

2. On the 5th day of August, 1871, I shall take the aforesaid representation into consideration, and all persons are to intimate, before that time, any objection they may desire to offer to the abolition of the said fair.

(Signed) *H. A. Bruce.*

Whitehall, July 12, 1871.

Inland Revenue Office, July 14, 1871.

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue, with the concurrence of the Lords of the Treasury, withdraw the situation of Excise Preventive Man in Scotland from Schedule A of the Order in Council, dated the 4th June, 1870, relating to Her Majesty's Civil Establishments.

*Civil Service Commission,
Cannon-row, Westminster, S.W.,
July 13, 1871.*

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations for Examination, 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 June, 1870) for an Open Competitive Examination for Clerkships, &c., in various Departments, as stated in the Schedule hereto annexed.

N.B.—*These Regulations apply only to the Competitive Examination to be held on the 22nd August, 1871. For any subsequent Examination fresh Regulations will be issued, which may be different from these.*

1. On Tuesday, the 22nd day of August, 1871, and following days, a competitive examination will be held, in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, of candidates for employment as Clerks and Supplementary Clerks, and in other similar capacities in various Departments as stated in the schedule hereto annexed. Ten 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 examination will, subject to the payment of the fees hereinafter mentioned, be open to all persons, being natural born subjects of Her Majesty, provided—

(a.) That their age, on the first day of the said examination, be not less than 16 nor more than 20;

(b.) That their health and character are such as to qualify them in these respects for the employment which they seek;

(c.) That they have already passed a preliminary examination under the Regulations of December 6th, 1870 (Scheme II.), or shall have passed the preliminary examination prescribed in the following Regulation (3.)

* * Candidates who have served as pupil teachers or schoolmasters in schools under inspection by the Committee of Council on Education, England, or by the Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, will be reported specially to those departments; and such of them as have been trained in normal schools at the public expense, will not be qualified to receive appointments in the Civil Service until the consent of those

departments, and the concurrence of the Treasury therein, has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

3. Preliminary examinations will be held by the Civil Service Commissioners in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, on the 4th and 11th of August, in the following subjects:—

1. Handwriting;
2. Orthography;
3. Arithmetic (to Vulgar and Decimal Fractions);

and no candidate who fails to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners of his competence in each of these subjects will be admitted to the competitive examination above mentioned.

Application for permission to attend one of these preliminary examinations must be made in the writing of the candidate, so as to be received ten days at least before the day on which he wishes to attend.

A fee of 10s. will be required from each candidate attending the preliminary examination.

4. At the competitive examination exercises will be set in the following subjects, and the candidates' performances will be valued in marks according to their relative merit; the maximum of marks for each subject being fixed as follows, viz:—

Handwriting	...	...	...	...	400
Orthography	...	...	...	...	400
Arithmetic	...	...	...	...	400
Copying MS. (to test accuracy)	...	...	...	...	200
Indexing or Docketing	...	...	...	...	200
Digesting Returns into Summaries	...	...	...	...	200
English Composition	...	...	...	...	200
Geography	...	...	...	...	200
English History	...	...	...	...	200
Book-keeping	...	...	...	...	200

Candidates will be at liberty to offer themselves for examination in any or all of these subjects. No subjects are obligatory.

A fee of one pound will be required from each candidate attending this examination.

5. The marks obtained by each candidate will be added up, and the ten 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 ten situations, specified or referred to in the annexed schedule, 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 particular situation to which he may be appropriated as arranged in the following Regulation (6).

6. Subject to the last-mentioned condition, the particular departments and situations to which the selected candidates may be respectively appointed will be determined by their own choice, exercised, while an alternative remains, by each in the order of his position on the list. Vacancies, as they occur, will be announced by the chiefs of the various Departments to the Civil Service Commissioners, who will communicate with the qualified candidates next in order of choice, and report the result to the Departments concerned. In case of a vacancy occurring in a Department for which no one on the list of selected candidates is in all respects qualified, the Civil Service Commissioners may offer it to the candidate highest at the time on the list of selected candidates, subject to his passing a qualifying examination within such period as they may determine; or may reserve it to be filled by means of a subsequent open com-