The Manchester Regiment, The following Second Licutenants have been seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 1st March,

F. Shakespear.

A. G. de V. Chichester.

Gentleman Cadet Arthur William Valentine Plunkett, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant H. C. Tytler, seconded. Dated 14th March, 1888.

The York and Lancaster Regiment, Lieutenant A. C. Le Bailly has been seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 1st March, 1888.

The Gordon Highlanders, Captain H. W. D. Denne has been seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 14th January, 1888.

The Royal Irish Rifles, Captain Henry James Seton has been seconded for service as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 1st February, 1888.

The Connaught Rangers, The retirement with the honorary rank of Major of Quartermaster and Honorary Captain P. Lacey is postdated to 31st December, 1887.

The Royal Munster Fusiliers, Second Lieutenant Frederic Nuthall Burton has been seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 7th February, 1888.

The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Second Lieutenant Myles Frederick A. Sexton has been seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 7th February, 1888.

The Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own). Captain George Francis Leslie has been seconded for service as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 1st March, 1888.

2nd West India Regiment, Lieutenant B. Trydell has been seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 1st March, 1888.

Gentleman Cadet John Henry Francis Hutchison Cloran, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant B. Trydell. Dated 14th March, 1888.

Medical Staff, Brigade Surgeon John MacKenzie, M.D., has been granted retired pay. Dated 24th February, 1888.

Ordnance Store Department, Captain J. B. Archdale, Deputy Assistant Commissary-General of Ordnance, from Captain Royal Artillery, to be Deputy Assistant Commissary-General of Ordnance, with the rank of Captain in the Army. Dated 1st March, 1888.

Army Pay Department, Staff Paymaster and Honorary Major J. C. Ross has been granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 10th March, 1888.

Half-Pay, Major Henry Trotter, C.B., from the Royal (late Bengal) Engineers, to be Lieu-tenant-Colonel. Dated 29th July, 1887.

MEMORANDA.

Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Bruce Hamley. K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Colonel Commandant, Royal Artillery, who became liable to retirement on account of non-employment, on 25th October, 1887, is exempted from such retirement, under the provisions of Art. 95 of the Royal Warrant of 15th November, 1887, until 31st July, 1890.

Captain Edmund Robert Berkeley, retired pay, has retired from the Service, receiving the value

Surgeon-Major and Honorary Brigade Surgeon John Anderson, M.D., C.I.E., retired pay, has been allowed to commute his retired pay. Dated 27th February, 1888.

Deputy Commissary and Honorary Captain Samuel Charles Plummer, Madras Establishment, has been granted the honorary rank of Major on retirement. Dated 5th December, 1887.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS. Lieutenant Rowland J. Beech, Captain, Warwickshire Yeomanry Cavalry, resigns his Commis-

sion. Dated 14th March, 1888.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Aberdeen.

Charles Elphinstone Dalrymple, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

General Sir John Forbes, K.C.B., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

William Henderson, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

General Robert William Disney Leith, C.B., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

Lieutenant-General Sir Harry Burnett Lumsden, K.C.S.I., C.B., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

George Allan Webbe, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

John Dove Wilson, LL.D., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., c. 17). WHEREAS by Section 68 of the above-named Act, it is provided as follows:

"The Council of any Borough which is assessed to the county rate of any county by the Justices of such county, and the Commissioners of any Improvement District, may, by order of a Secretary of State made upon the application of such Council or Commissioners, and published in the London Gazette, be declared to be a Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and thereupon shall become a Local Authority accordingly for such part of their borough or district as is not included in any harbour, to the exclusion of the Justices in Petty Sessions:"

And whereas an application has been made to me by the Town Council of Basingstoke, to be declared a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid:

Now I, the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the Town Council to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act. Henry Matthews.

Whitehall, March 7, 1888.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Acts relating to Her Majesty's Post Office, and in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same) and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows : -

Interpretation Clause.

1. In this Warrant the expression "Parcel" of his Commission. Dated 16th February, 1888. I means a Postal Packet which is posted as a Parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, or any Warrant amending the same.

Places between which Parcels may be Transmitted.

2. From and after the date when this Warrant comes into operation Parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by Post between the Colonies of the Gold Coast and Lagos.

Rates of Postage.

3. On all Parcels transmitted by Post under this Warrant, there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage (that is to say):-

On every Parcel not exceeding one pound in

weight sixpence.

On every Parcel exceeding one pound and not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, for the first pound sixpence, and for every additional pound, or fraction of a pound in weight, sixpence.

Provisions of other Warrants to apply.

4. Every such Parcel shall be subject to the provisions of the respective Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury relating to the Parcel Post between the United Kingdom and the Gold Coast and Lagos, so far as such provisions are applicable.

Commencement of Warrant.

7. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Dated this eighth day of March, one thousand

eight hundred and eighty-eight.

W. H. Walrond, Sidney Herbert, Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Henry Cecil Raikes, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 23rd instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Act 40 Vic., cap. 2, to the amount of £1,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 28th March, 1888, and will be payable at three or six months after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz.:-on the 28th June or 28th

September next, respectively.

3. The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be mude through a London Banker.

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank

of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Saturday, the 24th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock, on Wednesday, the 28th ins ant.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any

Treasury Chambers, March 9, 1888.

Civil Service Commission, March 13, 1888.

THE following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified instruments, by virtue of which they may be

for the appointments set against their respective names:-

March 8, 1888.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Post Office: Telegraph Learners, London, Alfred William Sidders Bird, Albert Charles Hurst, William Francis Shinn.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Prison Department, Scotland: Warder, John Stephenson.

Post Office: Postmen, George Apted (Brighton), John James Friend (Liverpool), Malcolm McLellan (Greenock), Thomas Tillston Powell Oldham), John Thomas White (Maidenhead), John Bernard Yourell (Enfield).

March 9, 1888.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Post Office: Telegraph Learners, London, Walter Charles Burbridge, Richard Williamson Dyer, William Ellacott Ricketts, Arthur Henry Sudbury.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Board of Trade: Boy Clerk, Surveyor's Office, Liverpool, Daniel O'Regan.

Post Office: Postman, London, David Stephenson. Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners, Edward George David Clark (Plymouth), Ehenezer Easterbrook (Hull), Esther Sophia Gull (Witham).

Postmen, John McFarlane (Oban), Charles

Melody (Ballinasloe).

March 10, 1888.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Post Office: Telegraph Learners, London, Frederick Charles Batchelor, Charles Henry David Bliss, Charles Custance, Henry James Ellis, Alfred George McMorran.

Female Sorter, London, Sarah Elizabeth

Sims.

Female Telegraph Learner, London, Jessie Whiteman.

Telegraph Learners, Dublin, Richard Howlin, Frederick Thomas Gardiner Lambert, Bernard Joseph Maguire.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

isons Department, England: Officer, Division I, Jasper Jones. Subordinate

Post Office: Skilled Telegraphist, London, William Green.

Porter, London, James Alfred Fudge. Skilled Telegraphist, Dublin, Christina Mary

Postman, Belfast, Benjamin Rosemond.

FOR REGISTRATION AS TEMPORARY MESSENGER. Patrick Lloyd.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of

the Navy, Admiralty, March 12, 1888.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers,
Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of prize money for the slave dhows "Shadlieh" and "Hashimiyeh," captured by Her Majesty's ship "Fulcon," on 9th October, 1885, will commence on Tuesday, the 20th instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Spring-gardens, S.W."

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other