

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) W. E. Fairholme, C.M.G., M.V.O., Royal Artillery, Military Attaché at Vienna, is granted the temporary rank of Colonel in the Army whilst employed with the Macedonian Gendarmerie. Dated 19th January, 1904.

The undermentioned Officers are granted the local rank of Captain in the Army whilst employed as Company Commanders in the West African Regiment:—

Lieutenant John R. Roper, 6th Battalion, the Worcestershire Regiment. Dated 21st July, 1903.

Lieutenant William F. Gilchrist, the West India Regiment. Dated 8th November, 1903.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Captain E. G. Hardy resigns his Commission. Dated 24th February, 1904.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Surgeon-Lieutenant N. P. Watt to be Surgeon-Captain. Dated 13th February, 1904.

The notification which appeared in the London Gazette of the 2nd February, 1904, stating that Surgeon-Captain W. P. Peake ceased to belong to the Army Medical Reserve of Officers, is cancelled.

Civil Service Commission, February 23, 1904.

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

REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Third Class Clerkships in the Irish Land Commission.

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

1. Competitive Examinations of Candidates for these situations will be held from time to time as may be deemed expedient.

2. The Examinations are open to all natural-born subjects of His Majesty, being of the prescribed age, and of good health and character.

3. The limits of age for these situations are 18 and 22. Candidates must be of the prescribed age on the first day of the Examination.

NOTE.—In reckoning age for competition the following allowances will be made, viz., (1) members of the Military and Naval Services (whether commissioned or non-commissioned) may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have served towards pension; (2) persons who have served for two full consecutive years (a) in any Civil situation to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, (b) in the Royal Irish Constabulary or Dublin Metropolitan Police, or (c) as Registered Copyists in connexion with the Civil Service, may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service.

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

Class I.

1. Handwriting and Orthography, including Copying Manuscript.
2. English Composition.
3. Précis, including Indexing and Digest of Returns.

4. Arithmetic.

5. Principles of the Law of Real Property.

Class II.

6. Geography and English History.

7. Latin.

8. French.

9. German.

10. Elementary Mathematics, viz.: the substance of Euclid's Geometry Books, I—IV, and Algebra to the Binomial Theorem.

11. Book-keeping and Shorthand.

Candidates may offer all the subjects in Class I and must qualify in Law. They may also offer not more than four of the subjects in Class II of which not more than two may be languages. They must obtain such an aggregate number of marks in the Examination as a whole as to indicate in the judgment of the Civil Service Commissioners a competent amount of general proficiency.

5. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service, Engineer Cadets in the Navy, and Apprentices in His Majesty's Dockyards must obtain the written permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the Examination, dated before the commencement of the competition.

6. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made in the writing of the Candidate, at such time and in such manner as may be fixed by the Commissioners.

7. A fee of £4 will be required from each Candidate attending these Examinations.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for situations as Third Class Clerk in the Irish Land Commission will be held in Dublin under the foregoing Regulations, commencing on the 12th April, 1904.

No person will be admitted to compete for whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 24th March, an application, in the handwriting of the Candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, February 23, 1904.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

February 18, 1904.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Second Division: Clerk, George William Booth.

Board of Trade: Assistant Examiner in the Patent Office, Arthur James Cook.

Assistant Clerk (Abstractor), Francis Joseph Wilkins.

Inland Revenue: Assistant of Excise, George Rutledge.

Register House Departments, Edinburgh: Clerk, James Orr.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Admiralty: Timekeepers in the Naval Ordnance Store Department of His Majesty's Naval Establishments, George Noon Askey otherwise George Abbott, George Colemau.