8th (late 19th) Surrey Corps, The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains:—

John Mansfield Ferguson. Dated 16th February, 1881.

John James Sexby. Dated 16th February, 1881

1st Wiltshire Corps, Captain William Henry Laverton resigns his Commission. Dated 16th February, 1881.

3rd West Riding of Yorkshire Corps, Charles Henry Speight, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 16th February, 1881.

4th West Riding of Yorkshire Corps, The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

Charles Oldfield Booth. Dated 16th February, 1881.

Ernest Hatton Hill. Dated 16th February, 1881.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.

Charles Morse, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 9th February, 1881.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice, under Section 8 of "The Sinking Fund Act, 1875," that £200,000 will be issued in the current quarter to the National Debt Commissioners on account of the New Sinking Fund, and also, before the 31st March next, the balance of about £150,000, the exact amount of which will be ascertained as soon as the account of the permanent annual charge of the debt can be made up.

Treasury, February 15, 1881.

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board: Altering Consolidated Order. Outdoor Labour Test.

Pickering Union.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Pickering Union, in the North Riding of the county of York;—

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the several parishes and places comprised in the said Union;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WE, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalt, hereby Order, with respect to the relief of the Poor in the said Pickering Union, as follows:—

ARTICLE 1.—Every able-bodied male pauper who may receive relief within the Union, and may be relieved out of the Workhouse, with the approbation of the Local Government Board, according to Article VI of the General Order of the Poor Law Commissioners, dated the 21st day of December, 1844, in force in the Union, shall be relieved in the following manner; that is to

Half at least of the relief given to such pauper shall be given in food, clothing, and other articles

of necessity.

No such pauper shall receive relief from the Guardians, or any of their officers, or any Overseer of any Parish in the Union, while he is employed for wages or other hire or remuneration by any person; but every such pauper so relieved shall be set to work by the Guardians.

ARTICLE 2.—The Guardians shall, within fourteen days after the day when this Order comes into force, and from time to time afterwards as the Local Government Board may require, report to the Local Government Board the place or places at which able-bodied male paupers shall be so set to work in the Union, the sort or sorts of work in which they or any of them shall be employed, the times and mode of work, and all such other matters relating to the employment of such able-bodied paupers as the said Guardians shall deem material to be communicated to the Local Government Board, or as the Local Government Board shall require.

ARTICLE 3.—If the Guardians shall depart, in any particular instance, from any of the regulations hereinbefore contained, and shall, within fifteen days after such departure, report the same and the grounds thereof to the Local Government Board, and if the Local Government Board shall approve of such departure, then the relief granted in such particular instance shall, if otherwise lawful, not be deemed to be unlawful, or be subject to be disallowed.

ARTICLE 4.—The word "Parish" in this Order means any place for which a separate Poor Rate is or can be made, or for which a separate Overseer is or can be appointed.

And whereas provision is made in a General Order of the Poor Law Commissioners, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in force in the said Union, for the appointment of an officer, to be termed a Superintendent of Outdoor Labour, and for the continuance in office of such officer, and it is expedient that further provision should be made as hereinafter mentioned;

We therefore further Order, that if at any time the number of able-bodied male paupers requiring relief shall be so small as to render the services of a Superintendent of Out-door Labour unnecessary, the Guardians may dispense with his services.

> Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this fourteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

> > J. G. Dodson, President.

L. S.

Hugh Owen, jun., Assistant Secretary.

Treasury Chambers, February 12, 1881.

LIST of Gentlemen appointed Public Valuers for England and Wales:—

Marcus Nathan Adler, Alliance Assurance Company, Bartholomew-lane, E.C.

Charles Ansell, jun., 2, King William-street, E.C. Henry Ambrose Smith, 2, King William-street, E.C.

Thomas Young Strachan, Central-buildings, Granger-street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne,

Civil Service Commission, February 10, 1881.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that at an Open Competitive Examination for six situations as Indexing and Abridging Clerk in the Patent Office, held under the Regulations, dated the 14th December, 1880, notice of which examination was given in the London Gazette of