I, Brigadier FRANCIS DIGHTON ANNESLEY, M.C., commonly known as the 14th Viscount Valentia, First Cousin of the Reverend William Monckton Annesley, 13th Viscount Valentia, who died without issue on the 26th day of February 1951, hereby give notice of my intention to petition the House of Lords for confirmation and recognition of my right and title to the Viscounty of Valentia in the Peerage of Ireland.

Any person or persons claiming a right to the said Viscounty are requested to communicate with my Solicitors, Messrs. Francillon & Willott of Long Street, Dursley, Gloucestershire, on or before Wednesday 1st October 1952.

F. Dighton Annesley, Barton Grange, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.

Dated 18th August 1952.

Civil Service Commission, 26th August, 1952.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz.:

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS (ENGLAND) IN THE HOME CIVIL SERVICE.

1. Age

Candidates must be at last 26 and under 40 years

of age on 1st September, 1952.

But a candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may deduct the period of such service from his actual age.

2. Sex and Marriage.
(i) Both men and women may compete under these Regulations, but posts in certain Departments may be restricted to men.

cii) Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widows or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid.

3. Nationality,

Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must

(i) have at least one parent who is, or was

at death, a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in Her Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have resided in Her Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for

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(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph, they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with Her Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

Candidates must on the closing date for the receipt of applications be barristers called to the English bar or solicitors admitted in England.

Health and Character.
 Successful candidates must satisfy the Commissioners as to their health and character.

6. Competition.

The Commissioners may summon to appear before a Selection Board all who are found to be prima facie eligible, or may all who are found to be prima facte eligible, or may if they see fit, summon only those whose qualifications and experience are considered to be most suitable. The Selection Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of experience and education, any recommendation from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work, and the personal qualities of the candi-dates as shown at the interview; and on their estimation of all the above facts they will frame their recommendations. The Board will normally assess a candidate on his suitability for the general duties of the Legal Assistant Class, but experience in one or more branches of legal practice will be taken into account. The decision of the Commissionary will be facel. sioners will be final.

Candidates trained as Teachers

Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g., the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Government Department each successful candidate is to be ment Department each successful candidate is to be assigned. A candidate who declines to accept the post offered will have no claim to be assigned to another, but will be regarded as having declined appointment. Assignments will be made in accordance with the needs of the public service, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

9. Canvassing.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their Application Forms, will disqualify them for appointment.

A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £4 before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

In pursuance of Section 251 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the Minister of Transport has appointed Mr. Alfred George Blows to be Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen with effect from the 9th September 1952, in the place of Mr. Alfred Spence, M.B.E.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Section 85 (3) of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made the following Orders:

Statutory Instruments 1952 No. 1534.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 132, 1952.

(Made 19th August, 1952.)

Declares an area comprising the districts situate within approximately 15 miles of Upper Slaughter, Gloucestershire, to be an Infected Area for the purpose of preventing the spreading of foot-and-mouth disease, to which Area the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order of 1938 are applied. The area subject to restrictions lies in the counties of Gloucester, Oxford, Warwick and Worcester.

Statutory Instruments 1952 No. 1555.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 133, 1952.

(Made 20th August, 1952.)

Declares an area comprising the districts situate within approximately 15 miles of Hamsey, Lewes, Sussex, to be an Infected Area for the purpose of preventing the spreading of foot-and-mouth disease, to which Area the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order of 1938 are applied. The area subject to restrictions lies in the counties of East and West Sussex.

Statutory Instruments 1952 No. 1566.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 134, 1952.

(Made 22nd August, 1952.)

Declares an area comprising the districts situate within approximately 15 miles of Chilham, Canterbury, Kent, to be an Infected Area for the purpose of preventing the spreading of foot-and-mouth disease, to which Area the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth