

Exchequer Bills for the following half-year, to 11th September, 1888, will be at the rate of two per centum per annum.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,
February 22, 1888.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice under 38 and 39 Vic., c. 45, sec. 8 "National Debt (Sinking Fund) Act, 1875," that the sum of £650,000 will shortly be issued to the National Debt Commissioners on account of the New Sinking Fund for the year 1887-88, and that the balance will be issued when ascertained.

Treasury Chambers, February 22, 1888.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice under 38 and 39 Vic., c. 45, Section 8 National Debt (Sinking Fund) Act, 1875, that £776,005 15s. 8d., being the amount of the Old Sinking Fund 1886-87, as certified by the the Comptroller and Auditor-General, will be issued in the current quarter to the National Debt Commissioners.

Treasury Chambers, February 22, 1888.

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 Monday, the 5th proximo, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Act 40 Vic., cap. 2, to the amount of £2,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 9th March, 1888, and will be payable at three or six months after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz.:—on the 9th June or 9th 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 made 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 Tuesday, the 6th proximo, 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 Friday, the 9th proximo.

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

Treasury Chambers, February 22, 1888.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, 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:—

1. (1) The expression "Parcel" in this Warrant means any Postal Packet which is posted as a parcel in the United Kingdom for transmission to a British possession, or in a British possession for transmission to the United Kingdom, in accordance with the provisions of any Warrant

regulating the transmission of parcels by post between the United Kingdom and any British possession.

(2) The expression "British possession" has the same meaning in this Warrant as in the Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, if any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a parcel, be lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by the post, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances), such sum not exceeding the sum of twenty shillings, in respect of such parcel as he may think just.

3. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of articles enclosed in or forming part of parcels, out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose; but nothing contained in, or done under, or in pursuance of, this Warrant shall render him liable, either personally or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of, or in consequence of, any such loss or damage. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of any article enclosed in or forming part of a parcel shall be final.

4. For the purposes of this Warrant, and any document referring thereto, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man shall be deemed parts of the United Kingdom.

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

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

Sidney Herbert,

Herbert Eustace Maxwell,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Henry Cecil Raikes,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

Civil Service Commission, February 24, 1888.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz.:—

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (Supplementary to the General Regulations issued 8th April, 1872, and amended by subsequent notices in the London Gazette), respecting Open Competitive Examinations for the situation of Clerk in the Metropolitan Police Courts.

N.B.—*These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.*

I. The limits of age for these situations are 20 and 30, and Candidates must be of the prescribed age on the first day of the Examination.

II. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz.:—

Obligatory:—

1. Reading aloud.
2. Handwriting.
3. Orthography.