

4th day of April, 1872, passed by the owners and ratepayers of the township of Altofts, in the parish of Normanton, in the West Riding of the county of York; and notice of such adoption has been given, in writing, to the Local Government Board by the person required to give the same:

And whereas the said township is a place with a population of less than 3,000 according to the last census, and proof has been given to the satisfaction of the Local Government Board that by reason of special circumstances it is expedient that the said township should be allowed to adopt the said Act:

Now, therefore, we, the said Local Government Board, do hereby approve of such adoption by the township of Altofts aforesaid.

Given under our Seal of Office this 5th day of June, 1872.



(Signed) *James Stansfeld*,
President.

John Lambert, Secretary.

Civil Service Commission,
June 5, 1872.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:—

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (Supplementary to the General Regulations of 8th April, 1872.) respecting Open Competitive Examinations for the situation of Second Class Assistant of Excise in the Department of Inland Revenue.

1. The limits of age for this situation are 19 and 22, and candidates must be of the prescribed age on the day of the examination.

2. Candidates must be unmarried and without family.

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

	Marks.
1. Handwriting	200
2. Orthography	200
3. Arithmetic (to Vulgar and Decimal Fractions)	300
4. English Composition	200

4. Candidates failing in any of the above-named subjects will not be eligible.

5. Application for permission to attend an examination must be made at such times and in such manner as the Commissioners may appoint.

6. A fee of 15s. will be required from each candidate attending the examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice, that an Open Competition will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Liverpool, Bristol, Leeds, Glasgow, Cork, Galway, and Belfast on the 12th July, 1872, under the above Regulations. 100 persons will be selected, if so many should be found qualified, with the view of filling the 100 vacancies in the Excise which are expected to occur before the middle of September. Persons wishing to compete should apply at once for the necessary form to the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, London, S.W.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 43.)—ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

Corton Gateway, &c.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 40, dated 27th April, 1872, on the closing of Corton Gateway, Lowestoft, there being only 10 feet at low water spring tides in the channel:

Further notice has been given by the Trinity House, London, that the buoys and marks have been removed pursuant to that notice.

Also, that the North Holm buoy, being no longer a fairway buoy, has been coloured *chequered black and white*.

The East Holm buoy, being no longer an outer buoy of a channel, has been replaced by a *black can* buoy.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
7th May, 1872.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, No. 2182a; English Channel, No. 2675a; Yarmouth and Lowestoft Roads, No. 1543; Southwold to Cromer, No. 1630; and Thames to St. Abb's Head, No. 2902a. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part III., 2nd Edition, page 142.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 44.)—NORTH SEA—HANOVER.

Light Vessel at Jade River Entrance.

THE North German Government has given notice, that from the 15th day of May, 1872, the following alteration will be made in respect to the Jade River entrance light vessel; viz. :—

The lights will be at the respective heights of 51 feet on the mainmast and 31 feet on the foremast, above the sea, and during a heavy sea it may become necessary to reduce those heights to 41 and 26 feet respectively.

The black baskets hitherto exhibited on the fore and mizen masts will be on the fore and main masts.

If the light vessel is not on its station, no baskets will be hoisted, but a black square flag will be shown at the main, and the light will not be exhibited.

During thick and foggy weather a bell will be sounded for a period of *one minute, every three minutes*.

Vessels steering a wrong course, when in sight of the light vessel, will be warned of their danger by the firing of minute guns, sounding the bell, or by signals of the International Code, and the proper course will be communicated when possible.

Cable Bar and Torpedoes in Jade River.

Also, that for experimental purposes a cable bar will in a short time be placed at No. 15 white buoy, extending 130 yards east and west, and 70 yards north and south, into the navigable channel of the Jade River. It will be marked by buoys.

Also, that a row of torpedoes, provided with matches, will be laid about half-a-mile S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. from the Red Roads buoy; they will extend 160 yards east and west, and each end will be marked by a red buoy.

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
21st May, 1872.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, No. 2182a; and Elbe River;