

EAST INDIA HOUSE, 10th October 1855.

**NOTICE** is Hereby Given, that the annexed **CODE OF REGULATIONS** for the **ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES** at the **EXAMINATIONS** to be held for the Appointment of **ASSISTANT-SURGEONS** in the Service of The **EAST INDIA COMPANY**, has been framed by the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India, under the provisions of the Act 16 and 17 Vic., cap. 95, sec. 38.

**REGULATIONS** for the **ADMISSION** of **CANDIDATES** for the **APPOINTMENT** of **ASSISTANT-SURGEONS** in the **SERVICE** of The **EAST INDIA COMPANY**.

All natural-born subjects of Her Majesty, between 22 and 28 years of age, and of sound bodily health, may be Candidates for admission into the Service of the East India Company as Assistant-Surgeons.

They must subscribe and send in to Dr Scott, the Physician to the Honourable East India Company, ten days before the period fixed for each Examination, a Declaration to the following effect:—

"I (Christian and Surname at full length), a Candidate for employment as an Assistant-Surgeon in the Service of the East India Company, do hereby declare that I was \_\_\_\_\_ years of age on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ last, and that I labour under no constitutional disease or physical disability that can interfere with the due discharge of the duties of a Medical Officer; and I also attest my readiness to proceed on duty to India within three months of receiving my appointment."

This Declaration must be accompanied by the following Documents:—

1. Proof of age, either by extract from the Register of the Parish in which the Candidate was born, or by his own declaration, pursuant to the Act 5 and 6 William IV, cap. 62.

2. A Certificate of moral character from a Magistrate, or a Minister of the religious denomination to which the Candidate belongs, who has personally known him for at least two preceding years.

3. A Diploma in Surgery; or a Degree in Medicine, provided an Examination in Surgery be required for such Degree; from some body competent by law to grant or confer such Diploma or Degree.

4. A Certificate of having attended two Courses of Lectures, of six months each, on the Practice of Physic, and of having attended for six months the practice and Clinical Instruction of the Physicians at some Hospital, containing at least, on an average, one hundred in-patients; or of having attended one Course of Lectures, of six months, on the Practice of Physic, and Clinical Instruction for twelve months.

5. A Certificate of having attended, for three months, the Practical Instruction given at one of the Public Asylums for the treatment of the Insane.

6. A Certificate of having attended, for three months, one of the Institutions, or Wards of an Hospital especially devoted to the treatment of Ophthalmic disease.

Candidates who may not have been able to attend the Practice of an Asylum for the Insane, or of an Ophthalmic Hospital, for three months previous to their offering themselves for Examination, will not be excluded from Examination, but will, if successful in obtaining recommendation for appointments, be required to produce Certificates of having attended such practice during the interval between the Examination and the time of proceeding to India.

7. A Certificate of having attended a Course of Lectures on Midwifery, and of having conducted at least six labours.

8. A Certificate of having acquired a practical knowledge of Cupping.

Candidates may also, at their option, send in certificates of attendance at any Hospitals, or on any Courses of Lectures, in addition to the above. Attendance on a Course of Military Surgery, and the practical study of surgical operations on the dead body, are recommended.

The Examination will include the following subjects:—

1. Surgery in all its departments.
2. Medicine, including the Diseases of Women and Children, Therapeutics, Pharmacy, and Hygiene.
3. Anatomy and Physiology, including Comparative Anatomy.
4. Natural History, including Botany and Zoology.

The following are the Books recommended in—

Zoology and Comparative Anatomy—"Outlines of the Structure of the Animal Kingdom," by Rymer Jones; or "Cours Élémentaire d'Histoire Naturelle," par Milne Edwards.

Botany—"Lindley's School Botany," or "Lindley's Elements of Botany."

The Examination will be conducted—

1. By means of written questions and answers.
2. By object examinations and experiments, when the subject admits of such tests.
3. By practical examination of patients, and by operations on the dead body.
4. By viva voce examination.

The persons who shall be pronounced by the Examiners to be the best qualified in all respects, will be appointed to fill the requisite number of appointments as Assistant-Surgeons in the East India Company's service; and, so far as the requirements of the service will permit, they will have the choice of the Presidency in India to which they shall be appointed, according to the order of merit in which they stand on the list resulting from such Examination.

All Assistant-Surgeons are required to subscribe to the Military or Medical, and Medical Retiring Funds, at the Presidencies to which they may be respectively appointed, and to the Military Orphan Society also, if appointed to Bengal.

All Assistant-Surgeons who shall neglect or refuse to proceed to India under the orders of the Court of Directors, within three months from the date of their appointment, will be considered as having forfeited it, unless special circumstances shall justify a departure from this Regulation.

A copy of these Regulations, and any further information, may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Military Department, East India House.

The Examinations will take place in the months of January and July in each year, and due notice will be given by public advertisement of the days appointed, and of the probable number of Candidates to be selected.

**THE EXAMINERS FOR ASSISTANT-SURGEONS**

In the Honourable East India Company's Service, having received many inquiries as to the object and extent of the Examination in Comparative Anatomy, Zoology, and Botany, have considered it desirable to announce that their objects are—

1. To ascertain who of the Candidates have devoted especial attention to any of these sciences, and are hence qualified to undertake duties requiring a knowledge of them, as well as the general duties of their profession. Proficiency in these sciences will, in classifying the Candidates by merit, be entitled to great consideration.

2. To encourage all Candidates to acquire an elementary knowledge of the structure and affinities of the principal natural families of Animals and of Plants, with the general plan upon which these are constructed, and the functions and relations of their most important organs.

3. To promote the study of Natural History as a most important adjunct or preliminary to a liberal Medical Education; that of Comparative Anatomy, Zoology, or Botany, if properly cultivated, by means of specimens, for even a short period, being eminently calculated to develop habits of close observation, and to strengthen those powers of reasoning upon observed facts, which must be habitually exercised by Medical Men everywhere, but which must be exercised with the greatest energy and promptitude by those who practise in a tropical climate, and who are often thrown wholly upon their own resources.

The General Examination in these sciences will be elementary, and will embrace a very limited range of technical terms. At the Written Examination, a considerable number of questions will be put, with the view of allowing each Candidate to select such subjects as he has attended to, and, thereby, of enabling the Examiners to ascertain the particular departments of science in which the Verbal Examination should be conducted.

With those Candidates who have attained proficiency in any branch of these sciences, the Verbal Examination will be pursued in the branch selected, so as to ascertain the full extent of their knowledge.

It is now announced that the next Examination will be held at this House on the 14th of January next, and succeeding days, and that the probable number of vacancies in the Medical Establishment of the East India Company, to be then filled up, will be Twenty-five.

JAMES C. MELVILL, Secretary.