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AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 4th day of *June*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Lords of the Committee of Her Privy Council for Trade have represented to Her Majesty that, in order to carry out the terms of a postal convention with France, it is expedient that secondary standards of the weight of one-third of an ounce avoirdupois, and of two-thirds of an ounce avoirdupois, should be legalized, in pursuance of the provisions contained in sections six and eight of the Standards of Weights, Measures, and Coinage Act, 1866; and that new imperial weights of such denominations have been constructed, and have been duly verified and authenticated in the Standards Department of the Board of Trade, their weight in relation to the imperial standard pound having been accurately determined:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and by virtue of the said recited Act of Parliament, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby declared, that the said standard weights of one-third of an ounce avoirdupois and of two-thirds of an ounce avoirdupois respectively, shall be legal secondary standards of weight, from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act.

Edmund Harrison.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 4th day of *June*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is expedient to continue, with certain amendments, the existing provision for testing, according to fixed rules, the qualifications of persons who may, from time to time, be proposed to be appointed, either permanently or temporarily, to any situation or employment in any of Her Majesty's Civil Establishments, except as hereinafter mentioned:—

I. Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth

order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Sir Edward Ryan, now First Commissioner under Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 21st May, 1855, and the 26th April, 1862, and George Webbe Dasent, Esquire, Doctor of Civil Law, or such other persons as Her Majesty may from time to time approve in the stead of them, or either of them, shall be Her Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners for testing the qualifications of the persons so proposed to be appointed to any situation or employment in the Civil Establishments as aforesaid, and shall hold their offices during the pleasure of Her Majesty; the said Sir Edward Ryan continuing to be the First Commissioner, and the said George Webbe Dasent being the Second Commissioner; and shall have power, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to appoint from time to time such Assistant Examiners and others as may be required to assist them in the performance of the duties hereinafter assigned to them.

II. And it is hereby ordered that (except as may be excepted under Clause VII. of this Order, and in the Schedule marked B annexed hereto) the qualifications of all such persons as may be proposed to be appointed, either permanently or temporarily, to any situation or employment in any Department of the Civil Service shall, before they are employed, be tested by or under the directions of the said Commissioners; and no person (except as aforesaid) shall be employed in any Department of the Civil Service until he shall have been reported by the said Commissioners to be qualified to be admitted on probation to such situation or employment.

III. No person shall be appointed to any office or employment in any of Her Majesty's Civil Establishments until he shall be reported by the said Commissioners to have satisfied them—

- 1st. That he is within the limits of age prescribed for the situation or employment to which he desires to be admitted;
- 2nd. That he is free from any physical defect or disease which would be likely to interfere with the proper discharge of his duties;
- 3rd. That his character is such as to qualify him for such situation or employment; and,
- 4th. That he possesses the requisite knowledge and ability to enter on the discharge of his official duties.

IV. The rules applicable to each Department, under each of the above heads, shall be settled,