

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY
BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Wednesday the 30th instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vict. cap. 2, and 52 Vict. cap. 6, to the amount of £1,000,000, in replacement of Bills falling due on the 4th January 1897.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1000, £5000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 4th January 1897, and will be payable at three months, or six months, or twelve months, after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz., on the 4th April or 4th July 1897, or 4th January 1898 respectively.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Thursday the 31st instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock on Monday the 4th proximo.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 18th December 1896.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

December 18, 1896.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for situations as Male Learner, in Edinburgh, Dublin, Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Cardiff, in the Department of the Postmaster-General, will be held on the 16th February 1897, under the Regulations dated 13th November 1896, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

The Examinations will be held in the following towns and for the number of situations indicated, viz. :—

Edinburgh...	...	Not fewer than	20
Dublin	" "	8
Liverpool	" "	10
Glasgow	" "	16
Newcastle-on-Tyne	...	" "	6
Cardiff	" "	8

The Examinations are intended to supply the several Post Offices with persons resident in or near the towns in which the Examinations are held. Candidates will be allowed to compete only for vacancies in the town in which they elect to be examined.

No person will be admitted to any of these Examinations from whom the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, has not received, on or before the 29th January 1897, an application on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

December 18, 1896.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for the situation of Female Learner in Edinburgh, Dublin, Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cardiff, and Belfast, in the Department of the Postmaster-General.

These Regulations will come into force on the 1st January 1897. They are liable to alteration for future Examinations.

1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners—

- (a) That their age on the day of the Examination is not less than 15 nor more than 18.
- (b) That they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.
- (c) That they are unmarried or widows.

2. At each Examination the number of Candidates to be selected will be such as the Postmaster-General may from time to time fix.

3. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz. :—

1. Handwriting.
2. Orthography.
3. English Composition, to be tested by a short essay or letter on a simple subject.
4. Arithmetic, including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions and Percentages.
5. Geography (general).

4. Candidates must be at least 5 feet in height. No officer, however, will be retained in the Service who does not attain the height of 5 feet 2 inches before completing her 19th year.

5. No Candidate will be admitted to examination who does not, at such time as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners, produce an undertaking, signed by her Parent or Guardian, that she will, if successful, reside within a suitable distance from the Post Office, either with her Parents or Guardians, or with relations or friends approved by them.

6. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service will not be eligible unless they produce to the Civil Service Commissioners the written permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the Examination, dated before the commencement of the Competition.

7. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners.

8. A fee of 3s. will be required from every Candidate attending the Examination.

NOTE.—Female Learners will be required to resign their appointments on marriage.