Vernacular in the language which the Officer may be employed	Survey test laid down in G.O. No 1011 dated 6th July 1875.	Vernacular in the language in which the Sub Assistant or Ranger may be employed.	If a European or East Indian Vernacular test in the language of the District in which he may be employed.	If a native English test as prescribed for	Accounts returns &c	Acquaintance with the timber trees	Knowledge of surveying			
Deputy Conservators		---	---	---	---	---	---	---		The general charge of Forest Divisions, plantations, Fuel Reserves &c.	* This test is not obligatory on the present Deputy Conservators.
Trained Forest Assistants from Europe and Assistant Conservators	Test A published in G.O. No 21 of 9th January 1873.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		___ Do ___ Do ___	
		* I. A practical knowledge of the system of demarcation as carried out by the Survey Department as far as it concerns the clearing & definition of boundaries.- II. Ability to survey by theodolite, chain, & cross-staff, the extent boundary of a forest block to plot from field notes, & compute the contents.	---	---	---	---	---	---		___ Do ___ Do ___	
Sub Assistant Conservators --- ---	---	---	Test B published in G.O. No 21 of 9th January 1873.	Test B published in G.O. No 21 of 9th January 1873.	Test B published in G.O. No 21 of 9th January 1873.	A practical knowledge of the system of keeping & rendering accounts and returns in the Forest Department for felling, carting and labor generally and market prices of the prevalent species of timber, papers to be drawn up by the Dy Conservators of Division.	[illegible]	A practical acquaintance with the timber trees and other forest products of the District in which he may be employed, their value, uses &c - Average consumption of timber and firewood in the District, quantity exported and by what routes &c - Papers to be drawn up by the Dy Conservator of Division.	A knowledge of surveying according to the test prescribed by G.O. dated 6th July 1875 No 1011.	The general charge of Forest Sub divisions or ranges. -	
Forest Rangers --- ---	---	---	___ Do ___	___ Do ___	___ Do ___					The working of forest tracts - formation of plantations. Survey of Forests. Monthly accounts &c &c. -	
Probationary Rangers	---	---	Do	Do	Do	---	---	---		Learning the work of a Forest Ranger. -	A few probationary rangers are now being appointed who have not passed any tests and they may be exempted and only required to pass them before being promoted to the Forest Rangers, but in future this class will in most cases be recruited from the Foresters grade and men will not be eligible until they have passed the language Test. -

Office of Conservator of Forests.
Ootacamund 28th April 1876.

R. A. Beddome Lt Col
Conservator of Forests.

Enclosure

to a Letter No. 607/11 dated 28th April 1876 from the Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

No 208/76

Submitted with the remarks reference to the Annual Forest Circle thereon.

Forest Circle

Pensioner on the Permanent Establishment

for orders submitted

on Boards Proceedings

22nd March 1877 & Encl.

No. 607/11

Office of Conservator of Forests

Ootacamund 28th April 1876

K.D. 604/11

No 78.

Offg Messrs

With reference to this Office Circular to the Board of Revenue dated 14th February 1876 No 208, the Conservator of Forests is requested to submit a clear statement shewing the annual grades of Forest Officers; with the leave prescribed for each grade in full against each grade in class, and the duties appertaining to each grade. The leave proposed should be distinguished from those already prescribed, and any class of officers for whom no leave is proposed or prescribed, should also be shewn in the statement with a remark to that effect opposite thereto. /Signed/ D.T.C.

Sec to Govt

26/4/76.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt

R. H. Beddome Lt Col

Conservator of Forests.

Copy of Offg. Memo
to Cons.y of Forests
Dated 26 April/76

No. 607.

Office of Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund 28th April 1876

From

Lt.Colonel R.A. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.

To,

The Honorable D.F. Carmichael
Secretary to Government
R.D.

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memorandum No. 78 of the 26th instant, I have the honor to submit the Statement called for; the letter to the Board of Revr. No. 208 dated 14th February alluded to in your Memo: only refers to "Forest Rangers", but as your Memo: mentions "Forest Officers" I have included all in the Statement now submitted.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

R.A. Beddome Lt.Colo
Conservator of Forests.-

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 3rd May 1804.

Read the following

From

Lieut. Col. R. H. Beddome

Conservator of Forests.

To

C. A. Galton Esquire

Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 22nd March, 1808, I have the honor to inform you that I am doubtful whether any preliminary test is necessary for men entering the Probationer's grade, a good physique and a fair knowledge of English is all that is necessary as these men cannot be permanently appointed as Rangers till they pass the prescribed test, failing which their services will be dispensed with; the fact of any test being necessary before the first nomination might cause much delay

Dr. H. J. Travers

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

1876.

From

The Conservator of Forests

To the Secy. to Govt. R.D.

Dated 10th Aug 1876

Read 28th " } Extract

Read 7th " } Ext. dated

Proclamation (Rec.)

Mark Mr. Elwin's Do. inquiries annexed

Dft. dated 5/8/76

Mr. Elwin

Mr.

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Dft. approved

Dft. submitting draft proclamation for sanction of Govt.

Read letter from the Office Manager R.D. dated 26th April 1876

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Confirmation of Taluk Rules

Encl. 2 Dfts.

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Revenue Department

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No 604.

Proceedings Madras Government
Under date the 11th May 1876
Read the following Papers

Pro Board of Revenue
Regarding test to be passed
by Forest Subordinates -

(Here enter 22nd March 1876 No 805)

From Conr of Forests
submitting statement of
tests prescribed for Officers in
the Forest Department.

(Here enter 26 April 1876 No 607)

Pro. Board of Revenue
Regarding test to be
passed by Forest Probationers

(Here enter 3rd May 1876)

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post of Probationary Rangers
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Send Copy to the Board of Rev. dr 11 May. 11 Bks for
do to the Conservator of Forests dr 21 do 0.
to the Accountant General dr 26 May

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(Rev. Dept. No 604 Despatch
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 3 May 1876.
Read 4 May 1876.

No. 604. dated 11th May 1876

Submitting Specimen Letters
from Examiner of Forest
regarding test to be passed
by Forest Probationers &
Forest Rangers &
stating that a pair knife
of Compasses should be
required & that the language
test should be passed prior
to admission as Probationers

Abstract

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