

our advancement? Let me direct his attention to history; when in 1858, the Warrant Officers determined to call the attention of the authorities to the disabilities under which they were labouring, they entrusted their interests to Mr. T. H. Howels, gunner, R.N., (who, himself, benefitted not at all), he loyally worked for the class with a free hand, and as a result a Royal Commission was appointed, the Chief rank instituted, and the salary vote was increased by £19,150 per annum, while eight other minor concessions (among which was the important rule that no Warrant Officer could be dismissed the service without trial by Court Martial), and a pension for Warrant Officers' widows again instituted. Then in 1891, after the issue of the "Earnest Appeal," the present writer was practically given a free hand to work as in his judgment was best, and this was continued until 1894, the result of the work being an increase to the salary vote of between £30,000 and 40,000 per annum, the Chiefs' list doubled, and several other minor matters adjusted. This is the