MEMORANDUM.

Open Competitive Examination for Clerkships (Class I.) in the Civil Service to be held on the 29th of April 1879, and following days.

At this Examination the number of Candidates selected will be that which is necessary to fill the situations which may have been reported to the Civil Service Commissioners as vacant up to the date at which the result of the Examination is declared.

The under-mentioned vacancies are those which have been notified to the Commissioners up to the present date, viz.:—

Department.	Situation.			
Colonial Office	2 Junior Clerkships.			
Inland Revenue	5 Assistant Surveyorships of Taxes.			
Public Record Office (England)	*1 Junior Clerkship.			
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^{*} No Candidate is eligible for this situation who does not possess a competent knowledge of Latin and French (translation into English).

The Civil Service Commissioners are authorized to publish the following information respecting the above appointments:—

COLONIAL OFFICE.

The salary attached to the position of a Junior Clerk in this Department is £250, rising by annual increments of £20 to £600. Two of the Junior Clerks, selected by the Secretary of State, occupy furnished rooms within the building to attend to telegrams and pressing official business out of office hours. Each of these two Clerks receives furnished rooms, besides coals, light, &c., and attendance, and a money allowance of £25 a year.

The two resident Clerkships are at present filled up, but the new Clerks may be required to accept

them on the occurrence of vacancies.

INLAND REVENUE.

The Tax Surveying Branch comprises 254 Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors, the whole body of whom are established upon the scale of salaries applicable to the Upper Division of the Civil Service (under the Playfair Scheme), commencing at £100, and rising by £37, 10s. triennially to £400.

In addition to this service scale there is a sum of £5700 allowed for duty pay in the more important

districts, which is allotted in sums not exceeding in any case £200 per annum.

Surveyors are stationed not only in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, but also at various other places in England, Scotland, and Ireland. They are liable to be removed from one station to another according to the requirements of the service.

There are 14 Inspectors at £550 by £20 to £650, and 4 Superintending Inspectors at £700 by £25 to £800, who are appointed by promotion from the Surveyors. All newly appointed Assistant Surveyors have to pass an examination in Book-keeping by Double Entry within a twelvementh from the commencement of their employment on probation.

Public Record Office, England.

The salaries of the several classes and the number of persons in each class are as follows, viz.:-

					_			Annual Increment.		
7 Assistant Keepers			•				£ $400-600$	•••	£20	
12 Senior Clerks				•			250 - 400	•••	15	
16 Junior Clerks	•	,		. •	•	•	100-200	•••	10	

Civil Service Commission, 14th March 1879.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

(Supplementary to the General Regulations issued 8th April 1872, and amended by subsequent Notices in the London Gazette)*

RESPECTING

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS for CLERKSHIPS (CLASS I.) in the CIVIL SERVICE.

N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alteration.

- 1. The limits of age for these situations are 18 and 24, and candidates must be of the prescribed age on the first day of the competitive examination.
- 2. At the competitive examinations exercises will be set in the following subjects only, the maximum of marks for each subject being fixed as follows, viz.:—

English Composition (including Précis-writing)		Marks. 500
History of England—including that of the Laws and Constitution	•	500
English Language and Literature		500