

## WAR OFFICE, April 21, 1899.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the Decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Non-commissioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery during an engagement at Bilot, on the North-West Frontier of India, on the night of the 16th-17th September 1897:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)	Corporal James Smith	On the night of the 16th-17th September 1897 Corporal Smith, with a party of The Buffs, responded to Lieutenant Watson's call for volunteers, and followed that Officer into the burning village of Bilot, driving off the enemy with the bayonet. Afterwards, although wounded, he continued firing steadily and coolly, and also helped to carry the wounded to the place prepared for them. When Lieutenant Watson left, in order to fetch assistance for the wounded, Corporal Smith held the position till that Officer's return, exposing his life freely in watching the enemy and directing the fire of his men.

The Queen has further been pleased to approve the grant of the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to the under-mentioned soldiers, in recognition of their services during the engagement at Bilot, on the North-West Frontier of India, on the night of the 16th-17th September 1897:—

*The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).*

Private James Lever.  
Private H. Nelthorpe.  
Private C. Poile.  
Private F. Finn.

## DOWNING STREET, April 20, 1899.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of John Pringle, Esq., to be a Member of the Privy Council of the Island of Jamaica.

## WHITEHALL, April 19, 1899.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley, K.G., to be Chancellor of the University of London, in the room of the Right Honourable Lord Herschell, G.C.B., deceased.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

April 21, 1899.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for a situation on the Lower Permanent Clerical Staff in the Department of the Registrar-General for Scotland, will be held in Edinburgh, commencing on the 6th June 1899, under the Regulations dated the 30th April 1897, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

The number of situations to be filled will be the number vacant at the time of the Examination.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the

25th May, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

April 21, 1899.

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

April 17, 1899.

## AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Post Office: Male Learner, Plymouth—Anthony Harold Jaques.

Female Learners, Manchester—Catherine Evans M'Call, Lucy Nettleton, Annie Kate Power.

## WITHOUT COMPETITION

Prisons Service, Ireland: Warder—William John Frederick Batson.

Royal Mint: Boy—George Henry Hyem.

Post Office: Learners—Elizabeth Allan (North Shields), Esther Judge (Watford), Minnie Plumridge (Marlow), John Spencer (Peterborough), Christina Swanson (Thurso), Arthur Leonard Thomas (Whitchurch, Salop).

Postmen—Mathew Creighton (Roscommon), William Hussey (Navan), Arthur Pickett (Alton), Frederick John Simmonds (Isleworth).

Temporary Assistant Postman, Richmond, Surrey—William George Parsons.

FOR REGISTRATION AS TEMPORARY BOY  
COPYIST (NEW CLASS).

Charles Konow Tonsley.

April 18, 1899.

## AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Customs: Assistant of Customs—Percival Anthony Daniel Carter.