

The following appointments to the Staff have been made by the Government of India :—

Captain C. J. Whittaker, York and Lancaster Regiment, to be Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General for Musketry, vice Captain H. M. Carter, vacated. Dated 15th May, 1881.

Colonel H. C. Wilkinson, half-pay, late 16th Lancers, to the Brigade Staff of the Bengal Army, with the rank of Brigadier-General, in succession to Brigadier-General H. Rowlands, C.B., V.C., who vacates on promotion. Dated 30th January, 1882.

Colonel R. S. Hill, C.B., Bengal Infantry, to the Brigade Staff of the Bengal Army, with the rank of Brigadier-General, in succession to Brigadier-General Sir C. H. Palliser, K.C.B., retired. Dated 6th February, 1882.

The following appointment has been made to the Personal Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Madras :—

Lieutenant N. F. F. Chamberlain, Bengal Staff Corps, to be Aide-de-Camp. Dated 28th November, 1881.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Berks.*

Sydney Alers Hankey, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 7th April, 1882.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Salop.*

The Right Honourable Robert George, Baron Windsor to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 22nd February, 1882.

The Right Honourable William Richard, Baron Harlech to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 22nd February, 1882.

James Jenkinson Bibby, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 22nd February, 1882.

Alfred Salwey, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 22nd February, 1882.

Cecil Theodore Weld Forester, Esq., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 28th February, 1882.

#### THE FAIRS ACT, 1873.

##### MELBOURN FAIR.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Justices of the Peace of the Petty Sessional District of Arrington and Melbourn, in the county of Cambridge, that a Fair, commonly known by the name of "Melbourn Feast," has been annually held at Melbourn, in the county of Cambridge, on the first Thursday in July and the two following days (unless and except that first Thursday happen to fall on the 1st day of the month of July, in which case it is held on Thursday, the 8th day of July, and the two following days), and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should be held on a less number of days than those on which such Fair is used to be held (to wit) on one day only, such day to be the first day of the Fair, namely, Thursday :

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly given 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 number of days for holding the said Fair should be altered as proposed :

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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 Fair which has been annually held as aforesaid shall be held on one day only, such day to be the first day of the Fair, namely, Thursday.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 17th day of April, 1882.

W. V. Harcourt.

#### Civil Service Commission, April 18, 1882.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for situations as Assistant of Excise in the Inland Revenue Department, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th of May next, in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Liverpool, Bristol, Plymouth, Leeds, Birmingham, Norwich, Cardiff, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, Cork, Galway, Belfast, Londonderry, and Limerick under the Regulations, dated 20th December, 1881, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

Appointments will be given to the first 120 Candidates on the list, if duly qualified in respect of age, health, and character.

No person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 10th of May, an application in the handwriting of the Candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

At the further examination, open to the successful Candidates at the above-mentioned examination, for the situation of Assistant-Surveyor of Taxes, which further examination will probably be held about the second week in July, the greatest number of appointments which, subject to the conditions contained in the Regulations, can be given is six.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 55.)—NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN.

*Floating Wreck south-westward of Cape Finisterre.*

INFORMATION has been received through the Board of Trade, that the master of the British steam vessel "Annan" reports having, on the 18th instant, passed the wreck of a vessel (floating very low, bottom up, covered with weed, and apparently a long time in the water) in lat. 41° 31' N., long. 16° 28' W.—about 340 miles south-westward of Cape Finisterre.

This wreck presented a danger to shipping.

In this locality, the drift current may be considered to set in an E.S.E. direction (true) at the rate of about one-third of a mile an hour.

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
31st March, 1882.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts :—North Atlantic, General, No. 2059 ; North Atlantic, Eastern Part, No. 2060a. Also, Pilot Charts for Atlantic Ocean.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 56.)—NORTH SEA—EAST SCHELDE.

*Schouwen Island Light—Intended Alteration in Character.*

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 18th March, 1882, that it is intended to make the following alteration in the character of