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AT the Court at Windsor, the 12th day of February, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the civil administration of Her Majesty's Government has, of late years, been greatly extended :

And whereas the permanent officers by whom the clerical part of such administration is conducted, although necessarily divided into many Departments, have, in a great degree, similar duties to perform :

And whereas, in consideration of the premisses, various inquiries have been undertaken, and various measures have been founded upon them, both for the selection and for the classification of the said permanent officers ; of which measures the latest is Her Majesty's Order in Council of 4 June, 1870, whereby, or by Orders and Regulations supplementary thereto, the selection of persons for Her Majesty's Civil Service is directed to be made principally by literary competition according to two standards of examination, and the persons so respectively selected are attached either to different Offices, or to Higher or Lower Divisions of the same Office, according to the examinations passed by them and the duties to be performed :

And whereas it appears from certain recent Reports made by the Right Honourable Lyon Playfair and others appointed by the Commissioners of the Treasury to be a Commission for inquiring into various questions connected with the organisation of Civil Departments of the State, that further regulations are required for the division of duties in Her Majesty's civil establishments, and for the selection, pay, and promotion of the officers entrusted with such duties :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :

1. A Lower Division of the Civil Service shall be constituted. It shall consist of Men Clerks and of Boy Clerks, engaged to serve in any Department of the State to which they may, from time to time, be appointed or transferred. *The term " Civil Service " in this paragraph, and the same term, and all equivalent terms, throughout this Order, mean such parts only of the said Service as are comprised in the first and second (excluding the third) of the said Reports.*

2. No Department throughout Her Majesty's Civil Service shall be permanently increased or regulated afresh, without providing for the introduction of a system whereby such of its duties as are of a suitable character shall be performed by members of the Lower Division.

3. Such situations in Her Majesty's Civil Service as are not suitable to be filled up by members of the Lower Division are excluded from this present Order, and shall, until Her Majesty's further pleasure is declared, be regulated, as now, by the Heads of the Departments to which they belong, subject to approval by the Commissioners of the Treasury, and conformably to Her Majesty's Orders applicable to them.

4. Promotions shall continue to be made, and salaries to be paid, in the case of all Clerks now serving, in like manner as if this Order had never been issued. But no vacancies shall be filled up, nor any new appointments made in any Department, except by appointing Clerks of the Lower Division, until the Commissioners of the Treasury have been satisfied that the number of Clerks