

having claims for losses sustained by them during the war between France and Madagascar, will be allowed to support them before the Indemnity Commission:—

‘ M. L'AMBASSADEUR,

‘ In your Note of the 1st instant your Excellency was good enough to express a desire for information as to the manner in which British subjects, who have suffered losses in Madagascar, will be allowed to support their claims before the Commission charged with the distribution of the indemnity.

‘ I hasten to inform you of the Regulations which the Commission, acting under the authority conferred upon it, has thought fit to draw up for its own guidance in this matter.

‘ It has decided that persons interested may furnish the Commissioner, whose duty it is to report upon their claims with explanations, oral or written, and with such evidence as they may judge proper. The Commission is even prepared to allow them, if a special request to that effect is made, to be heard either in person or by deputy, but only to offer explanations or answer questions. It holds, on the contrary, that no arguments nor pleadings can be allowed before it.’

WINDSOR CASTLE, March 25, 1887.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Thomas Martineau, Esq., Mayor of Birmingham.

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 31, 1887.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Albany de Grenier de Fonblanque, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at New Orleans, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, to reside at New Orleans.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint James Hayes Sadler, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Chicago, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the States of Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado, and for the Territories of Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming, to reside at Chicago.

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 31, 1887.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. G. Gustav Nebendahl as Vice-Consul at Bristol for the German Empire.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Jorge Ancizar as Vice-Consul at Manchester for the Republic of Colombia.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

April 1, 1887.

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

March 28, 1887.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Customs: Out-Door Officers—Andrew Browne, Patrick James Sullivan.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Prison Department, Scotland: Warder—James Donaldson.

Post Office: Skilled Telegraphist, London—Emily Mary Pollock.

Postmen or Sorters, London—Charles William Brock, Arthur Alfred Gee, Frederick Arthur Knocks, George Henry Quinton, Marcus Edward Thomas Weston.

Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners—Robert Black (Liverpool), John Thomas Hodgson (Lancaster), Douglas Wright Jackson (Lancaster), William Marshall (Whitby), Bernard James Neiningner (Gloucester), Ambrose Smith (Liverpool).

Postmen — Thomas Brown (Plymouth), Thomas Conway (Ferns), Frank Jackson (Birmingham), Joseph Winkill Kindleysides (Liverpool), Horace Poole (Ingatestone), Alfred Simmons (East Grinstead), Frederick Anstin Slaney (Manchester), William Taylor (Manchester).

March 29, 1887.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Lower Division: Man Clerk — Ernest Alfred Sothcott.

Customs: Out-Door Officer—John Henry Scales.

Post Office: Female Telegraph Learner, London—Florence Louise Thiede.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Customs: Boatman, Sunderland—William Hall.

Post Office: Postmen or Sorters, London—William Henry Billings, Henry Smith, George O'Connell.

Suburban Postman, London—William Nash.

Skilled Telegraphist, Edinburgh — John Charles Mitchell Plant.

Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners—Hugh Richard Allister (Monaghan), Harry Gillard Cove (Torquay), Philippe Balleine De La Perrelle (Guernsey), Thomas Dickinson (Blackburn), John Walter Jones (Liverpool), Walter Harold Kisbey (Cardiff), Justin James M'Carthy (Blackburn), William Clark Seaton (Greenock), Richard Whitlock (Sherborne).

Postman—John Workman Douglas (Perth).

FOR REGISTRATION AS TEMPORARY BOY COPYIST.

Charles Edward M'Enery.