

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION—No. 474.

The following Circular Despatch, accompanying copies of revised regulations respecting Naval Cadets, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th November, 1887.

## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
14th September, 1887.

SIR,—With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 1st of June last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information in the Colony under your Government, copies of revised regulations respecting Naval Cadets.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

H. T. HOLLAND.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

## REGULATIONS RESPECTING NAVAL CADETS.

*In operation for the Examinations in November 1887, and June 1888.*

For alterations to be made in Nov. 1888, see Memorandum attached.

*For the information of Candidates.*

1. Appointments to Naval Cadetships will be made by limited competition, with the under-mentioned exceptions—

Four Cadetships given annually to sons of gentlemen in the Colonies, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Service Cadetships, the total number of which is not to exceed five in any one year. Service Cadets will be selected by the Board of Admiralty from (a) sons of officers of the Army, Navy or Marines who have been killed in action, or who have been lost at sea on active service, or killed on duty, or who have died of wounds received in action or injuries received on duty within six months from the date of such action or injury, (b) sons of officers of the Navy who have performed long or distinguished service, and who hold or have held rank or relative rank on the Active List not lower than that of Commander. Not more than two such latter Service Cadets will be nominated annually.

Applications for Service Cadetships should be addressed to the Military Secretary, Horse Guards, if the candidate is the son of an officer of the Army; to the Secretary of the Admiralty, if the candidate is the son of an officer of the Navy or Marines, and to the Military Secretary, India Office, if the candidate is the son of an officer of the Indian Army.

Colonial and Service Cadets will be entered on passing the test examination as specified in paragraphs 9 and 10, and will in all other respects be subject to these Regulations.

The educational examination of all candidates will be conducted by the Civil Service Commissioners (address Cannon Row, Westminster) who will deal with all questions connected with such examination and will announce the results. A fee of ten shillings will be required from each candidate.

2. Except in special circumstances, not more than one-third of the number of candidates actually presenting themselves before the Civil Service Commissioners will be entered.

3. The nomination of candidates for Naval Cadetships will be made by the First Lord, by individual members of the Board, and by the Secretaries to the Board of Admiralty.

A Flag Officer or a Commodore 1st Class appointed to the chief command of a station, or to a separate command, and a Captain, on first appointment as such to the command of a ship, will be allowed to nominate one candidate, provided the privilege is exercised within six months of appointment.

No Captain will be entitled to nominate more than one candidate during the time he holds the rank of Captain, but a Flag Officer or a Commodore 1st Class may claim the privilege each time he is appointed to a command as above.

In the event of a candidate's nomination being cancelled before he has commenced the examination, the Officer who nominated him will be allowed to select another candidate for the same or following examination.

4. The nominations will be made half-yearly, as soon as convenient after the Report of the last examination has been received from the Civil Service Commissioners.

5. The examinations will be held in London and at Portsmouth, and will commence on the second Wednesday in June and the last Wednesday in November in each year, and the appointments will date from the 15th July and 15th January following respectively.

6. No candidate will be eligible for examination whose age will not be within the following limits on the 15th January following the November examination, and on the 15th July following the June examination viz., for the examinations in November 1887 to June 1888, not less than 12½ nor more than 14 years of age.

7. Every candidate must be in good health, and free from any physical defect of body, impediment of speech, defect of sight or hearing, and also from any predisposition to constitutional or hereditary disease or weakness of any kind, and in all respects well developed and active in proportion to his age. Before being examined by the Civil Service Commissioners he will be required to pass the medical examination according to the prescribed regulations, and must have been found physically fit for the Navy; rejection at such examination will finally exclude him from the Navy.

8. The candidate will be required to produce (1) a certificate of the date of his birth, \* or a declaration thereof made before a magistrate; (2) a certificate of good conduct from the masters of the school or schools at which he may have been educated during the two previous years, or, if educated at home, from his tutor or the clergyman of the parish in which he resides; and (3) proofs of good health.

	Marks.
9. The candidates will be tested by examination in the following subjects:—	
(1.) Arithmetic: including proportion, vulgar and decimal fractions,	250
(2.) Algebra: including fractions, and simple equations of one unknown quantity, .....	175
(3.) Geometry: definitions, postulates, axioms, and subjects, of the first twenty-six propositions of Euclid's Elements .....	175
(4.) English: writing from dictation .....	100
{ spelling 75..... }	
{ handwriting 25 }	
reading with intelligence, and parsing easy sentences.....	100
(5.) French: translating, by aid of a dictionary, French into English, and English into French; reading, parsing, and speaking, .....	200
(6.) Scripture history.....	100

Candidates will be further examined in any two of the following subjects they may select:—

Elementary mathematics: miscellaneous questions in arithmetic, algebra, (including quadratic equations), and geometry to the end of the first book of Euclid's Elements, .....	300
Latin: reading, parsing, and translating, by aid of a dictionary, Latin into English, and English into Latin, .....	300
Geography and English History, .....	300

The final order of merit will be determined by the sum of the marks obtained in the test, as well as in the further examination.

In arithmetic the candidate will be required to obtain five-tenths, and in each of the other subjects of the test examination four-tenths of the marks allotted thereto. In English the candidate must obtain four-tenths of the marks allotted for each of the two sub-divisions of the subject.

10. Colonial and Service Cadets will be appointed on passing the test examination; they must, however, obtain 660 marks in the aggregate, as well as the proportion of marks in arithmetic and other subjects required from the candidates who compete.

11. A candidate who passes the test examination, but does not succeed in the competition, will be entitled to compete at the next examination, provided he is within the limits of age at that time. No candidate will be allowed to compete more than twice. A candidate who fails to pass the test will not be entitled to another trial, but he will be allowed to compete at the next examination if he receives a fresh nomination and is still within the limits of age.

12. A candidate who, owing to illness, fails to appear at the examination for which he has obtained his nomination may receive second nomination, provided he is still within the limits of age.

\* A Certificate of Baptism will not be accepted.

13. For all Cadets entered under these regulations, the payment will be at the rate of 70*l.* per annum for the period in the Britannia, to be paid half-yearly in advance to the Accountant-General of the Navy. But the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty reserve the power of selecting, from among the Cadets entered at each half-yearly examination, a number, not to exceed 10, being sons of officers of the Navy, Army, or Marines, or of Civil Officers under the Board of Admiralty, with respect to whom the annual payment will be 40*l.* only. In this selection their Lordships will have regard solely to the pecuniary circumstances of the Cadet.

14. The period of training on board the Britannia will be four terms; there will be two terms in each year. The first term of each year will be from February to July, the second from September to December.

The vacations will be five weeks at Christmas, two weeks at Easter, and six weeks at Midsummer.

15. (a) Examinations in Seamanship and Study will be held at the end of each term.

(b) Cadets who fail at the end of their second term to obtain 40 per cent. of marks in Mathematical subjects will be discharged.

(c) Cadets who fail at the final examination to obtain 40 per cent. in Theoretical and 50 per cent. in Technical subjects will be discharged.

(d) Cadets reported to the Admiralty for unsatisfactory conduct will be "warned," should they be again reported they will be discharged: any Cadet however who is reported for unsatisfactory conduct during his final term will be discharged without being allowed to present himself at the examination for passing out of the Britannia.

(e) Any Cadet who shall at any time appear to their Lordships to be unfit for the Naval Service, for any reason whatever, will be removed from the Britannia, and it must be understood that this rule will apply to those who are considered unfit from insufficient physical development or weakness of constitution, although no actual organic disease may have been developed.

16. It is to be distinctly understood that the period of training on board the Britannia is a time of probation, and the parent or guardian of every Cadet will be required to sign a declaration (on the admission of the Cadet to the Britannia), to the effect that he shall be immediately withdrawn on the receipt of an official intimation of his being considered unfit for the Navy.

17. Cadets will, on passing out of the Britannia, rank according to the amount of sea time they obtain at their final examination, and those who obtain equal amounts of sea time will rank in the order of merit in which they pass out of the Britannia.

18. The parent or guardian of every Cadet will be required to provide outfit under the regulations in force.

19. No pay or pocket money will be allowed by Government to Cadets in the Britannia.

*By Command of their Lordships,*

EVAN MacGREGOR.

ADMIRALTY, July 1887.

MEMORANDUM.

For the Examination to be held in November 1888, and subsequent Examinations, the following Articles will be substituted for Articles 6 and 9 of the foregoing Regulations, viz.:-

6. No candidate will be eligible for the June Examinations whose age will not be within the following limits on the 15th July following, viz., not less than 13 nor more than 14½ years of age: nor for the November Examinations, whose age will not be within those limits on the 15th January following.

9. Candidates will be tested by examination in the following subjects:—

	Marks.
i. Arithmetic: including proportion, vulgar and decimal fractions, .....	250
ii. Algebra: including fractions, simple equations and problems, and quadratic equations of one unknown quantity, .....	200
iii. Geometry: Euclid, Book I., with exercises and questions, .....	200
iv. English: handwriting, dictation, reading with intelligence, and composition, .....	150
v. French: translating French into English, and English into French; grammatical questions, speaking, and dictation, .....	250
(No dictionary will be allowed, but the equivalents of the less usual words in either language will be given.)	
vi. Scripture, .....	100

Candidates will be required to obtain half marks in arithmetic, and 40 per cent. in each of the other subjects.

Candidates will be further examined in—

	Marks.
vii. Mathematics : harder questions in arithmetic, algebra, and geometry, as above defined, .....	300
viii. Latin : translation, grammar, and prose composition, .....	300
(No dictionary will be allowed, but the equivalents for the less usual words will be given.)	
ix. Geography : including the subjects treated of in Grove's Primer, and an elementary knowledge of the principal places in the British Isles and dependencies. ....	150
x. English history : a short selected period. (A text book to be named).	150
xi. Drawing, freehand and simple rectangular model. ....	100

The final order of merit will be determined by the sum of the marks obtained in the test and in the further examination.

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The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th November, 1887.

"ALACRITY" OFF TAKU,  
5th October, 1887.

HYDROGRAPHICAL MEMO., No. 21.

KOREA.

*Fusan.*—Two Beacons from which lights are exhibited have been erected on the N.W. shore of Fusan Harbour. Kept in line bearing N.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  W. magnetic they indicate the Fairway between Channel and Pinnacle Rocks.

The upper or N.W. light, is White, and the lower one Red; and they are visible between the bearings of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W. and N.W. by W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  W. magnetic. Under favourable circumstances, the White light may be seen 12 miles and the Red 6. A third light, Red, is shewn from the top of the Custom House, and becomes visible on the Port side, to a vessel entering the Harbour, when Channel and Pinnacle Rocks are passed.

On Chappel Rock a stone Beacon has been erected 20ft. high above the rock, painted in Black and White vertical stripes.

On Pinnacle Rock (4ft.) on South side of Channel, and iron Basket painted Red, has been placed.

Charts affected Nos. 1259, 104, 358; and China Sea Directory, Vol. iv. p. 118.

JAPAN.

*Akashi Strait.*—A stone Beacon has been erected on the rock Hira-Iso, at East entrance to Akashi Strait, Inland Sea. It is conical, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. high, and painted in Black and White horizontal bands. Bearings:—

Usaki .....	S. 34° 15' W. )	} true.
Yesaki Light House.....	S. 76° 15' W. )	
Wadano Misaki Light House .....	N. 74° 15' E. )	

The Red buoy hitherto marking the rock has been withdrawn.

Charts affected Nos. 93, 2875; and China Sea, Directory Vol. iv. p. 367.

CHINA.

*Canton River.*—The Channel West of Lintin Bar, is reported to have shoaled considerably; H.M.S. "Cockchafer" having found from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 fms. less water than is marked on Chart.

Charts affected Nos. 1782, 2562; and China Sea Directory Vol. iii. p. 105.

R. VESEY HAMILTON,  
*Vice-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief.*

*To the Commodore, and the respective Captains, Commanders, and Officers Commanding Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed on the China Station.*