that effect to the Secretary of the Admiralty, not later than the 11th July.

The candidates should also state whether they wish to be examined as engineers or shipwrights.

The examination will take place on the 18th July and three following days.

By command of their Lordships, Vernon Lushington.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasary, in pursuance of the powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, direct as follows:—

1. The several packets described in the schedule hereunder written may be transmitted by the post from and to the places and by the routes respectively specified in the same schedule at the rates of postage therein respectively set forth and applicable thereto, and subject to the regulations and conditions hereinafter contained.

2. Every British newspaper shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding thirty-one days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication, and the same shall be registered at the General Post Office, in London, and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every

page thereof.

- 3. For the purposes of this Warrant every British newspaper shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate and separate and distinct progressive rates of postage, according to the weight thereof, as mentioned in the schedule hereunder written, notwithstanding two or more newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and form only one parcel or bundle of newspapers; and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such newspaper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.
- 4. Every packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and there shall be no written or partly written and partly printed letter, either closed or open, nor any written or partly written and partly printed communication in the nature of a letter either closed or open (whether such letter or communication be addressed to or intended for the person to whom the packet shall be directed or any other person), nor any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any word or communication printed on the contents of any newspaper packet after the publication thereof, nor any writing, figures, or manual marks whatsoever, of any description upon any such packet or on the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of any newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, newsvendor or agent by whom the same is sent may be printed on the cover thereof, and any other packet not being a newspaper packet may have any matter or thing printed or written on the cover thereof, provided such writing be not of the nature of a letter.

- 5. Upon every packet posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, unless any such packet be sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty which shall keep a postage account with the General Post Office in London, in which case the same shall be forwarded post-paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.
- 6. The term "printed papers" used in the schedule hereunder written shall mean and include periodical works, pamphlets, bound books, corrected proof-sheets, manuscripts relating to such proof-sheets and accompanying them, commercial documents, music, catalogues, prospectuses, engravings, lithographs, autographs, photographs when not on glass, advices, circulars, prices current, visiting cards, maps, and in general all other manuscripts not having the character of a personal correspondence; but shall not mean or include any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character.
- 7. No packet shall be transmitted by the post which shall exceed two feet in length, or one foot in breadth.
- 8. Every packet shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster General may appoint.

9. If any packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom insufficiently prepaid, it shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the

deficient postage.

- 10. If any packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom without any postage having been paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required, or if any packet shall be posted or sent by the post, otherwise than in conformity with the regulations and conditions hereinbefore contained applicable thereto, every such packet may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and on being so returned, given up, or forwarded shall be chargeable with any rate of postage the Postmaster-General shall think proper, not exceeding the letter rate of postage.
- 11. In order to prevent any obstacle to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be despatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to have been forwarded by him.

12. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet or anything contained therein is within the provisions of this Warrant, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive on all parties.

13. The several rates of postage fixed by this Warrant on the packets transmitted by the post, as herein mentioned, and also the several regulations and conditions hereby made applicable to such packets shall be in lieu of those now by law chargeable thereon or applicable thereto.

14. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred

and seventy.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

No. 5				Rates of Postage (British and Foreign combined).		
23627.	Posted in	Addressed to	Route.	On a Packet consisting of a Printed British Newspaper.	On a Packet consisting of Printed Papers other than British Newspapers.	On a Packet consisting of Printed Newspapers or other Printed Papers.
J	Any British Colony		Viâ the United King- dom and Belgium	If not exceeding four ounces in weight If exceeding four ounces in weight, for every additional four ounces or fractional part of four ounces Two pence.	If not exceeding one ounce in weight If exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight If exceeding two ounces in weight If exceeding four ounces in weight If exceeding four ounces in weight, for every additional four ounces or fractional part of four ounces Cone penny. Two pence. Four pence. Four pence.	·

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twentieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. H. Gladstone. Lansdowne.