The KING has approved of the retirement of the undermentioned officers of the Indian Army and Indian Army Departments.

INDIAN ARMY.

Colonel Robert Maximilian Rainey-Robinson, C.B. Dated 14th February, 1913.

Brevet-Colonel Francis Vaughan Whittall. Dated 13th February, 1913.

Brevet-Colonel Gordon Napier Caulfeild, D.S.O. Dated 18th February, 1913.

Major Augustus Oliver Lash. Dated 16th March, 1913.

Captain Alfred Ross Withers. Dated 4th March, 1913.

Note.—Lieutenant-Colonel William Karl Scharlieb's rank on retirement from the 6th February, 1913, is as now stated, and not Major as notified in the London Gazette of the 11th February, 1913.

INDIAN ARMY DEPARTMENTS.

Commissary and Honorary Captain Walter William Green. Dated 6th February, 1913.

> Civil Service Commission, March 18, 1913.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that on the 22nd September, 1913, and following days, an Open Competitive Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bedford, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nottingham, Plymouth, Southampton, Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow, Belfast, Cork, and Limerick, under the Regulations dated the 1st August, 1911, and published in the London Gazette of the same date, at which Examination not fewer than 100 Candidates will be selected for Clerkships in the Second Division of the Civil Service, provided they satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they are duly qualified.

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

Civil Service Commission, March 18, 1913.

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

GENERAL REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for situations in the

Civil Service, included in Schedule A of the Order in Council of 10th January, 1910.

- N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alteration at any time.
- 1. Competitive examinations of Candidates for situations in the different public Departments will be held at such times and at such places as may be deemed expedient. Before every such Examination Special Regulations will be issued, in which the particular conditions of the competition will be specified.
- 2. These Examinations are open to all natural-born or naturalized British subjects, being of the requisite age, health, and character, subject to such restrictions as are herein contained, and to Special Regulations affecting the particular situations.
 - (i.) The following persons are ineligible,
 - Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary of less than five years' service.
 - (ii.) The following classes of persons are eligible under certain conditions only, that is to say:—
 - (a) Persons actually serving in the Army.
 - (b) Persons actually serving in the Navy.
 - (c) Persons holding situations in the Civil Service.
 - (d) Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary of more than five years' service.
 - (e) Apprentices in His Majesty's Dockyards.
 - (f) Persons who have entered upon or completed a course of education or training for the occupation of teacher, on account of which grants are payable from the Exchequer.

No person actually serving in the Army will be eligible unless he produces to the Civil Service Commissioners, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to attend the Examination, dated before the commencement of the competition and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued by or under the authority of the Army Council.

No person actually serving in the Navy will be eligible unless he produces to the Civil Service Commissioners, when called upon to do so, the permission of his Commanding Officer to attend the Examination, dated before the commencement of the competition and given in accordance with such orders as may from time to time be issued by or under the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Persons comprised in the classes (c), (d), (e) must obtain the permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the Examination before the commencement of the competition.

Persons comprised in class (f) will not be qualified to receive appointments until