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FIRST APPOINTMENTS, REGIMENTAL PROMOTION, EXCHANGES, &c.

War Office, October 31, 1871.

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, of which the following is a copy.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS, by Our Warrant of the 20th July, 1871, We deemed it expedient to cancel and determine, on and after the 1st day of November, in this present year, all Regulations made by Us or any of Our Royal predecessors, or any officers acting under Our authority, regulating or fixing the prices at which any Commissions in Our Forces may be purchased, sold, or exchanged, or in any way authorising the purchase, or sale, or exchange for money of any such Commissions;

Our Will and Pleasure is,—

That the under-mentioned Articles of Our Warrant of the 27th December, 1870, be cancelled accordingly, viz.:

Articles 33 [Paragraph *a*], 36 [Paragraph *a*], so much of Article 40 as relates to Regimental Promotion, Articles 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 102, 109, 959, 961, 967, 968, 969, 970.

And whereas it is expedient, pending a more complete revision of that Section of Our said Warrant of 27th December, 1870, which now governs the promotion of combatant Officers, to provide at once for certain necessary changes in respect of First Appointments, Regimental Promotion, and Exchanges;

Our Will and Pleasure is,—

That this Warrant be established and obeyed from the 1st day of November, in this present year, in respect of all matters herein contained, and that it be construed, administered, and interpreted with Our said Warrant of 27th December, 1870.

I.—FIRST APPOINTMENTS.

SUB-LIEUTENANTS.

1. A Commission as Sub-Lieutenant in Our Army may be given:—

(a.) To a successful candidate at a Competitive Examination in general subjects to be

held under such regulations as may be issued from time to time by our Secretary of State.

- (b.) To a Student from the University of Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, London, Dublin, Edinburgh, St. Andrew's, Glasgow, Aberdeen, or the Queen's University, Ireland, who has passed "Responsions" at Oxford, the "Previous Examination" at Cambridge, or the corresponding Examination at the other Universities, —under such regulations with respect to the age and manner of selection of such candidates as may be issued from time to time by Our Secretary of State.
- (c.) To Our Cadets styled "Queen's Cadets;" to those styled "Indian Cadets;" and to Our Pages of Honour. These Cadets and Pages of Honour shall pass such a qualifying examination in general subjects as may be fixed from time to time by Our Secretary of State.
- (d.) To a Non-commissioned Officer who is recommended for promotion by Our Commander-in-Chief, and who shall pass such a professional examination as may be fixed from time to time by Our Secretary of State.

2. Sub-Lieutenants, in order to qualify for the rank of Lieutenant, shall be required to serve satisfactorily for twelve months with one of Our Regiments, and after such service (except in the case of Non-Commissioned Officers promoted to be Sub-Lieutenants,) to go through such a course of study, and to pass such a professional examination, as may be fixed from time to time by Our Secretary of State.

3. Sub-Lieutenants shall be removed from Our Service for moral or physical unfitness, or if they fail to pass satisfactorily through the prescribed course of study. They shall, except in the case of Non-commissioned Officers promoted to be Sub-Lieutenants, be required to pass the professional examination for the rank of Lieutenant within three years, failing to do which they shall be removed from Our Service. Their time for retirement on full or half-pay shall be reckoned from the date of their Commissions as Lieutenants; and in fixing the date of such Commissions, such portion of their service as Sub-Lieutenants may be allowed as their conduct and qualifications may merit, according to regulations to be issued from time to time by Our Secretary of State.