

Admiralty, 27th December, 1879.

Staff Commander William Henry Sharp has been promoted to be Staff Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 24th instant.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
30th December, 1879.*

Commissariat and Transport Department, Deputy Commissary E. W. Williams is placed on retired pay, on re-organization of the Department, from the 1st January, 1880, inclusive.

Ordnance Store Department, Deputy Commissary Francisco C. P. Silveira is placed on retired pay, on re-organization of the Department, from the 22nd December, 1879, inclusive.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office at the Bank of England, on Monday, the 5th proximo, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Act 40 Vic., cap. 2, to the amount of £1,585,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 9th day of January, 1880, and will be payable at three or six months after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz.:—on the 9th April or 9th July next, respectively.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount, per cent., which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Tuesday, the 6th proximo, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock, on Friday, the 9th proximo.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, December 24, 1879.

Civil Service Commission, December 29, 1879.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for Men Clerkships in the Lower Division of the Civil Service will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Leeds, Cork, and Belfast, on Monday, the 16th February, 1880, and following days, under the Regulations, dated 22nd May, 1876, and amended by subsequent notice in the London Gazette. The total number of Clerkships to be filled (including the number which may be reserved for limited competition under Clause 11 of the Order in Council of 12th February, 1876) is 47.

Preliminary Examinations will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin on Tuesday, the 13th January, and in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Leeds, Cork, and Belfast on Tuesday, the 3rd February, 1880.

No person will be admitted to one of these Preliminary Examinations from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the tenth day before the day of examination, an "application" in the handwriting of the candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, December 29, 1879.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Out-door Officer in Her Majesty's Customs will be held on Friday, the 20th of February, 1880, in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Liverpool, Bristol, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Hull, Leeds, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Cork, Belfast, and Limerick, under the Special Regulations, dated 26th April, 1875, and published in the London Gazette of the 30th April, 1875.

Appointments will be given to the first 35 Candidates on the list, if duly qualified in respect of age, health, and character.

No person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 6th of February, an "application" in the handwriting of the candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, December 29, 1879.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz.:—

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (Supplementary to the General Regulations issued 8th April, 1872, and amended by subsequent Notices in the London Gazette), respecting open Competitive Examinations for the situation of Assistant Superintendent of Furniture in the Office of Her Majesty's Works, &c.

N.B.—*These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.*

I. The Examination will consist of two parts, and will be in the following subjects, viz.:—

PART I.—*Preliminary.*

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

NOTE.—Candidates will be required to show what preliminary training or technical education they have undergone to qualify themselves for a situation of this nature, and they must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners on this point before they can be admitted to the competition.

* * * No Candidate who fails to show satisfactory proficiency in any of the subjects specified above will be admitted to the competitive part of the Examination.

PART II.—*Competitive.*

1. Knowledge of furniture, fittings, &c.
(Candidates must be competent practically to superintend the supply and repairs of all articles of furniture and fittings, &c., which may possibly be required in public buildings and royal palaces.)
2. Estimating.
(They must be able to frame estimates of the probable cost of such supply and repairs.)
3. Drawing.

(They must be competent to prepare working drawings and sketches showing the design and construction of all articles of furniture, of bookcases, presses, cupboards, and other fittings.)

The competition will be decided partly by the number of marks given for answers, written or oral, to questions on the above-mentioned subjects, and partly by such