

that ' Any District Board, at any Meeting of which ' due notice has been given by advertisement at ' least ten days previously in a newspaper printed ' or circulated in the County or Counties in which ' the District is situated, may resolve to Petition ' the Secretary of State to vary the Annual Close ' Time in such District, provided that such Annual ' Close Time shall always be 168 days.' And whereas the District Board of the River Annan have, in terms of the above section, petitioned me to alter the Annual Close Time at present applicable to the District of the River Annan, by Order under my hand, as empowered and authorised by the said 9th section of 'The Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act, 1868.' Therefore I, the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, having fully considered the said Petition, and being satisfied that it is in terms of the said 9th section of the Salmon Fisheries Act of 1868, and that the alteration petitioned for will be for the good of the Salmon Fisheries in the District of the River Annan, do now, by Order under my hand, fix and determine that the Annual Close Time applicable to the Fisheries in said District shall in future be from 10th September to 24th February, with extension of time for Rod Fishing, in terms of the said Petition, from 10th September to 15th November; and I direct this Order to be published in the Edinburgh Gazette of Friday the 8th August, as directed by the said 9th section of 'The Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act, 1868.'

Given under my hand,

W. V. HARCOURT.

Whitehall, 6th August 1884.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, July 21, 1884.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Prescott Gardiner Hewett, Bart., F.R.S., to be one of Her Majesty's Serjeant-Surgeons in Ordinary, in the room of Caesar H. Hawkins, Esq., F.R.S., deceased.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

August 2, 1884.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that at an Examination held in London, on the 20th June 1884, and following days, in pursuance of the Regulations respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Clerkships (Class I.) in the Civil Service, dated 23d February 1880, and published in the London Gazette of the 24th of the same month, the undermentioned candidates obtained the first seven places:—

Number in Order of Merit.	Name.
1	Heath, Thomas Little
2	Crowly, Joseph Patrick
3	Simpson, Harry Butler
4	Byrne, William Patrick
5	Davies, Charles Llewelyn
6	Browne, Edward Austin
7	Mann, James Hargrave

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, Imperial Measure, as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise, in the Week ended 2d August 1884, conformably to the Act of the 45th and 46th Victoria, cap. 37.

	QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	35,495	1	37	6
Barley	668	6	27	6
Oats	3,022	3	22	7

R. GIFFEN.

Commercial Department, Board of Trade,

August 2, 1884.