

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 28-10-1867.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd October 1867.*

No. 533. Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 12th October 1867, No. 95:—

As requested by Mr. Overbury, now an Assistant in Cuddapah, I have the honor to forward the enclosed original letter from him, pointing out that from the fact of his having been sent on special duty, just before his examination came on, and having incurred a severe attack of fever, which prostrated him for many months, he has been unable to give his attention to the due preparation for his examination, and has consequently failed in attaining the requisite number of marks to pass. The result has been that several of Mr. Overbury's juniors have passed over him, and are now enjoying that promotion which he feels he was entitled, under ordinary circumstances, to expect. He now requests that Government will consider him eligible for promotion, without insisting on his passing the first standard examination. Mr. Overbury's case deserves every consideration; he conducted the special duty on which he was deputed so satisfactorily, that Government in their Order of 8th March 1867, No. 579, were pleased to express their approbation of his conduct. I

Collector's letter, dated 2nd February 1867,
No. 39.

Board's Proceedings, dated 26th February 1867,
No. 1,183, embodied in the Government Pro-
ceedings of the 8th March 1867, No. 579.

would beg to refer Government to the marginally noted letter, in which I have already brought Mr. Overbury's conduct to notice.

From the Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 19th September 1867.

I have the honor to request that you will forward this letter to Government for their consideration.

1. In November 1865 I was appointed to Malabar. In the following January an examination of Assistants was held at Calicut at which I attended. As I had been only two months up-country, and the language was new to me, I failed to pass the first standard.

2. The next examination was held in the middle of August 1866. Three weeks before it, I was transferred to Coimbatore on special duty. As Mr. Grant considered that I should proceed at once to the distressed talooks in the north of the district, I did not wait for the examination, but travelled to Collegal without delay. I was given to understand, however, before leaving, that as mine was a special case, a special examination would be allowed me on my return.

3. In November I applied for a special examination. This the Board of Examiners refused, notwithstanding Mr. Grant's representations in my favor.

4. Owing to severe fever, contracted while on duty, I was compelled to take sick leave for three months; and I was thus prevented from appearing at the next examination held in January last. I rejoined my station a month previous to the examination held July last. I then presented myself for examination, and now learn that I failed to pass the prescribed test by twenty-six marks in the Law of Evidence, and by twelve marks in the Penal Code.

5. I have now been an Assistant for two years, having been one of the first of the Junior Civilians in my year who were appointed to an up-country station. It had been my intention to pass my examination quickly, as my low position on the list would otherwise militate against my promotion.

6. Having now laid before Government the above facts, I would ask for their intervention in my behalf, and would beg that, notwithstanding I have not passed the first standard examination, that I may be considered eligible for promotion.

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7. The grounds of my application are : that by having to proceed on urgent special duty just before an examination, my private interests were sacrificed. That while so employed I was prevented from prosecuting my studies from the exceptional nature of the work. That by severe illness, contracted on duty, and indeed by exposure and incessant travelling in the most feverish season of the year, I was unable to attend the following examination.

8. The object in making the above application is that I may obtain promotion, which some of the Junior Civilians in my year, more fortunately situated than myself, have already obtained.

No. 534.

ORDER THEREON. 28th October 1867, No. 2,529.

Miscellaneous.

Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, Mr. Overbury will be informed that with due regard to the claims of those gentlemen who have passed the first standard, the Government will, as opportunity offers, give consideration to his claims to promotion, irrespective of the fact that he has not yet passed that standard, but without thereby relieving him from the obligation to do so.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
To E. N. Overbury, Esq.
To the Revenue Board.

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To the Collector of Coimbatore Dept. 29

E. N. Overbury Esq. 28 Oct 67

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The Collector of
Coimbatore

To The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department

Dated 12th } October 1867.
Received 14th }

With one enclosure
Submits with recommendation

along a letter from Mr. Overbury
requesting that Govt. will
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Standard Examination.

Approved

No 2529. 28 Oct 67

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TO THE REVENUE BOARD