

lations dated the 1st March, 1910, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

The Examinations will be held in the following towns and for the number of situations indicated, viz. :—

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| Bradford (Yorks) | not fewer than | 1 |
| Exeter           | ... " " "      | 1 |
| Manchester       | ... " " "      | 1 |
| Swansea          | ... " " "      | 1 |

The Examinations are intended to supply the several Post Offices with persons resident in or near the towns in which they desire to serve.

Candidates will be allowed to compete only for vacancies in the town in which they apply to be examined.

No person will be admitted to any of the above-named Examinations from whom the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, has not received, on or before the 22nd May, an application, on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

#### NATIONAL INSURANCE.

##### NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

The National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors Administration Expenses) Order, 1913, dated April 9th, 1913, made by the Insurance Commissioners under Section 78 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (1 & 2 Geo. 5, c. 55).

Whereas it is provided by paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 42 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (in this Order called "the Act"), that such sum as may be prescribed shall in each year be payable in respect of each deposit contributor towards the expenses incurred by the Insurance Committee in the administration of benefits, and that the sum so payable shall, except so far as it is payable out of moneys provided by Parliament, be deducted at the commencement of each year from the amount standing to his credit in the Post Office Fund:

And whereas it is amongst other things provided by sub-section (1) of Section 61 of the Act that all sums payable in respect of deposit contributors for the purpose of administrative expenses in any year shall be paid or credited to the Insurance Committee at the commencement of that year, but doubts have arisen as to whether amounts may be so paid or credited to the Insurance Committee in respect of the period before the commencement of the year 1913, and as to the time at which those amounts are to be paid or credited:

And whereas it was necessary for Insurance Committees to incur expenses for the purposes of the administration of benefits before the commencement of the said year:

And whereas it is provided by the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors Administration Expenses) Order, 1912, that as respects the year 1913 the commencement of the year should, for the purposes of paragraph

(e) of Section 42 and Section 61 of the Act, be taken to be the 13th day of January:

And whereas by virtue of the joint effect of Section 42 and paragraph (g) of sub-section (3) of Section 46 of the Act discharged seamen, marines, and soldiers, who have not become members of Approved Societies within the time specified in the Regulations made under the provisions of the said paragraph (g) are deposit contributors to whom the provisions of the said Section 42 apply:

And whereas it is apprehended that the provisions of the said above-mentioned Order (which provides for the deduction of certain amounts from the sums standing to the credit of deposit contributors with a view to making provision for defraying expenses incurred by Insurance Committees in the administration of benefits) do not apply in the case of any deposit contributor being a discharged seaman, marine, or soldier, and it is desirable that the provisions of the said Order should extend to deposit contributors being discharged seamen, marines, or soldiers:

And whereas by Section 78 of the Act it is amongst other things enacted that if any difficulty arises in respect of bringing into operation Part I of the Act, the Insurance Commissioners (in this Order referred to as "the Commissioners") may, with the consent of the Treasury, by order do anything which appears to the Commissioners necessary or expedient for bringing that Part of the Act into operation, and that any such Order may modify the provisions of the Act as far as may appear necessary or expedient for carrying the Order into effect;

Now therefore the Commissioners, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by Section 78 of the Act, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:—

1.—(1.) For the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by Insurance Committees in the administration of benefits during the period from the 15th day of July, 1912, to the 12th day of January, 1913, both inclusive, there shall be deducted and paid or credited to Insurance Committees, at such times and in such manner and in such proportion as the Commissioners may direct, from the several amounts from time to time standing in the Post Office Fund to the credit of deposit contributors, being discharged seamen, marines, or soldiers, a sum equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in respect of each contribution payable in respect of the period ending the 13th day of October, 1912, and in respect of the period ending the 12th day of January, 1913.

(2.) For the purposes of this Order a discharged seaman, marine, or soldier, in respect of whom contributions under the Act were paid in accordance with the provisions of the Act at any time not later than the 12th day of January, 1913, who did not become a member of an Approved Society within the time specified in the Regulations made under the said paragraph (g) of sub-section (3) of Section 46 of the Act, shall be deemed to have been a deposit contributor as from the date of his discharge from service.

(3.) For the purpose of calculating the amount to be deducted in accordance with this paragraph, any fraction of a penny shall be reckoned as a penny.

2. This Order may be cited as the National