

testimony as the Commissioners may obtain from persons of practical experience as to the relative fitness of the Candidates.

II. A fee of £1 will be required from each Candidate attending the preliminary part of the Examination, and a further fee of £2 from each Candidate who may be admitted to the competitive part.

III. No Candidate will be eligible whose age on the first day of the Competitive Examination is less than 25 or more than 35.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for one situation as Assistant Superintendent of Furniture in the Office of Her Majesty's Works, &c., will be held in London, under the above Regulations, on Tuesday, the 10th February, 1880, and following days.

No Person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, has not received, on or before the 31st January, an application in the handwriting of the Candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from him at once.

*India Office, December 22, 1879.*

To the Holders of India £5 per Cent. Stock and India £5 per Cent. Stock Certificates.

WITH reference to the Advertisement issued from this Office, dated the 2nd July, 1879, and under powers given by the Act 22 and 23 Vict., chap. 39, and subsequent Acts, the Secretary of State for India in Council hereby gives notice, that he is willing to grant a like amount of India £4 per Cent. Stock and India £4 per Cent. Stock Certificates respectively, in exchange for the India £5 per Cent. Stock and India £5 per Cent. Stock Certificates referred to in that advertisement.

The Stock and Certificates so granted will be consolidated with, and will be subject to the same conditions as, the existing India £4 per Cent. and Stock Certificates, and will be redeemable at par on or after the 10th October, 1888, upon one year's previous notice having been given in the London Gazette by the Secretary of State for India in Council.

The holders of India £5 per Cent. Stock or Stock Certificates, who avail themselves of this offer, will receive in exchange for their £5 per Cent. Stock or Stock Certificates an equal amount of India £4 per Cent. Stock or Stock Certificates, with dividend from 5th April, 1880. They will also receive, on the 5th July, 1880, a payment of £1 10s. per cent. on the amount of India £5 per Cent. Stock or Stock Certificates surrendered (making, with the £1 interest which will have accrued on the £4 per Cent. Stock, a sum equal to half a year's interest at £5 per cent. per annum on the original Stock.)

The holders of India £5 per Cent. Stock or Stock Certificates, who may desire to convert their Stock or Certificates upon the terms above-mentioned, are hereby required to signify their assent to the Secretary of State for India in Council, in a form to be obtained at the Chief Accountant's Office at the Bank of England; and such assents must be delivered at the Chief Accountant's Office at the Bank of England, on or before Monday, the 1st March, 1880. From the time of the delivery of such assents, the holders of India £5 per Cent. Stock will be precluded from dealing with their respective shares of that Stock; but on the 8th of March, or, in the case of assents sent in on or before the

23rd February, on the 2nd March, their share of India £5 per Cent. Stock having been cancelled, corresponding amounts of India £4 per Cent. Stock will be inscribed in their names, and may from that date be dealt in. The assents of holders of India £5 per Cent. Stock Certificates must be accompanied by the Stock Certificates therein referred to, for which a receipt will be given, that will be exchangeable for the new Indian £4 per Cent. Stock Certificates after the expiration of seven days from the date of surrender.

In the case of Stock transferable at the Bank of Ireland, and of Certificates issued in respect thereof, the forms must be obtained from the Accountant-General's Office at the Bank of Ireland, and the assents must be delivered at that Office on or before the 1st of March, 1880, as aforesaid.

All holders of India £5 per Cent. Stock or India £5 per Cent. Stock Certificates who do not, on or before Monday, the 1st March, 1880, signify in the manner above prescribed their assent to accept India £4 per Cent. Stock or India £4 per Cent. Stock Certificates in lieu thereof, will be paid off at par on the 5th July, 1880, at the Bank of England, or at the Bank of Ireland, as the case may be, receiving at the same time the half-yearly Dividend then due.

From the 5th July, 1880, all interest on India £5 per Cent. Stock or India £5 per Cent. Stock Certificates will cease. *Edward Stanhope.*

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862, 1867, and 1877, and in the Matter of Halcomb and Company, Sack Contractors Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition presented to the Master of the Rolls on the 7th day of November, 1879, for confirming a resolution reducing the capital of the above-named Company from £100,000 to £50,000, is directed to be heard before the Master of the Rolls on the 17th day of January, 1880.

*Alex. Kerly*, of 14, Great Winchester-street, in the city of London, Solicitor for the Company.

In the Matter of the General Credit and Discount Company Limited and Reduced, and in the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1867 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition has been presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for confirming a resolution of the above Company for reducing its capital from £2,000,100 to £1,200,060. A list of the persons admitted to have been creditors of the Company on the 10th day of December, 1879, may be inspected at the offices of the Company, at No. 7, Lothbury, in the city of London, or at the office of Norton, Rose, Norton, and Brewer, 24, Coleman-street, in the city of London, at any time during usual business hours on payment of the charge of one shilling. Any person who claims to have been on the last-mentioned day and still to be a creditor of the Company, and who is not entered on the said list, and claims to be so entered, must, on or before the 1st day of February, 1880, send in his name and address, and the particulars of his claim, and the name and address of his Solicitor (if any) to the undersigned, at 24, Coleman-street aforesaid, or in default thereof he will be precluded from objecting to the proposed reduction of capital.—Dated this 22nd day of December, 1879.

*Norton, Rose, Norton, and Brewer*, Solicitors for the said Company.