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The rules for admission to the Madras Provincial Civil Service, modified with reference to the orders quoted above, are re-printed as an appendix to these Proceedings and will be published in three alternate issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department. ✓
" Accountant-General.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President, Board of Examiners.

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G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

APPENDIX.

RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE MADRAS PROVINCIAL CIVIL SERVICE.

The following appointments, to fill which members of the Civil Service of India have hitherto been recruited, are open to members of the Provincial Civil Service subject to the rules for the time being in force under 33 Vic., Cap. 3, Sec. 6:—

	RS.
District and Sessions Judges (4) ..	1,600
Collectors and Magistrates of Districts (2) ..	1,200
Secretary to the Board of Revenue (1) ..	1,000
Under Secretary to Government (1) ..	700
Deputy Magistrates and Collectors, 1st Grade [corresponding to Sub-Collector] (2) ..	700
Deputy Magistrates and Collectors, 3rd Grade [corresponding to Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate] (4) ..	500
Deputy Magistrate and Collector, 5th Grade [corresponding to passed Assistant Collector] (1) ..	300

* NOTE.—These appointments are subject to the claims of officers in the Indian Civil Service appointed before 1880. If no fit and competent member of the Provincial Civil Service is available, or if the preponderant administrative needs of the Province require it, an Indian Civil Servant may be appointed to any of these appointments or to any of the 14 appointments of Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors in Grade VIII.

The Provincial Civil Service shall consist of two branches—(1) Executive, (2) Judicial—and shall include the following appointments:—

[A = Executive. E = Judicial.]

	RS.
B. Subordinate Judges (3) ..	800
I.	
A. Deputy Magistrate and Collector (1) ..	700
II.	
B. Subordinate Judges (5) ..	650
III.	
A. Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors (5) ..	600
IV.	
A. Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors (14) ..	500
B. Subordinate Judges (6) ..	500
V.	
A. Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors (22) ..	400
B. District Munsifs (30) ..	400
VI.	
A. Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors (17) ..	300
B. District Munsifs (30) ..	300
VII.	
A. Deputy Magistrates and Deputy Collectors (18) ..	250
B. District Munsifs (30) ..	250
VIII.	
B. District Munsifs (24) ..	200
IX.	

II. Vacancies in the list of Deputy Collectors shall be filled, as heretofore, mainly by selection from the Subordinate service of persons who have passed the examinations prescribed for those posts and from persons, whether in the service of Government or not, of proved merit and ability. One appointment by recruitment shall, however, be thrown open annually to competition under Rule XII.

III. The appointments of Sub-Judges shall be made entirely by selection, but only Barristers, Advocates, High Court Vakils, Attorneys of the High Court and District Munsifs shall be eligible for these posts.

IV. The appointment of District Munsifs lies, under Act III of 1873, in the hands of the High Court, the qualifications required being regulated by rules made by the Honourable the Judges subject to the approval of Government. The latest rules as published on page 260 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part I, dated 14th April 1885, limit the choice to—

- (i) Advocates, Vakils and Attorneys of the High Court and persons duly qualified for admission as Advocates, Vakils and Attorneys of the High Court;
- (ii) Persons who have obtained the degree of Bachelor of Laws at one of the Universities of Madras, Calcutta or Bombay;
- (iii) Persons who have passed the First-grade Pleaders Examination.

Exceptions.

- (a) Persons who, before the 1st January 1885, completed the Special Tests at that time required to qualify for the office of District Munsif.
- (b) Persons already in the service of Government in the Judicial Department who may have passed the tests required under the old rules, dated 29th July 1869, to qualify for a munsifship at any of the Special Test Examinations held up to and including the year 1889.

V. Every candidate for appointment by recruitment must furnish satisfactory evidence—

- (a) that he is not over 25 years, except in the case of persons appointed to the Judicial branch otherwise than by competition. In these excepted cases, article 63 of the Civil Service Regulations fixes the maximum age at 30;
- (b) that he fulfils the conditions prescribed in the rules for admission to the Public Service;
- (c) that he is of sound health, good physique, and active habits;
- (d) that he is of good character; and
- (e) that he has passed the third-class vernacular test prescribed for European and Eurasian civil officers other than members of the Indian Civil Service or has graduated in a vernacular or has passed the *viva voce* examination of the Translation test, Higher grade.

VI. Every person appointed to the Provincial Civil Service by recruitment shall be subject to probation for a period of two years, unless in special cases the Government declares such probation to be unnecessary. During this period he must complete the vernacular and other tests prescribed for the appointment which he may hold and his appointment shall be probationary only. His confirmation shall be conditional on his passing the prescribed examinations and giving satisfaction in the performance of his duties during the term of probation.

VII. The subjects of Native Princes in alliance with Her Majesty shall be eligible for appointment to the Provincial Civil Service provided they are qualified in other respects.

VIII. Recent residence of at least three years in the Presidency shall in all cases be an essential condition of admission, and no Barrister, Advocate, Vakil, Attorney or Pleader shall be appointed as such unless he has been at least three years practising his profession in India.

IX. Europeans, who are not Statutory Natives of India, shall, if qualified by the above conditions, be eligible with the sanction of the Government of India for appointment to posts in the Provincial Civil Service other than the listed appointments declared open to that service by notification, in regard to which the sanction of the Secretary of State will be required.

X. No member of the Provincial Civil Service shall be dismissed otherwise than on the result of a judicial or formal departmental inquiry.

XI. Government reserves to itself the right to make promotions to the superior grades of the Provincial Civil Service carrying salaries of Rs. 500 per mensem and above without reference to any claim of seniority.

XII. The following are the regulations in regard to the competitive examination referred to in Rule II *supra* :—

An examination for admission to the Provincial Civil Service shall be held in Madras once a year in the month of December, commencing on a day to be fixed from time to time by Government.

2. The examination shall be conducted by a Board appointed by Government, consisting of a President, three members and a Secretary. The Board shall have the power of appointing additional examiners to assist in the examination, if necessary.

3. The examination shall be open to all persons being British subjects or the subjects of Native Princes in alliance with Her Majesty who have qualified for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the Madras University provided that they furnish satisfactory evidence as to age, physique, moral character and knowledge of a vernacular and succeed in passing a Medical Board as hereinafter laid down.

4. Applications for admission to the examination in the form prescribed must reach the Secretary to the Board of Examiners not later than the 31st August preceding. Each candidate must forward with his application the following :—

- (i) a certificate that his age will be under 25 and over 20 years on the day preceding that fixed for the commencement of the examination;

NOTE.—This certificate should take the form either of a certified extract from an official register of births or of baptisms, or of a solemn declaration before a magistrate accompanied by a copy and translation of the candidate's horoscope.

- (ii) a certificate from a gazetted medical officer "that he has no disease, constitutional affection, or bodily infirmity, unfitting him, or likely to unfit him, for Government service," and that he has been vaccinated or has had small-pox;

- (iii) The following certificates to the effect that he has borne a good moral character :—

- (1) A certificate from the head or heads of the college or colleges in which he studied for his degree of Bachelor of Arts; and

- (2) (a) A certificate from the head or heads of the institution or institutions, if any, in which he continued his studies after taking such degree; or

- (b) A certificate from his employers, if he has been employed since graduating; or

- (c) If he has neither attended an educational institution nor been employed since taking his degree, a certificate from a responsible person who can certify to his conduct from personal knowledge.

- (iv) Satisfactory proof that he has either passed the third-class vernacular test prescribed for European and Eurasian civil officers other than members of the Indian Civil Service, or graduated in a vernacular or has passed the *viva voce* examination of the Translation test, Higher grade.

5. No candidate shall be registered unless he has previously paid a fee of Rs. 50. The fee should be paid into a Government treasury and the fee receipt must be forwarded with the application for admission to the examination. The fee of candidates who fail to pass the Medical Board shall be returned to them.

6. Candidates whose certificates are satisfactory will be required to appear before a Medical Board to be assembled by the Surgeon-General at such time and place as Government may direct. Only such candidates as are certified by the Medical Board to be possessed of an exceptionally good physique and to be specially fitted for the active duties of a Revenue officer shall be admitted to the examination.

7. Candidates who have passed the Medical Board shall be informed of the fact by the Secretary to the Board of Examiners, and shall be furnished in due course with a time-table of the examination.

8. The following shall be the scheme of the examination :—

Compulsory Branch.

	Time.	Marks.	
		Paper.	Viva voce.
English Language	3 hours	150	50
Do. Literature	3 "	250	50
Essay on one of three specified subjects	4 "	200	..
Total	..	700	..

Optional Branches.

				Time	Marks.	
					Paper.	Viva voce.
(1) Mathematics—						
Pure Mathematics	..	..	..	3 hours	250	..
Mixed do.	..	..	..	3 "	250	..
(2) Physical Science—						
Either—						
Physics, first paper	..	..	..	3 hours	150	..
Do. second paper	..	..	..	3 "	150	..
Practical examination	..	..	..	3 "	200	..
or—						
Chemistry, first paper	..	..	..	3 hours	150	..
Do. second paper	..	..	..	3 "	150	..
Practical examination	..	..	..	3 "	200	..
(3) Natural Science—						
General Biology ..	..	..	..	3 hours	150	..
And either—						
Botany or Animal Physiology or Zoology or	..	..	..	3 hours	150	..
Geology ..	..	..	..	3 "	200	..
Practical examination	..	..	..	3 "	200	..
(4) Mental and Moral Science—						
Psychology and General Philosophy	..	..	..	3 hours	200	50
Logic and Ethics ..	..	..	..	3 "	200	50
(5) History—						
History of England and India	..	..	..	3 hours	200	50
Political Economy	..	..	..	3 "	200	50

9. No candidate shall be permitted to bring up more than one Optional branch.

10. No candidate who fails to obtain one-fourth of the total number of marks assigned to the Compulsory branch shall be permitted to appear for examination in an Optional branch.

11. If a candidate fails to obtain one-fourth of the marks assigned to the Optional branch selected by him, such marks shall not be counted in the total number of marks obtained by him.

12. A candidate who fails to obtain one-third of the total number of marks assigned to the whole examination shall not be deemed qualified for an appointment.

13. The Board shall submit to Government a tabular statement showing the marks obtained by the candidates, arranged in order of merit. Only so many of the candidates at the top of the list as Government may direct shall be mentioned by name, the remainder being indicated by their register numbers only.

14. The following rules shall be observed by the Board of Examiners:—

(a) Each paper in the compulsory subjects shall be drawn up by two members of the Board to be appointed by the President and shall be finally accepted by the Board. Answer-papers shall be valued in the first instance by the examining members, but the valuation shall be accepted by the whole Board in Session or Council.

(b) The papers set in the optional branches shall be submitted to the Board for approval. Answer-papers shall be valued by the respective Examiners, the valuation being subject to acceptance by the Board, which is empowered to make a percentage deduction from the total marks awarded for any branch on being satisfied, after communication with the Examiners concerned, that the marking has been on too liberal a scale as compared with other branches.

(c) The viva voce examinations in each of the compulsory subjects shall be conducted by the President and at least two members of the Board, and in the optional subjects by the Chairman or a member of the Board deputed by him and all the Examiners appointed for the branch.

(d) In the compulsory subjects, style, accuracy of expression and command of language generally shall be taken into consideration when assigning marks.

(e) The questions in the various papers shall be expressly framed to test the wide knowledge and culture to be expected from a University man, and not merely of an accurate acquaintance with facts or sets of facts, names, dates and the opinions of authorities.

FORM of Application for admission to the Examination for the Provincial Civil Service.

Name (in full)

Name and occupation of father or guardian

Age and date of birth

Race (i.e., nation, tribe, &c.)

Religion

Place of birth—Town or village and district

Date of passing the B.A. Degree Examination if prior to 1886-87

If after 1886-87, the Language Branch

the Optional Branch

If after 1891-92, the English Language Division

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the Science Division

Present position or occupation

College or Colleges in which educated

Optional branch in which the applicant desires to be examined

Special tests passed by the applicant, if any

Present residence and address

XIII. Deputy Collectors are required to pass the following tests:—

(i) Before appointment—

- (1) Revenue Higher.
- (2) Criminal Higher.
- (3) Account Test, Higher.
- (4) Third-class vernacular Test.

NOTE.—Persons who have graduated in one of the vernaculars of the Presidency or who have passed the Language branch of the B.A. Degree Examination of the Madras University with a vernacular as their optional language or who have passed the *viva voce* examination of the Translation Test, Higher grade, are exempt from this test.

(5) Précis-writing Test.

Full particulars regarding tests (1), (2), (3) and (5) will be found on pages 25-34 of the Fort St. George Gazette, Part I-B, dated 29th January 1895, and information as regards test (4) on pages 462-464, 488-490, 522-524, 557-58, 612-614 and 662-664 of the Gazettes of the 24th April, 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th May and 31st June, respectively.

NOTE.—Deputy Collectors appointed on the results of the competitive examination will not be required to have passed tests (1), (2), (3) and (5) before appointment. They will, however, be expected to complete all the tests specified in clauses (i) and (ii) of this rule within the probationary period of two years alluded to in Rule VI.

(ii) After appointment—

(6) (a) For Europeans and Eurasians only—A test corresponding to the examination of the Covenanted Civil Servants by the Higher Standard.

(b) For others—The Compulsory Vernacular Test in two languages.

The following is the test:—

(i) Reading aloud fluently and construing with readiness and accuracy not less than an octavo page of the undermentioned works:—

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| In Tamil | 1. The first three books of Panchatantram. |
| | 2. The whole of Virada Parvam (Prose). |
| In Telugu | 1. Panchatantram. |
| | 2. Vemana Verses contained in Telugu Selections. |
| In Canarese | 1. Panchatantram. |
| | 2. Udyogaparva the first three Sandhis. |
| In Malayalam | 1. Vetala Charitram. |
| | 2. Keralapazhama. |
| | 3. Keralolpati |
| | 1. Hitopadesha |
| In Uriya | 2. Batris Singhasana |
| | 3. Ramayana, Sundara Kanda |

(ii) Translating in writing into English, with accuracy, a passage from some tolerably difficult work, not being a text-book.

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(iii) Translating in writing, with accuracy of grammar and idiom, into the language in which the examination is held, an English paper of somewhat difficult style relating exclusively to Indian subjects, and, as far as possible, bearing upon questions connected with the department to which the officer belongs.

(iv) Translating in like manner a paper of English sentences.

(v) Reading aloud fluently, and translating correctly and readily, two or three manuscripts written in the language in which the examination is held, in a plain running office-hand.

(vi) Conversing with the Examiners, or with natives of India, on such subjects proposed by them as are calculated to test colloquial facility, both as regards scholarlike expression and knowledge of terms and phrases as commonly used by the poorer and uneducated classes.

NOTE.—Graduates and Under Graduates of the Madras University who have taken up one of the vernaculars specified as their Optional Language in the University examination have to pass in only one vernacular other than the Optional Language of their examination; but they will not be declared to have passed the test in the second vernacular unless they satisfy the Examiner that they can read fluently and with facility manuscripts written in the vernacular in which they are exempted from passing.

The vernacular examination is conducted by the Board of Examiners and is held half-yearly at Madras in January and July, or at such time as the Board of Examiners may direct. Officers are required to pass the test within a year from the date of the half-yearly examination next succeeding their appointment, an additional year being allowed to those who have to pass in two languages. An officer failing to pass the examination within the prescribed time will vacate his appointment in the grade unless the period is specially extended by Government.

NOTE.—The period of one year prescribed in the above rule will be reckoned from the date of first appointment as sub. pro tem. Deputy Collector.

All Deputy Collectors, whether permanent, acting or sub. pro tem. will be allowed to appear for the compulsory vernacular test so as to afford them ample opportunities of qualifying by the test before the question of their confirmation arrives.

Officers who are lent to foreign service and permitted to retain a lien in the Deputy Collectors' list are allowed to appear for the above test.

(7) *Equitation Test.*—Officers will be required to obtain from the Equitation Board appointed in G.O., No. 402, dated 7th June 1894, within four months from a date to be fixed in each case by the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, a certificate of ability to ride eight miles in the hour along an ordinary country handy-track without unduly distressing themselves or their horses. The Government will be prepared to sanction exemptions from this test in special cases.

NOTE.—The period of one year prescribed in the above rule will be reckoned from the date of first appointment as sub. pro tem. Deputy Collector. Applications for postponement of the Riding test are dealt with by the President of the Equitation Board.

(8) The third-class vernacular test being an examination, the passing of which is purely optional, travelling allowance is inadmissible for journeys performed by candidates in connection with their attendance at that examination.

XIV. Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs are required to pass the following tests before appointment:—

(1) Third-class Vernacular test.

NOTE.—Persons who have graduated in one of the vernaculars of the Presidency or who have passed the Language branch of the B.A. Degree Examination of the Madras University with a vernacular as their optional language or who have passed the first class examination of the Translation Test, Higher grade, are exempt from this test.

(2) Précis-writing test.

Native Subordinate Judges permanently appointed after the issue of this rule are required to pass in two languages the vernacular test laid down in clause (ii) of Rule XIII. The examination is conducted by the Board of Examiners and is held half-yearly at Madras in January and July, or at such time as the Board of Examiners may direct. Subordinate Judges are required to pass this test within a year from the date of the half-yearly examination next succeeding their appointment, an additional year being allowed to those who have to pass in two languages. An officer failing to pass the examination within the prescribed time will be required to vacate his appointment in the grade unless the period is specially extended by Government. Native Subordinate Judges and Native District Munsifs will be permitted to appear for the compulsory vernacular test before confirmation.

European and Eurasian Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs are also required to pass, in the language of the district in which they are employed, either before entering on their duties after appointment, or within one year thereafter on pain of loss of promotion, or within two years thereafter on pain of loss of appointment, the second-class test prescribed for European and Eurasian Civil officers other than members of the Indian Civil Service. It is not, however, incumbent on an officer to pass in a second vernacular either on transfer from one district to another, or when two vernaculars are recognized as the language of a district. This test is the same as that laid down in clause (ii) of Rule XIII. The examination is conducted by the Board of Examiners and is held twice a year in January and July.

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