

The Army Council are not, however, in favour of actually specifying the examinations of the Education Department quoted in paragraph III of the memorandum of the Assistant Inspector-General of Education, preferring rather to suggest that any examination conducted under that Department will be accepted provided they are satisfied, and will certify, that the candidate has reached matriculation standard in the five subjects named above.

2. I am to inform you that any candidate for a commission in the Royal Artillery after the 1st April, 1912, in addition to satisfying the examiners in any of the examinations mentioned above, must produce certificates to show that he has passed an examination in mathematics, physics, and chemistry of the standard laid down for entrance to the Royal Military Academy.

3. I am to add that the regulations under which commissions in the British Army may be obtained by officers of the Colonial Military Forces are now under revision, and the above decisions will be embodied in the forthcoming edition.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, S.W.

I am, &c.,

R. H. BRADE.

No. 26.

New Zealand, No. 174.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 12th May, 1911.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of a circular letter addressed by the War Office to all General Officers Commanding abroad (except India), respecting the observance of the day appointed for Their Majesties' Coronation.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

Enclosure.

SIR,—

War Office, London S.W., 2nd May, 1911.

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that on the 22nd June next, the day appointed for His Majesty's Coronation, a Royal salute should be fired from the usual saluting batteries at noon, local time, and arrangements be made with the naval authorities so that this salute may be fired in conjunction with that fired from His Majesty's ships, if any are present.

Where there are sufficient troops there should be a joint review of all the available Naval and Military Forces, and you should place yourself in communication with the naval authorities in this matter.

Any indulgence possible to mark the occasion should be granted to the troops.

It is understood that the highest authority representing His Majesty will hold a full-dress reception in the evening, at which the principal members of the Military Forces will attend.

The afternoon of the 23rd June (the day following Coronation Day) will be kept as an extra holiday by the troops, but only where this can be done without interfering with the ordinary performance of duty by the civil subordinates.

The extra holiday on the 23rd June will not apply to civil subordinates.

The General Officer Commanding.

I am, &c.,

R. H. BRADE.

No. 27.

New Zealand, No. 177.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 12th May, 1911.

I have the honour to request that you will inform your Ministers that Señor Don Mario Pimes, of Bayona, has been appointed Consul for Spain at Melbourne, with jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand.

Steps are being taken for the immediate issue of His Majesty's exequatur to this gentleman, as he is not resident at the place to which he has been appointed.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.