

No. 176.—It is hereby notified that an examination, open to all qualified persons, for admission to the Indian Civil Service, will be held in London in August, 1921, and that copies of the regulations may be seen on application at this office.

No. 177.—The Pension Minute No. 17 Clause 4 published on page 452 of the “Regulations of Hongkong, 1914” is hereby amended by the inclusion of the words “of Ceylon or” after the word “service” in the third line thereof; of the words “in Ceylon and/or” after the word “and” in the eighth line thereof; and of the words “of Ceylon and/or” after the word “Treasuries” in the nineteenth line thereof.

No. 178.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the services of certain persons desiring to be formed into a Volunteer Corps under the provisions of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, Ordinance No. 2 of 1920, and that such Volunteer Corps is from this date lawfully formed and it is hereby further notified that such Corps shall be designated by the style of the “Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps”.

No. 179.—The following Order of His Majesty the King in Council, which appeared in the *London Gazette* of the 10th February, 1920, is published for general information.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
THE 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1920.

PRESENT.

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act, 1918, it is provided that His Majesty in Council may declare what date is to be treated as the date of the termination of the present war, and that the date so declared shall be as nearly as may be the date of the exchange or deposit of ratifications of the treaty or treaties of peace, and that His Majesty may also similarly declare what date is to be treated as the date of the termination of war between His Majesty and any particular State:

And whereas at Versailles on the twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, a treaty of peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany was signed on behalf of His Majesty:

And whereas by the said treaty of peace it was provided that a procès-verbal of the deposit of ratifications should be drawn up as soon as the treaty had been ratified by Germany on the one hand and by three of the principal Allied or Associated Powers on the other, and that from the date of the said procès-verbal the treaty would come into force between the high contracting parties who had ratified it:

And whereas the said treaty having been ratified by Germany and three of the principal Allied and Associated Powers, including His Majesty, such a procès-verbal as aforesaid has been drawn up dated the tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty:

And whereas treaties of peace with other belligerents not having yet been ratified it is desirable to declare the date which is to be treated as the date of the termination of war with Germany before declaring the date which is to be treated as the date of the termination of the present war:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said tenth day of January shall be treated as the date of the termination of war between His Majesty and Germany.

ALMERIC FITZROY.