

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act 29 and 30 Vict., cap. 39, sec. 16, that the actual surplus revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond the actual expenditure thereof, for the year ended the 30th day of September, 1870, amounted to the sum of four million seventy-seven thousand and seventy-eight pounds four shillings and nine pence.

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that the sum of one million nineteen thousand two hundred and sixty-nine pounds eleven shillings and two pence, being one-fourth part of the said surplus of four million seventy-seven thousand and seventy-eight pounds four shillings and nine pence, will be applied under the provisions of the said Act, in the quarter ending the 31st day of March, 1871, towards the reduction of the National Debt.

A. Y. Spearman, Comptroller-General
National Debt Office, January 5, 1871.

Education Department, Whitehall,
January 4, 1871.

The Committee of Council on Education, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, hereby give notice, that the following situation in the establishment of the said Committee is withdrawn from Schedule A of the Order in Council, dated 4th of June, 1870; viz. :—

The situation of—
Inspector's Assistant.

Civil Service Commission,
Cannon-row, Westminster, S.W.
January 5, 1871.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations for Examinations, to be held in pursuance of Her Majesty's Order in Council of June 4th, 1870, have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

REGULATIONS (framed in pursuance of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 4th day of June, 1870), for an Open Competitive Examination for the situations of Second Class Assistants of Excise in the Department of Inland Revenue.

N.B.—These Regulations apply only to the Competitive Examination to be held on

For any subsequent Examination fresh Regulations will be issued, which may be different from these.

1. On 1871, an examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin of candidates for the situations of Second Class Assistants of Excise in the Department of Inland Revenue. [] such situations will be filled up by means of this competition, if so many candidates shall be found qualified according to the rules hereinafter prescribed,

2. This competition will, subject to the payment of the fee hereinafter mentioned, be open to all persons, being natural-born subjects of Her Majesty, and between the ages of 19 and 22 on the day of examination, who shall have produced

evidence *primâ facie* satisfactory to the Civil Service Commissioners showing that they are unmarried and without family.

Application for permission to attend this examination must be made to the Civil Service Commissioners by letter, in the writing of the candidate, a fortnight at least before the day appointed.

3. The examination will take place in the following subjects, viz. :—

	Marks.
1. Handwriting	200
2. Orthography	200
3. Arithmetic (to vulgar and decimal fractions)	300
4. English composition	200

A fee of £1 will be required from every candidate attending this examination.

4. The merit of the persons examined will be estimated by marks, and the number set opposite to each subject in the preceding regulation denotes the greatest number of marks that can be obtained in respect of it.

5. The marks obtained by each candidate in respect of the subjects in which he shall have been examined will be added up, and the [] candidates who shall have obtained a greater aggregate number of such marks than any of the remaining candidates will be deemed to be selected candidates, and will be entitled to be employed on probation each in one of the [] situations above referred to, which are now vacant or which may next become vacant; provided that he be duly qualified according to the special rules prescribed, under Clause IV. of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 4th June, 1870, for the situation referred to.

6. Every selected candidate, after being appointed, will enter on a period of probation, and he will not remain in the Public Service after six months from the date of his appointment, unless satisfactory proofs of his fitness shall have been furnished to the chief of the Department and a certificate of his qualification shall have been issued by the Civil Service Commissioners.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 137.)—AMERICA—WEST COAST—CALIFORNIA.

Fixed Light on Cape Blanco.

THE United States Government has given notice, that from the 20th December, 1870, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse on Cape Blanco, Oregon.

The light is a *fixed* white light, elevated 255 feet above the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 22 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the first order.

The tower, 65 feet high, is built of brick, and painted white: it is situated about 200 yards from the western extremity of the cape. Position, lat 42° 50' 7" N., long. 124° 32' 29" West from Greenwich.

By Command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London.
27th December, 1870.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Cook River to California Gulf, No. 2461; and Cape Mendocino to Vancouver Island, No. 2531.