

WHITEHALL, June 9, 1898.

The Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 19th May 1898, to appoint William Thomas Brownlow, Marquess of Exeter, to be Custos Rotulorum of the Soke of Peterborough, in the room of Brownlow Henry George, Marquess of Exeter, deceased.

WHITEHALL, June 9, 1898.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto—

Edward Knox, Esq., late Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of New South Wales;

James Reading Fairfax, Esq., in recognition of services rendered to the Colony of New South Wales;

John Langdon Bonython, Esq., in recognition of services rendered in the cause of Public Education in the Colony of South Australia; and

Ormond Drimmie Malcolm, Esq., Q.C., Chief Justice of the Bahama Islands.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

June 10, 1898.

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 Male Learner in Edinburgh, Dublin, Birmingham, Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cardiff, and Belfast, in the Department of the Postmaster-General.

These Regulations 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.

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).

Candidates who fail to obtain such an aggregate number of marks as may indicate, in the judgment of the Civil Service Commissioners, a competent amount of general proficiency, will not be regarded as qualified.

4. Candidates must be at least 5 feet in height, and no officer will be retained in the Service who does not attain the height of 5 feet 4 inches before completing his nineteenth 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 his parent or guardian, that he will, if successful, reside within a suitable distance from the Post Office, either with his parents or guardians, or with relations or friends approved by such parents or guardians.

6. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service, Engineer Students in the Navy, and Apprentices in Her Majesty's Dockyards, 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 4s. will be required from every Candidate attending the Examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that Open Competitive Examinations for situations as Male Learner in Edinburgh, Dublin, Birmingham, Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cardiff, and Belfast, in the Department of the Postmaster-General, will be held under the foregoing Regulations, commencing on the 26th July 1898.

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

Edinburgh	Not fewer than	6
Dublin	" "	14
Birmingham... ..	" "	12
Liverpool	" "	6
Glasgow	" "	20
Newcastle-on-Tyne	" "	4
Cardiff	" "	2
Belfast	" "	4

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 7th July, an application, on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

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June 10, 1898.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names :—