

And whereas notice of the said representation and of the time when I should take the same into consideration has been given to the Justices of the borough of Dudley, and otherwise published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1873:"

And whereas on such representation and consideration it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the time for the holding of the said Fair should be altered as proposed:

Now, therefore, I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1873," do hereby order that the day shall be altered for the holding of the Fair which has been annually held in the borough of Dudley on the first Monday in August, and that such Fair shall in future be held on the second Monday in August in each year.

Given under my hand, at Whitehall, this 30th day of July, 1885.

(Signed) *Richard Assheton Cross.*

Civil Service Commission, July 31, 1885.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that on the 5th October, 1885, and following days, a Competitive Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Plymouth, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cork, Belfast, and Limerick under the Regulations issued 8th July, 1881, and amended by Notices in the London Gazette dated 11th July and 1st August, 1882, at which examination 2 Candidates will be selected for Second Class Clerkships in the India Office, and 87 Candidates for Men Clerkships of the Lower Division of the Civil Service (including those who may succeed in the limited competition under Clause 11 of the Order in Council of 12th February, 1876).

A Preliminary Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Plymouth, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cork, Belfast, and Limerick, on Friday, 11th September, 1885.

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

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, July 27, 1885.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of prize money for the captures by Her Majesty's ship "Osprey," specified below, will commence on Friday, the 7th proximo, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, New-street, Spring-gardens, S.W."

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share of any captor serving in the above-named ship, are requested to present the same at this office.

Any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other person who may desire to receive his share from the Collector of Customs or of Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom, is required to intimate the

same by letter to be addressed "On Prize Business, to the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, London, S.W." (enclosing his certificate of service or an attested copy thereof, excepting in the case of Commissioned Officers),—in which letter his own place of residence is to be precisely stated, as well as the place of the nearest Collector of Customs, or of Inland Revenue, from whom it would be convenient to receive such share of prize money.

The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes for the respective captures:—

Slave dhow, name unknown, captured 5th May, 1883.		£	s.	d.
Flag	.	1	9	9
Commander	.	4	6	8
Third class	.	1	5	0
Fourth class	.	0	16	8
Fifth class	.	0	10	0
Sixth class	.	0	8	4
Seventh class	.	0	5	10
Eighth class	.	0	3	4
Ninth class	.	0	1	8
Tenth class	.	0	0	10

Slave dhow "Sahalah," captured 26th November, 1883.

Slave dhow "Sahalah," captured 26th November, 1883.		£	s.	d.
Flag	.	16	6	6
Commander	.	47	6	8
Third class	.	14	2	9
Fourth class	.	9	8	7
Fifth class	.	5	13	2
Sixth class	.	4	14	4
Seventh class	.	3	6	0
Eighth class	.	1	17	8
Ninth class	.	0	18	10

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 125.)—CHINA SEA.—PESCADORES CHANNEL.
Sunken Rock Eastward of Ragged Island.

THE Chinese Government has given notice of the existence of a sunken rock lying about 3½ miles distant from Ragged Island, on the western side of Pescadores Channel:—

This rock (Courbet Rock), on which the French vessel of war "D'Estaing" touched, is a part of a ledge about half a cable in extent, and has a depth of two cables at low water, with about nineteen fathoms around; it lies with the following bearings:—

Round Island, S. 25° W.
Ragged Island, S. 76° W.
Sable Island, N. 64° W.
Position, lat. 23° 37' N., long. 119° 45' E.

NOTE.—Southward of this rock, strong eddies were observed, especially in the position indicated by the following bearings:—

Round Island, S. 20° W.
Sable Island, N. 49° W.

[The bearings are magnetic. Variation 0½° Westerly in 1885.]

By command of their Lordships,
W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
17th July, 1885.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Hong-Kong to Liau-tung Gulf, No. 1262; Formosa Island and Strait, No. 1968; Chaun Bay to Port Matheson, No. 1760; West Coast of Formosa and Pescadores Channel, No. 2409; Pescadores Islands, No. 1961. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1884, page 243.