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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. SAWYER, Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 14th July 1897, No. 469 G.

I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of Government of India, Military Department, letter No. 1210 C., dated 5th July 1897, with special reference to paragraph 4, and of my letter No. 151 G., dated 26th February 1897, to which it is a reply, regarding the educational test to be passed by all candidates for entrance into offices of the Military Department, Madras.

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From Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. BARROW, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Commissary-General-in-Chief, Director-General, Indian Medical Service, and Director, Army Remount Depôt, dated Simla, 26th May 1897, No. 924 C. (Establishments).

No. 151 G., dated 26th February 1897.

I am directed to forward a copy of the letter marginally noted from the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, regarding the educational tests to be required for employment in the Army Clothing department, Madras, / Medical Store depôts in the Madras Command, / Remount depôt, Hosur, and to request that, if there is no objection, the suggestion contained in paragraph 7 of the Controller's letter may be adopted, and the rules issued under the orders of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, may be applied to the department referred to.

Copy forwarded herewith.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. SAWYER, Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Madras, 26th February 1897, No. 151 G. (Establishments).

I have the honour to submit the following for the consideration and orders of the Government of India.

2. In my letter, No. 816 G., dated 6th November 1895, the necessity for a definite ruling as regards the educational qualifications to be demanded for employment in the Military department generally in this command was brought to notice, and the Government of India decided * that the matter should be left to His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, who accordingly issued instructions on the subject.

* *Vide* Military Department letter, No. 914 C., dated 18th May 1896.

3. These instructions apply to employés in the head-quarter offices of this command, in the Medical and Ordnance departments and in District Staff offices only, and the question arises as to the qualifying tests to be required for employment in the departments and offices noted in the margin, regarding which the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, has intimated that it is out of the power of His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding to take any action.

Army Clothing Department.
Office of Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments.
Pension offices.
Remount depôt, Hosur.
Medical Store depôts.

4. As regards the Army Clothing department, the Superintendent having been requested to furnish educational certificates in support of the pay of certain men who had been entertained in his office subsequent to 1st April 1895, intimated that the men had passed the departmental test under the rules contained in the Madras Clothing Manual, which were published under the

authority of Government of India letter, No. 3225 D., dated 16th July 1894, to the address of the Commissary-General-in-Chief. It is observed that this Manual is not to be quoted as authority for charges when unsupported by the original order authorizing them, but is merely an unofficial publication. The educational test required of candidates for employment in the above office prior to the re-organization was that laid down in *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 29th January 1895, Part I-B, page 18, and it is doubtful whether the same rules should continue in force after the re-organization of the army and the abolition of the Military department of the Madras Government. It may be noted, however, that the test prescribed in the Clothing Manual is almost exactly the same as that laid down by the Lieutenant-General Commanding for command head-quarter offices, &c.

5. With respect to clerks in the office of the Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments, the Remount depôt, Hosur, and the Medical Store depôts, the educational test in force generally in the Madras Presidency, as quoted in the preceding paragraph, has hitherto been applied, but, under present conditions, it is suggested that a test similar to that prescribed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces for employés in Madras Command head-quarters, &c., be applied to candidates for employment in the other offices above mentioned.

6. With reference to the clerks employed for military pension work under those Civil officers who have charge of the duty of paying pensioners and family-certificate holders at certain stations in this command, it appears to me that, as these clerks really belong to Civil office establishments, the general educational test prescribed for such establishments under the Madras rules, should be passed by them as heretofore.

7. While on this subject, I would suggest, for the consideration of the Government of India, the desirability of introducing a uniform educational test to be passed by all candidates for entrance into offices of the Military department.

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. BARROW, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, dated Simla, 5th July 1897, No. 1210 C. (Establishments).

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 151 G., dated the 26th February 1897, submitting the question as to the qualifying tests to be required for employment in the departments and offices noted in the margin, and suggesting the desirability of introducing a uniform educational test to be passed by all candidates for entrance into offices of the Military department in the Madras Command.

Army Clothing Department.
Office of Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments.
Pension offices.
Remount depôt, Hosur.
Medical Store depôts.

2. With reference thereto, I am to state that, as regards the Army Clothing department, the Remount depôt, Hosur, and the Medical Store depôts, the heads of departments concerned have been addressed with a view to the adoption, if there is no objection, of the suggestion contained in paragraph 7 of your letter under acknowledgment.

Copy of letter forwarded herewith.

3. As regards the clerks in the office of the Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments, I am to state that the rules issued under the orders of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, might be applied to them also.

4. The views expressed in paragraph 6 of your letter regarding clerks employed for military pension work under those Civil officers who have charge of the duty of paying pensioners and family-certificate holders at certain stations in the Madras Command, are also accepted.

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To the Commissioner for Government Examinations.
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