

Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 219

Dated 23 April

[Despatch Abstract.]

Village Officers' Special Examination.

Considering that the rules prescribed for the — should
come into operation from the 1st July 1898; ordering the
publication of the necessary orders in the Fort St. George &
all District Gazette, & stating that orders will come in the
G.O. Dept. per primary School. Etc.

BACK PAPERS.

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Revenue (189³) Department.

CURRENT No. 1412.

From

The Board of Revenue,

Land Revenue,

Madras.

Ref No. 209

Order

Dated 23th February 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Recommending to Government that
Collectors may be empowered to ex-
empt village offices from passing
the Primary Examination as well as
the special Tests prescribed for
Journams and village headmen.

BACK PAPERS.

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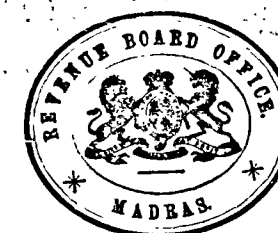
FURTHER PAPERS.

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Reference on No. of 1898.

In replying the above should be quoted.

(LAND REVENUE.)



Read Endorsement of the Collector of South Canara, Ref. on G.No.122/ver of 1898, dated 24th January 1898, submitting for orders letter from the Head Assistant Collector, South Canara, about empowering Collectors to exempt candidates for village offices from passing Village Officers Tests.

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Reference No.209 , dated 23th February 1898.

In its order No.4139 Rev., dated 19th October 1896 the Government was pleased to delegate to Divisional officers the power to exempt individuals from the village officers' tests for a period of 5 months in each case, and remarked in para 2 of the same order that as the rules under Act III of 1895 could not apply to districts where the hereditary principle did not exist, orders would issue in the Educational Department empowering Collectors in such districts to exempt any person appointed to the office of kurnam, headman or monigar from the tests prescribed for those offices. But in its order No.729 Edul., dated 24th November 1896 the Government resolved to postpone till 1st January 1898 the introduction of the Primary Examination as a compulsory test for village offices, and in view of this decision it was considered unnecessary to empower Collectors to sanction the appointment of unpassed men.

2. It has now been brought to the notice of the Board

that the same difficulty still exists in obtaining passed men to fill the above posts. The revised rules under section 20 of Act III of 1895, submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings No. 418, dated 29th November 1897, contemplate the further postponement of the examination rules until July 1st., 1898, but as pointed out by Government, the rules under the Hereditary Village Offices' Act cannot govern districts in which the said offices are not hereditary. The Board therefore resolves to repeat its recommendation to the effect that Collectors of non-hereditary districts should have full power to exempt village offices from passing the Primary School Examination, as well as the special tests prescribed for kurnams and village headmen.

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Secretary

To

The Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department.

Md.R.H.

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1903.



From the Board of Revenue,
(Land Revenue), Madras.

Ref: No. 247

Dated 7th March 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Government application from the Collectors of Madura and Kurnool on the question of the exemption of Village Officers from Educational tests.

Order

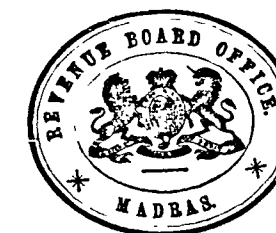
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Reference on No. of 1898.

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(LAND REVENUE.)

Read again Board's Reference No 209, dated 28th February 1898.

Read ^{also} letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary —
to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, R.C.No 236/genl:
dated 6th February 1898.

Read also letter from the Collector of Madura, R.C.No 518/gl:
dated 26th February 1898.

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Reference---No 247, dated 7th March 1898.

Applications from the Collectors of two hereditary districts, Kurnool and Madura, for early orders on the question of the exemption of Village Officers from educational tests are submitted for orders. The draft rules submitted for the approval of Government with Board's Proceedings No 418, dated 25th November 97 provide that Collectors may specially exempt Village officers under certain conditions from the Educational tests (vide Rule 21 p 18 of the appendix to that Board's Proceedings). But the rules will not attain the force of law until they are published after due notice in accordance with section 7 of the Madras General clauses Act, I of 1891. Moreover the Board has proposed that this rule about educational tests should not have effect until 1st July 1898.

2. Under the circumstances recited in the recent Board Reference No 209, dated 28th February 98, it would seem necessary to empower Collectors in hereditary districts also, to exempt village officers from the Educational Tests until 1st July 1898. This might be done by an executive order similar

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that which the Board has suggested in the case of non-hereditary districts.

3. Neither the Collector of Madura nor the Collector of Kurnool refers to the power already delegated to Divisional Officers to exempt Village Officers for three months in each case. This delegation has -- either been overlooked or is considered insufficient. In any case there will be numerous instances in which exemption may be necessary for a longer period than three months and these have to be provided for.

4. The Board therefore requests that Collectors in hereditary districts also may be given power to exempt Village Officers from the Educational tests until 1st July 1898 when the rules proposed for hereditary districts are expected to come into force.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two letters in original to be returned.

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(1) Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Ref. no. 208, dated February 1898 (G. no. 1712).

(2) Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Ref. no. 247, dated March 1898 (G. no. 1806 of 1898).

Secretary.

In para XV of the notification appended to G.O. no. 5 of 29th June 1891, it was directed that on and after the 1st January 1892 no person who had not passed the prescribed Village Officers' examination, should be appointed to the office of a karnam, munsiff, unless specially authorized by the Collector.

2. In July 1896 it was reported that the manuals which were intended as text-books for the examination were not yet ready and that it was quite impossible to enforce the above rule on the 1st January 1898. The Government accordingly directed the working of the rules till 1st January 1898 (vide G.O. no. 18th August 1896).

3. The text-books were not available even by 1898 and

themselves for examination. The Board therefore recommended that the term be extended up to the 1st January 1898. This was approved in G.O. No. 264 dated 15th June 1896.

4. Similarly in the case of the Primary School Examination which is also prescribed for the village officers referred to, the operation of the rule has been postponed till the 1st January 1898. Vide G.O. No. 729, Col dated 24th November 1896.

5. It appears that there is still difficulty in getting qualified candidates and the Board accordingly recommends in the two currents noted at the top of this note that "Collectors of non-hereditary districts, be given full power to exempt village officers from passing the Primary School Examination, as well as the Special tests prescribed for karnams and village headmen", and that Collectors in hereditary districts "be given power to exempt such officers from the educational tests until 1st July 1898, when the rules proposed for the hereditary districts are expected to come into force".

6. It is observed that of the two educational tests prescribed for the appointment of karnam, headman and monigar, namely,

(1) the Primary School Examination
and

para XV of the Notif.
under G.O. 589
29.6.91

para 2 of G.O. No. 729 Col
24.11.96.

(2) the Village Officers Special tests. Collectors have already ~~been~~ got power to exempt a person from the latter test; it is only in regard to the former test that they have no such power. It was suggested in 1896 that they should have this power also. But the Educational Department, then decided that as the date of introduction of the Primary School examination as compulsory test for village officers was postponed, no action in that respect was then needed. The examination rules have now come into force or will soon do so, if the date should be postponed to the 1st July 1898 as suggested, and it is necessary that this point should be considered. In the rules under section 20 of Act III of 1885, it is provided that Collectors should have the same power of exemption in regard to all tests. Vide rule 21 on page 18 of Board's Proceedings No. 41 dated 28th November 1897. These rules have not yet been finally sanctioned and when they are, they will apply only to hereditary districts and special orders will be necessary in regard to non-hereditary districts.

7. The point for consideration is whether it will suffice to grant Collectors power to exempt candidates for the office of karnam, &c. from the Primary School examination, as well as from the Village Officers' special

or whether the very operation of the
examination rules should also be
postponed to the 1st July 1898 (or
even a later date) ^{as contemplated} in rule 21 of the
rules appended to B.P. No 418 d.
29.11.97.

In the former case orders
will have to issue only in the
Educational Department in
the latter case in both the
Rev. & the Edl Depts.

20 Mar 98 H.M.
Perhaps it will be
best to postpone the operation
of the rules till 1st Jul 98
8/7/98

Secy
Please see draft
below.
2 Apr 98
will Ed Dept please see draft sent so. Perhaps the
draft might be altered

The second part of para
2 rather assumes that
Edl will empower Comm. No
doubt it will but H.M. has
said so. Perhaps the
draft might be altered

Dispatched
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Read--
(1) Proceedings of the Board of Rev. Ref.
No. 209 d/ 28-2-98. C.No.1712 of '98.
(2) do. No. 247 d/ 7-3-98, C.No.1903
of '98.

G.O. No. 219 of 23rd April 1898.
that the Govt. considers it preferable to
pone the operation of the examination rules till the
July 1898. The following notification will be
accordingly be
published in the Fort St. George and

all District Gazettes:-
Notification.

In further modification of Notifi-
cation No. 366 published at page 848 of
Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette d/
18-8-91 as amended by notifications Nos.
454 d/ 18-8-93 published at page 1040 of
Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette
d/ 5-9-93 and No. 325 published at page
824 of part I of the Gazette d/
7-7-96, H. E. the Govr in Council is
pleased to notify that the rule that
none but persons who have passed the vi
lage officers' Special Test shall be ap
pointed to the offices specified in par
I of the notification, shall take effect

2. Orders in regard to the postpone-

ment of the Primary School Examination

and on the question of ^{whether} ~~empowering~~ Collrs

~~Shd be empowered~~

to exempt persons from that examination

in view to employment as village officers

will issue in the Educational Department.

To the Bd of Rev. L.R.

.. Edl. Dept.

.. Supt. Govt Press, for publica-

tion of notification.

Government {1898} of Madras. REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 219, 23rd April 1898.

APRIL.

Village Officers' Special Test Examination.

Considering that the rules prescribed for the — should come into operation from the 1st July 1898; ordering the publication of the necessary notification in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes; and stating that orders will issue in the Educational Department regarding primary school examination.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 209, dated 28th February 1898 :—

Read—Endorsement of the Collector of South Canara, Ref. on C. No. 122/Ver. of 1898, dated 24th January 1898, submitting for orders letter from the Head Assistant Collector, South Canara, about empowering Collectors to exempt candidates for village offices from passing village officers' tests.

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2. It has now been brought to the notice of the Board that the same difficulty still exists in obtaining passed men to fill the above posts. The revised rules under section 20 of Act III of 1895, submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, No. 418, dated 29th November 1897, contemplate the further postponement of the Examination rules until 1st July 1898, but, as pointed out by Government, the rules under the Hereditary Village Offices' Act cannot govern districts in which the said offices are not hereditary. The Board therefore resolves to repeat its recommendation to the effect that Collectors of non-hereditary districts should have full power to exempt village officers from passing the primary school examination, as well as the special tests prescribed for karnams and village headmen.

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

READ—also the following Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 247, dated 7th March 1898 :—

READ—again Board's Reference, No. 209, dated 28th February 1898.

Read—also the following letter from MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 6th February 1898, R.C. No. 236-Genl.

According to the Government notification No. 366, published at page 848 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette* for 1891 and as amended up to date (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 243, dated 6th July 1896), none but persons who have passed the village officers' special test can be appointed to the offices of reddy, assistant reddy, karnam or assistant karnam without the Collector's sanction. Vacancies in these posts occur very frequently in this district.

As there are very few passed candidates available in this district, the vacancies cannot be filled up without causing a great loss of time and much inconvenience to work, if every nomination of an unpassed candidate is to be submitted to the Collector for sanction. Besides, this course will immensely multiply the work of the Collector. In the interests of the public service and with a view to prevent the increase of work in the Collector's office, I have the honour respectfully to suggest that, so far as this district is concerned, the power of temporarily exempting unpassed candidates for acting village offices, say, for six months, may be delegated to the Divisional officers.

2. As it is reported that there are several such recommendation rolls now pending with my Divisional officers, the favour of early orders on the subject is solicited.

Read—also the following letter from J. G. D. PARTRIDGE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 26th February 1898, R. C. No. 518-Gl.

The primary school examination and the village officers' special tests have been made compulsory tests for appointments to village offices from 1st January 1898 by Government Order, No. 94, Educational, dated 15th February 1897, and No. 264, Revenue, dated 15th June 1896. The number of candidates that have as yet fully qualified themselves for village offices in this district according to the tests prescribed are very few, only 22 in fact, and considerable difficulty is felt in finding fully-qualified men for village offices when vacancies occur. Rule 18 of the draft rules printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 368, dated 29th September 1896, Land Revenue, states that, unless specially exempted by the Collector, persons who have not passed the primary examination and village officers' special tests should not be appointed to offices of karnams or monigars. But, as the rule has not yet come into force, I am unable to exercise the power intended to be conferred by it. I have therefore the honour to request that, until the draft rules are passed into law, Collectors may be generally authorised to grant exemptions in cases in which unqualified or only partially-qualified men are proposed for appointment to village offices in the absence of duly-qualified men.

Reference No. 247, dated 7th March 1898.

Applications from the Collectors of two "hereditary" districts, Kurnool and Madura, for early orders on the question of the exemption of village officers from educational tests are submitted for orders. The draft rules submitted for the approval of Government with Board's Proceedings, No. 418, dated 25th November 1897, provide that Collectors may specially exempt village officers under certain conditions from the educational tests (*vide* Rule 21, page 18 of the appendix to that Board's Proceedings). But the rules will not attain the force of law until they are published after due notice in accordance with section 7 of the Madras General Clauses Act, I of 1891. Moreover the Board has proposed that this rule about educational tests should not have effect until 1st July 1898.

2. Under the circumstances recited in the recent Board's Reference No. 209, dated 28th February 1898, it would seem necessary to empower Collectors in hereditary districts also, to exempt village officers from the educational tests until 1st July 1898. This might be done by an executive order similar to that which the Board has suggested in the case of non-hereditary districts.

3. Neither the Collector of Madura nor the Collector of Kurnool refers to the power* already delegated to Divisional

* Board's Proceedings, No. 408, dated 27th October 1896.

officers to exempt village officers for three months in each case. This delegation has either been overlooked or is considered insufficient. In any case there will be numerous instances in which exemption may be necessary for a longer period than three months and these have to be provided for.

4. The Board therefore requests that Collectors in hereditary districts also may be given power to exempt village officers from the educational tests until 1st July 1898 when the rules proposed for hereditary districts are expected to come into force.

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two letters in original to be returned.

ORDER—No. 219, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1898.

Miscellaneous.

The Government considers that the best course will be to postpone the operation of the examination rules till the 1st July 1898. The following notification will accordingly be published in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

In further modification of notification No. 366, published at page 848 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th August 1891, as amended by notifications No. 454, dated 18th August 1893, published at page 1040 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 5th September 1893, and No. 325, published at page 824 of Part I of the *Gazette*, dated 7th July 1894, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify that the rule that none but persons who have passed the village officers' special test shall be appointed to the offices specified in paragraph I of the notification, shall take effect from the 1st July 1898.

2. Orders in regard to the postponement of the primary school examination and on the question whether Collectors should be empowered to exempt persons from that examination in view to employment as village officers will issue in the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) with enclosures.
„ the Educational Department.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, for publication of notification.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

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