



5. The subjects of examination will be as follows:—

1. Handwriting.
2. Orthography.
3. Arithmetic.
4. Copying MS. (to test accuracy).
5. English Composition.
6. Geography.
7. Indexing or Docketing.
8. Digesting Returns into Summaries.
9. English History.
10. Book-keeping.

No candidate can be admitted to the competition who has not previously satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners that he possesses the requisite amount of proficiency in Handwriting, Orthography, and Arithmetic (including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions). With this view, Preliminary Examinations in these subjects will be held at such times and places as the Commissioners may appoint. Application for permission to attend one of these Preliminary Examinations must be made in the writing of the candidate at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Commissioners.

6. The number of persons to be selected at each examination will be published as part of the notice of every such examination. A list of the competitors will be made out, in the order of merit, up to this published number, if so many are found by the examination to be qualified.

7. The successful candidates, if duly qualified, will be permitted to choose in their order as determined by the competitive examination whether they will be placed on the list for Second-Class Clerkships in the India Office, for Second-Class Clerkships in the India Audit Office, or on the list for the Lower Division for the Civil Service. No candidate will be qualified to be placed on the list for the Lower Division who has been placed on a similar list on the result of a previous examination.

The following Regulations, 8, 9, 10, apply only to candidates placed on the list for the Lower Division of the Civil Service.

8. Each competitor placed on the list for the Lower Division of the Civil Service will remain thereon until he attains the age of 25 years, unless in the meantime he has been appointed to a situation in some public office.

Candidates on completing their 25th year, or on receiving appointments, will be removed from the list.

9. From these lists the Civil Service Commissioners, on the application of Departments having vacancies, will supply, on probation, the requisite Clerks, whether for permanent or temporary duty. Selections will, as a general rule, be made by the Civil Service Commissioners according to the order of the names on the lists; but the Civil Service Commissioners may select any Clerk who, in his examination, has shown special qualifications in any particular subject, if special application for such a Clerk be made by any Department.

10. No Clerk will remain more than one year in any Department unless at the end of that time the Head of the Department shall signify in writing to the Civil Service Commissioners that the Clerk is accepted by the Department. If he is not accepted, the Department will report to the said Commissioners the reasons for not accepting him; and

such Commissioners will thereon supply another Clerk in his room, and will decide whether the name of the rejected Clerk shall be struck off the lists as unfit for the Service generally, or whether he shall be allowed a trial in another Department.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice, that on the 15th August 1881, and following days, a Competitive Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, Cork, and Belfast, under the above Regulations, for 65 Clerkships of the Lower Division of the Civil Service, including those who may succeed in the limited competition under Clause 11 of the Order in Council of 12th February 1876.

A Preliminary Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Leeds, Liverpool, Norwich, Cork, and Belfast, on Tuesday the 26th July 1881.

No person will be admitted to the Preliminary Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 16th July, an 'application,' in the handwriting of the candidate, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

BANKRUPTS

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

BANKRUPTCIES ANNULLED.

- Richard Bethel Parkyns Warmingham Metaxa, commonly called or known as Count Richard Metaxa, of 3 Norland Square, Notting Hill, Middlesex, of no occupation.
- Charles John Innes Ker (commonly called Lord Charles John Innes Ker), of Grove House, Windsor, Berks, of no occupation.

BANKRUPTCIES AWARDED.

- Joseph John Robinson, late of 96 Central Street, Saint Luke's, but now of 15 Crossley Street, Liverpool Road, both in Middlesex, pork butcher.
- George Frederick Smith, of 15 Golden Square, Middlesex, a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature.
- Augustus Edward Hidden, of 17 Shenton Street, Old Kent Road, Surrey, shirt manufacturer.
- Josias Stephens, of 56 Lydford Road, Harrow Road, Paddington, and of Warlock Road, Harrow Road aforesaid, Middlesex, builder.
- Thomas Isaac, trading as Thomas Isaac & Co., of Maldon, Essex, corn merchant.
- William Thomas Abbott, of Torquay, Devon, bootmaker.
- John Dennis Phillipps and Charles A. Hamilton, of 12 Knowsley Buildings, Tithebarn Street, Liverpool, cotton brokers, carrying on business under the style or firm of J. D. Phillipps & Co.
- Edward Burrell, of Faringdon, Berks, bank manager.
- Joseph Shedure Hartley, William Henry Kaye, and Albert Holgate, all of Southowram, Halifax, York, stone merchants, trading as Hartley, Kaye, & Company.
- Robert Whiteley Slater, of Morley, near Leeds, and of Bishopgate Street, Leeds, both in York, carrying on business at Morley and Leeds aforesaid, as a general outfitter and woollen merchant.
- Thomas Gill Dixon, of Newland, East Riding of York, printer and commission agent.
- George Clarkson, late of Malton, York, grocer and provision dealer, but now confined in Her Majesty's Gaol, the Castle of York.