

*Whitehall, November 19, 1885.*

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, that he has certified the "Clarence" Reformatory Ship, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, as fitted to be a Reformatory Ship for the reception of such Boys, not exceeding two hundred in number, as may be sent there in pursuance of "The Reformatory Schools Act, 1866."

*Civil Service Commission, November 20, 1885.*

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that on the 25th January, 1886, and following days, a Competitive Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Plymouth, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cork, Belfast, and Limerick under the Regulations issued 8th July, 1881, and amended by Notices in the London Gazette dated 11th July and 1st August, 1882, at which examination 93 Candidates will be selected for Men Clerks 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, Plymouth, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cork, and Belfast, on the 31st December, 1885.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 17th December, an "application" in the handwriting of the Candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

*Civil Service Commission, November 20, 1885.*

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Out-door Officer in Her Majesty's Customs will be held under the Special Regulations, dated 23rd June, 1882, and published in the London Gazette of the same date, on Friday, the 29th January, 1886, in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Liverpool, Bristol, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Hull, Leeds, Birmingham, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Swansea, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Cork, Belfast, and Limerick.

Appointments will be given to the first 40 Candidates on the list, if duly qualified in respect of age, health, physical qualifications, and character.

No person will be admitted to compete from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 15th January, 1886, an "application" in the handwriting of the Candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

*In Parliament.—Session 1886.*

Scottish Union and National Insurance Company. (Amendment of Act; Further Powers and Provisions with respect to Investment of Funds, Assurances, Lien, and Conditions on Policies, Local Boards, Accounts, Bye-laws, and Regulation of Affairs of Company.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for leave to bring in a Bill (hereinafter called the Bill) for all or some of the following purposes, that is to say:—

To alter, amend, extend, and enlarge, and if necessary to repeal, all or some of the powers and

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provisions contained in "The Scottish Union and National Insurance Company's Act, 1878."

To alter and enlarge the powers of investment in the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and elsewhere, of the funds of the Company, and to confer upon the Directors additional powers to invest such funds either in the purchase or upon the security of lands and other property, real or personal, in the United Kingdom or in India or in the Colonies and Dependencies, or in any foreign country, and for the purpose of, and to such extent as may be necessary or expedient for carrying on the business of the Company, to deposit securities with the Government of India or of any colony, dependency, foreign country or state, or with any other authority or person legally authorized to accept and hold the same.

To extend the business of the Company for the making or effecting assurances against fire or on lives and survivorships as defined in the said Act, so as to include other assurance business therein; to provide that the Company shall have a lien or security on their life policies for debts due to them by the holders thereof; to empower the Company to extend and make applicable to existing life policies of the Scottish Union Insurance Company and the Scottish National Insurance Company (dissolved by the said Act, and hereinafter referred to as the dissolved Companies) such special conditions, provisions, and limitations as the Company make in or with reference to the life policies of the Company; to authorize the appointment of persons other than shareholders of the Company to be members of local boards of directors or committees in any city, town, or place in the United Kingdom, India, the Colonies, foreign countries, or elsewhere; and to make further provision with respect to the election of a Chairman of the Directors, to the keeping of the accounts of the Company, and the separate accounts of the life policies and annuity transactions of the dissolved Companies, or either of them, by the said Act directed to be kept in the books of the Company, and to the division and application of the profits appearing thereon, and of the profits arising from the other life policies and annuity transactions of the Company.

To enable the Directors of the Company to make, alter, and repeal bye-laws, rules, and regulations; to confer upon the Company and the Directors all such further powers, rights, and privileges as may be necessary or expedient for enabling them the better to carry on and regulate the property, affairs, and business of the Company, and for carrying into effect the purposes of the Bill and of the existing Act; and to vary or extinguish all or any existing rights and privileges which might prevent or interfere with the execution of the said purposes.

Printed copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the 21st day of December, 1885.

Dated this 10th day of November, 1885.

*Cowan and Dalmahey, W.S., 12, Hill-street, Edinburgh.*

*W. A. Loch, 3, Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, Westminster.*

*In Parliament.—Session 1886.*

Manchester Ship Canal.

(Repeal or Amendment of Section 214 of the Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1885; Payment of Interest or Dividend out of Capital; Incorporation and Amendment of Acts).

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Manchester Ship Canal Company (in this notice called the Company) intend to apply to Parliament in