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Examination Room
7th February 1850

The Board assembled at 11.30 a.m.

Opening:

Sir John Macfarlane & Mr. Jones.

The Clerk read the Board a letter of instructions from the Secretary to Government dated 7th January, 1850.

At Jones submitted to the Board a series of 15 questions which he proposed the Candidates to be examined upon which were approved of by the Board.

It was decided that every Candidate must be first examined for the 3rd Class after which he might, if sent up to the Government, be examined for the 2nd Class, and in the same manner for the 1st Class, but that each examination must be separate and reported on separately.

It was resolved that after the examination papers had been decided upon by the Board it did not matter whether they should be attached to each Candidate's
came to enrol the degree of Court belonging to his appearance before the Board. Thus a red ink O would express that the Candidate had not passed for the Class examined. A red O the lowest degree of carelessness entitling a Candidate to pass and the number being in proportion to merit from 3. 5 - 2 the highest.

At 12 o' clock the Board proceeded with the examination of the following Candidates viz.

1. Nothing
2. Smith - W.C.
3. Parcell - P.
4. English - P.G.
5. Wayne - P.G.
6. Warden
7. Goff - P.
8. North - P.G.

At 3 o'clock the Examination was adjourned to Tuesday next at 12 o'clock.

[Signature]
The Honorable the Controller
The Member of the Supreme Court of
The Superintendent of Education

Gentlemen,

You are aware that for some time past the attention both of His
Excellency the Governor and of the
Majesty's Government has been engaged
in devising, under a higher grade
of qualification, a more liberal system of
recompense to the Clerks employed in
the Public Departments of this Government.

2. The Regulations which have been
adapted for the attainment of this end,
are intended in detail in the Government
Notice of the 15th Instant which was
published in the Gazette of the 20th

Among other arrangements, it is
therewith provided that in future upon
the nomination of an individual to a
Clerkship, the person so nominated is
to be examined by a Board consisting
of certain officials of Departments
appointed to ascertain the fitness of
the individual for conducting the duties
of clerical duty, which his proposed
appointment may require him to discharge.

Colonial Office
George Town
24th January 18---

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To: I am now instructed by His Excellency, the Governor, to state that he has been pleased to constitute you a Board of Examiners for carrying this important Regulation into effect.

5. In the Government Justice referred to, it is proposed that for the purpose of determining the fitness of the individual whom His Excellency may have nominated for the discharge of those clerical duties, the examination be limited to a knowledge of the theory and practice of Conunon Arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fraction, and the drafting of abstracts of official documents to test the intelligence of the party, and to show that he is able to write and compose with facility and accuracy in the English language.

6. Of the object of the Government, were I pressed to put it, I should say that the young, when thus entering it exercise the capable of discharging the clerical duties of the respective departments, this course of examination here laid down would undoubtedly be an adequate test.

But His Excellency is of opinion that it would be far short of conveying what he considers to be of paramount interest to the Public Service, given a body of well-educated young men prepared to serve in the lowest grade of office. He would a reasonable prospect be held out if...
Assurance, eventually to classes of honour and trust should their qualifications and acquirements as well as their length of service entitle them to a fair claim to consideration when such become vacant.

7. Considering at the same time the liberal and comprehensive system of education that has been for some time introduced into the Colony, at the public expense and the necessity of obtaining in the most valuable kinds of instruction both in classics and the sciences, by means of the first-class schools established in the municipal towns and villages, His Excellency considers that the Government is justly entitled to expect higher qualifications even for clerkships than the mere discharge of clerical duties would require.

8. Holding these views and at the same time anxious to ensure to this body of Public Officers by their qualifications as well as length of service a fair claim to promotion when such offices as Civil Commissioner, President Magistrate or Clerk of the Peace become vacant, His Excellency hopes one to communicate to you the following instructions for your guidance in conducting the examinations for which your Board has been appointed.

9. All candidates for employment in the Public Service whom His Excellency may desire to qualify before your Board, fire to the standards in three classes.
10. The third or lowest class in point of qualification to consist of those who have qualified exclusively for clerical duty, by proving to the Board a sound knowledge of the theory and practice of the common rules of arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fractions, and of English Grammar and Composition.

11. The second class to consist of those who to the qualifications required of the third class were a creditable knowledge of Geography and History and some acquaintance with English Literature.

12. The first or highest class in point of qualification to be formed of those who in addition to the subjects themselves by those constituting the second and third classes have also been examined by the Board in Classics, Mathematics and the Elements of Natural Science.

13. The examinations will be conducted by the Board entirely in writing, and the papers drawn up by the several Candidates, filed in the Office, without correction or amendment.

14. The Elevations and Omissions submitted to the Candidates must be done by them without reference to Books, or any other means of information.

15. In order to obtain their answers must be shown up in presence of some Person.
of the Board, or other confidant individuals, where they may adjourn, and so question or examine, if questioned can be taken from the room. Thus, examination by the candidate or any other person.

15. It will be for the Board to assign for each question or exercise a certain amount of time for preparing the answer.

Yours for your kind and humble service,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Tuesday 12th February 1769

The Board assembled at 12 o'clock
Present
Mr. Hope and J. Jones

The Board proceeded with the examination of the candidates who appeared on the 10th instant and also of those whose names were added on the 15th instant. The Board left off on Saturday last.

The Board adjourned at 12 to 3 o'clock to resume at 11 A.M.
Thursday, 5th February 1828

The Board assembled at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart and J. Currie

The Board proceeded with the examination of the issue before the Candidate.

After the 12 questions were finished, a Memorial which had been presented to the Governor was handed to the Candidate who was required to make a Receipt of it.

This being shown to the prayer of the Memorial, the Governor directed that the Candidate was requested to fill in the form of an official answer.

Before closing the examination the Candidate were asked if they wished to appear again for a re-examination, as some of them did not appear before the Examination to have understood the nature of it. Mr. Barclay and Mr. Peggles requested a second examination. The other wished to appear in the present one.

As this application had only appeared after the others had been examined, one whole day he was desired to attend the Friday next to finish with the other Candidates taken to be examined.

The Candidates were informed that the Board should report to Government the result of
The examination and that they would
receive instruction from Government
whether they had passed or not.

The Board resolved to call the attention of
the Government to the fact that some of
the candidates did not appear to them
to have arrived at the minimum age
figure for admission over 18 and
that some appeared to be over the
maximum age of 25.

The Board resolved to suggest that the
Government should examine all
testimonials of character, birth certificate,
age, and details of applicants an
eligible in these respects to be examined.
That no testimonials should be sent to
the Board who cannot and ought not
to be influenced by them but need
verification of the examination alone—and
that a once nominal list of
candidates for examination should be
forwarded to the Board.

The Board resolved that the attention of
Government be directed to the disadvantage
young men of 16 to 19 being called in
being examined with those of 22 to 23
years being that the examination
papers are prepared for young men
of 18 at least.
The Board adjourned to Monday the 15th
at 12 o’clock.

Friday, 15th February, 1849

The Board resumed at 12 noon.

Dr. Alnot. Mr. Stewart & Mr. Linn

Gives sentence to 12 new questions as
Examination Papers which were approved
of, and the Board proceeded to examine
the following Gentlemen:

1. Mr. Barclay
2. Mr. Reynolds
3. Mr. Stockley — who had been shortly
excluded with the first
Candidate.

4. Mr. Black — for the first time.

Mr. Stockley finished four new questions of
today, which completes his examination.

All other Candidates finished 12 questions
when they were dismissed, and directed to
attend tomorrow at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
being examined in writing and Compositio.
The Board adjourned till tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

[Signature]

Saturday, 16th February 1850

The Board assembled at 11 a.m. and proceeded with the examination of the candidates. The Lord Mayor, Sir Robert, &c., were present.

At 12 o'clock, Sir Robert and Sir Henry appeared before the Board and were examined in English composition and writing on some additional subjects.

These having been completed, the Board adjourned to Tuesday next, the 19th instant, at 12 o'clock.

[Signature]
Sunday 19th February 1860

The Board assembled at 12 o'clock.

Present:

Mr. Hope, Mr. Stewart, & E. Lewis.

The Board proceeded to examine the different papers of the several candidates.

The Board adjourned at 1/2 3 o'clock.

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Wednesday 21st February 1860

The Board assembled at 11 a.m.

Present:

All the Chairmen.

The Board continued and finished the examination of the papers, and agreed upon the nature of their report, which E. Lewis was instructed to draw up.

The Board adjourned at 1/2 3 p.m.

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22nd February 1859

The Board assembled at 11 A.M.

Present

Mr. Hope, Mr. Nestor, & Mr. Crane.

A notice laid on the table relative to the examination of to-day, which were approved of.

The following candidates presented themselves for examination viz:

Edward Lying

Johnstone &

K. Pons

When the directions being given out to these candidates, Mr. Pons begged to decline the examination as he felt not feel himself qualified.

The Board adjourned at 12 M. till tomorrow at 11 A.M. Clock.

Wife
29th February 1830
The Board met at 11. A.M.

Present
Dr. Eyre, Sir A. Stirling & F. Lister

The Board continued the examination of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Fountain in
Composition

The Board adjourned at 3 1/2 o'clock

W. H. B. & T.

29th February 1830
The Board assembled at 2 o'clock

Present
Dr. Eyre and F. Lister

The Board examined the fashions of Queen Square, St. James and Queen Anne and wrote to their
Office their Report.

The Board adjourned at 4 o'clock

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Report.

Sir,

The Secretary to

Council Chamber,
26th February, 1789.

We have the honor to report that on the 9th instant the papers placed before the candidates for employment in the Public Service were in the margin: the examination paper which forms the heading A to their list. Before the candidates proceeded to the solution of the questions the papers were read to explain the term that might appear ambiguous or of unclear acceptance. And during the three days allowed by the candidates to consider the papers, one of the three papers, containing information which did not suggest the method of solving, or process by which the question being known, the solution might be effected, the papers marked 16, were those sent in by the
the several candidates, as their answers to the questions contained in the paper. In this paper, all the remarks of a member of the Board to whom was submitted the personal instruction of every candidate in regard to the method of solution adopted by the candidate, the accuracy of his calculations, and the correctness and intelligencc with which it had been effected.

After the personal instruction of the several officers, the Board proceeded to determine the comparative merits of the candidates, and their places in insertion, the Public servant and Clerk of the Stain Board.

The order to arrive at such a determination in clear and impartial manner, the Board adopted the plan of
Within an every exercise deliberately by means of
a system of arbitrary, or
Conventional attendants,
which would enable them
to indicate with precision,
time, accuracy, or element, in
regard to the method of
solution, the accuracy of
the data, or the invention
involved in obtaining the
details of the solution.

It is being done an average
takings of the numerous
thus offered to the general
exercise, and the comparison
resulting and standing of the
central candidates thereby
determined.
The arbitrary committee
employed in that process
ranged between 0.4%
and the result of the
averages was divided by
as follows:
1. Any average being between
1 and 5 but inclusive 5
than within of these numbers
was marked 0. This number
the Board regarded as
indicating the lowest
point of the scale at
which the candidate could
be
he contended qualified
the votes the Council.
2. In the manner
all averages between
3, 4, 5 that were over
of 3, than to 3, 4,
were marked E - a mark
which entitles this
Candidate to be considered
as having reached the
Board with credit.
3. Any average entitled
by the same mode of
proceeding to the number
would mark the
Candidate as having
reached his Examination
with the highest degree
of merit.
Applying the above
precepts to the
issues, and in the
Candidates preferred to
in the returns, it
would not come to
the following

If the Candidate having
failed examination
with credit and had
affixed to the same
the number 5.
92. The Candidates
Barclay, Captain
Bythell, Esq.
Clock, Solicitor

An Action and Petition in the Court of Grade of Qualification was brought before the Court of Appeal. The candidates named in the Petition were investigated. After being furnished with a certificate of their qualifications, they were rejected.

On the 15th instant the Board was convened to hear the candidates named in the Petition. The candidates named in the Petition were investigated. After being furnished with a certificate of their qualifications, they were rejected.

The following is the result

Barclay, Captain
Bythell, Esq.
The Candidate Close was rejected.

On the 22 Instant The Board held a Final Examination. When the Paper Marks 2 was laid before the Candidate named in the Margin

After an Inspection of the Paper by the Candidate, The Board declined to order an examination, as he did not find himself competent to answer the contents. The Paper Marks 2 are the answers given by the said two candidates. The result of the Board's decision upon their papers was the refusal of the Board, with the credit having to the Candidate.

Having the number 2 referred to the same and the signature of the Board, The Board have been to State before the Connexion, the names of
The names of the successful candidates in the order of merit in which they passed examination are:

1. Mr. James George
2. Mr. Robert Calhoun
3. Mr. James
4. Mr. Anderson
5. Mr. Robert Oliver

Mr. George L. Jones

Your faithful servants.

[Signatures]