

Cosford.  
 Depwade.  
 Hartismere.  
 Hoxne.  
 Ipswich.  
 Mutford and Lothingland.  
 Plomesgate.  
 Risbridge.  
 Samford.  
 Stow.  
 Sudbury.  
 Thingoe.  
 Wangford.  
 Woodbridge.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this twenty-third day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

L. S.

Henry Chaplin,  
 President.

S. B. Provis, Assistant-Secretary.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF  
 AGRICULTURE.

(DATED 23RD APRIL 1898.)

(SWINE-FEVER INFECTED AREA.)

THE Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. The Area described in the Schedule to this Order is hereby declared to be an area infected with swine-fever for the purposes of the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896 dated the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

2. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture have hereunto set their Official Seal this twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

L. S.

T. H. Elliott,  
 Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

An Area comprising the parishes or townships of Newton with Scales, Lea Ashton Ingol and Cottam, Treales Roseacre and Wharles, Inskip with Sowerby, Myerscough, Woodplumpton, Barton, Broughton, Haighton, Fulwood, Alston, Whittingham, Grimsargh with Brockholes, Elston, and Ribbleton, in the county of Lancaster, and also comprising the borough of Preston.

Copies of the above Order can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture, 4, Whitehall Place, London, S. W.

Civil Service Commission, April 26, 1898.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that on the 7th June, 1898, and following days, a Competitive Examination will

be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Plymouth, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Belfast, and Cork, under the Regulations dated 8th May, 1894, and published in the London Gazette of the same date, at which examination 150 Candidates will be selected for Clerkships of the Second 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).

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 19th May, an application in the handwriting of the Candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, April 26, 1898.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations are published with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Female Sorterships in the General Post Office, London.

*These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.*

These situations are filled by Open Competitive Examinations under the following rules, viz. :—

1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners:—

(a.) That their age on the day of the Competitive Examination is not less than 15 nor more than 18.

NOTE.—In reckoning age for competition, persons who have served for two full consecutive years in any civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service.

(b.) That they are unmarried or widows.

(c.) That they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

2. At each Examination the number of Candidates to be selected will be such as the Postmaster-General may from time to time fix.

3. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz. :—

1. Reading and Copying MS.

2. Handwriting.

3. Spelling.

4. Arithmetic (first four rules, simple and compound).

5. Geography of the United Kingdom.

Candidates who fail to obtain such an aggregate number of marks as may indicate in the judgment of the Civil Service Commissioners a competent amount of general proficiency will not be regarded as qualified.

4. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service will not be eligible unless they produce to the Civil Service Commissioners the written permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the Examination, dated before the commencement of the competition.

5. No Candidate will be admitted to Examination who does not, at such time as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners, produce an undertaking signed by her parent or guardian, that she will, if successful, reside either with her