

ing date the 22nd instant, to appoint Alfred Edward Stamp, Esq., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, to be a member of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, and Sidney Charles Ratcliff, Esq., of the Public Record Office, to be Secretary to the Commission, in the room of the said Alfred Edward Stamp.

*Downing Street,  
28th December 1926.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Major Charles William James Orr, C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahama Islands.

*Civil Service Commission,  
December 31, 1926.*

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

**REGULATIONS RESPECTING COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE SITUATION OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST AND CLERK-SHORTHAND-TYPIST IN DEPARTMENTS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.**

1. No candidate will be eligible who has not rendered, prior to the first day of the examination and within three years of that day, one full year's approved service in British Government Departments. She must have served for the year in one or more of the following posts:—

Established Typist in a Government Department;

Temporary Shorthand-Typist in a Government Department;

Established Clerk-Typist in the Bankruptcy Departments of the Board of Trade or in the County Courts Branch of the Lord Chancellor's Department;

Temporary Clerk-Shorthand-Typist in the Bankruptcy Departments of the Board of Trade or in the Offices of His Majesty's Divisional Inspectors of Mines under the Mines Department.

Candidates appointed by the Civil Service Commissioners as Typists in the Trinity House, the Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and the Metropolitan Police Office, on the result of a general competition for situations as Typists in the Civil Service, will be regarded as established Typists for the purpose of these regulations although not serving under the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners.

2. Candidates must be not less than 19 years of age on the first day of the examination; and candidates who have only temporary service or service in the Trinity House, Office of the

Crown Agents for the Colonies, or the Metropolitan Police Office, or service of two or more of these kinds, must not be more than 40 years of age on the first day of the examination.

No exception on any grounds will be made to this rule.

3. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners—

- (a) that they are unmarried or widows;
- (b) that they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

No person will be eligible who is not a natural-born British subject, and the daughter of a father also a natural-born British subject; provided that exception may be made in the case of a person serving in a civil situation to which she was admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners

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

- (1) English Composition.
- (2) Précis Writing.
- (3) Shorthand.

5. No candidate will be regarded as qualified who does not pass to the satisfaction of the Civil Service Commissioners in Shorthand and in the aggregate number of marks obtained in the examination as a whole.

6. It will rest with the Civil Service Commissioners to determine the Departments to which the successful candidates shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service and will consult, so far as possible, the wishes of Departments for the assignment of particular candidates who have served under them. Subject to these conditions, the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be respected.

7. Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

8. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners.

9. A fee of 12s. 6d. will be required from every candidate attending the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that a Competitive Examination will be held under the foregoing Regulations in Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Leeds, London, Manchester and Portsmouth, commencing on the 17th May 1927.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 24th March 1927, an application, in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.