ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, September 17, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 68.   }

I. A Board of Officers will convene in this city to examine applicants for appointments as Artillery officers for Ordnance duty.

The Board will consist of:

Colonel *T. S. Rhett*, Provisional Artillery, on Ordnance duty.

Major *S. Stansbury*,   "   "   "   "

Captain *Benjamin Sloan.*

Superintendent *W. Leroy Brown.*

Captain *Sloan* will record the proceedings of the Board.

The senior officer present will act as President, and will cause due notice to be given of the days and place of meeting of the Board, which will sit from time to time as candidates may apply for examination.

The requisites to pass the examination will be:

1st. An ordinary English education.

2nd. A knowledge of arithmetic, including the use of fractions.

3rd. A knowledge of the Field Manual, prepared under the direction of the Ordnance Bureau.

4th. The Board will also examine the credentials of the applicants, and take into consideration prior services tending to qualify them as Artillery Officers.

5th. The Board must satisfy themselves of the moral character of the candidates, and especially of their habitual sobriety; and they will pass no one physically unfit for the duties of an Ordnance Officer in the field.

After such examination as the Board thinks necessary, the candidates will be arranged according to a roll of merit, based upon examination and testimonials, recommending them to such grade as they deem them qualified for, not above the grade of Captain; the promotion to higher grade being dependent on vacancies in the field, or at Arsenals.

II. Paragraph III, General Orders No. 65, current series, modified by paragraph I, General Orders No. 67, is extended to embrace all soldiers sick in hospitals or on furlough.

III. All enrolling officers are hereby expressly prohibited from enrolling, as conscripts, foreigners not domiciled in the Confederate States. By *domicil* is meant permanent residence.

By order.

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General.