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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
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THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS respecting Competitive Examinations, held under the Orders in Council of 4th June 1870 and 12th February 1876, for Second-Class Clerkships in the India Office, and Men Clerkships in the Lower Division of the Civil Service.

N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.

1. Competitive examinations of Candidates for Second-Class Clerkships in the India Office and Clerkships in the Lower Division of the Civil Service will be held from time to time at such places as may be deemed expedient.

2. These examinations are open, under such general restrictions as may be laid down, to all natural-born subjects of Her Majesty, being of the prescribed age, and of good health and character. The undermentioned restrictions are at present in force :—

(i.) The following classes of persons are ineligible, viz.,

Persons actually serving in the Army and Navy.

(ii.) The following classes of persons will not be eligible unless they shall have produced to

the Civil Service Commissioners, before the date of the competition, the written permission of the authorities of their department to attend the examination, viz.—(a) Persons holding situations in the Civil Service; (b) Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, of less than 12 years' service; (c) Apprentices and Engineer Students in Her Majesty's Dockyards.

(iii.) Persons who have been trained in Normal Schools at the public expense will not be qualified to receive appointments until the consent of the Committee of Council on Education, Great Britain, or the Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, as the case may be, given in conformity with rules sanctioned by the Lords of the Treasury, has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

(iv.) In reckoning age for competition the following allowances will be made, viz.,—(1) members of the Military and Naval services (whether commissioned or non-commissioned) may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have served towards pension; (2) persons who have served for two full consecutive years (a) in any Civil situation to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, (b) in the Royal Irish Constabulary, or (c) as Registered Copyists in connection with the Civil Service, may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service.