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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to approve the following amendment to the Minute on the Civil Service dated January 11, 1924.

Section 16.—Delete the existing section and substitute the following:—

16. (i.) Cadets, who must be natural-born British subjects of European or Ceylonese descent, or of mixed European and Ceylonese descent, are selected by open competitive examination* held by the Civil Service Commissioners. No candidate will be regarded as of Ceylonese descent unless he is the son of Sinhalese, Burgher, Ceylon Tamil, Ceylon Moor, or Ceylon Malay parents. Any person of Ceylonese descent desiring to present himself for the open competitive examination in London will be required to produce a certificate from the Government of Ceylon to the effect that he is of the descent defined above. For the purposes of this and the following sub-sections, candidates of mixed European and Ceylonese descent will be regarded as Ceylonese. A married candidate will not be appointed without prior reference by the Secretary of State to the Governor in the case of candidates examined in London, and without the explicit consent of the Governor in every case. No pledge of eventual appointment will be given to such a candidate in anticipation of the result of the examination.

* A separate paper is issued by the Civil Service Commission containing information in regard to the examination.

(ii.) The examination for these appointments will, as a rule, be held in London in the month of August in those years in which vacancies have occurred, simultaneously with the examination for the Civil Service of India. Colombo will be made a centre at which candidates eligible for the cadetships reserved for Ceylonese will be allowed to sit, each question paper being set simultaneously in London and in Colombo. Candidates must be between the ages of 22 and 24 on the 1st day of August in the year in which the examination is held.

(iii.) The number of Cadets to be selected at any one time from among candidates of either European or Ceylonese descent will be decided by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(iv.) (a) The examinations to be held in Colombo will be open only to candidates nominated by the Governor.

(b) When arrangements have been completed for holding examinations for Honours Degrees at the University College, Colombo, nomination will be limited to those candidates who have graduated with an Honours Degree in the 1st or 2nd class in the University College or in some equivalent institution. For the present, nomination will be limited to candidates who have passed the Cambridge Senior Certificate, the London Matriculation, or any other public examination which may be deemed to be of an equally high standard.

(c) Every candidate must satisfy the Colonial Secretary that he had attained the age of 22 and had not attained the age of 24 on the 1st day of August in the year in which the examination is held, and that he is duly qualified in respect of health and character.

(d) Every candidate must be of sound constitution, possessed of good sight, and otherwise physically qualified for service, and will be called upon to undergo a medical examination to test these points.

(e) The fees required from candidates are Rs. 100 for the competitive examination and Rs. 10.50 for the medical examination.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 2, 1929.

By His Excellency's command,
A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.