

ALLOWANCE TO MEN IN CHARGE OF WARRANT
OFFICERS' MESS TRAPS.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of 6th February 1882, allowances varying from 2*d*. to 8*d*. a day are payable to men who have charge of Ward Room and Gun Room Mess Traps in Ships in which these articles are the property of the Crown.

And whereas we are of opinion that some extra remuneration should be given to men who are placed in charge of Warrant Officers' Mess Traps under similar circumstances.

We humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment from 1st April 1898, of an allowance to men in charge of Warrant Officers' Mess Traps, when such are the property of the Government, at the rate of 1*d*. a day when the average number of Warrant Officers borne during the quarter is not less than 4, and does not exceed 10, and at the rate of 2*d*. a day when the average number borne exceeds 10.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

STORE ALLOWANCE TO THE WARRANT OFFICER
IN CHARGE OF STORES IN TORPEDO BOATS AT
GIBRALTAR

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of 27th June 1894 to direct that when in our judgment it may be expedient to place the Stores of Torpedo Boats in Reserve Abroad in the charge of a Warrant Officer, such Warrant Officer shall receive the same allowances as by Order in Council of 16th May 1893 are sanctioned for Warrant Officers who in Vessels of the Fleet Reserve at Home Ports are discharging like duties;

And whereas the Torpedo Establishment at Gibraltar has been increased of late, involving additional work and clerical labour, and the Torpedo Boats there are used for instructional purposes;

And whereas we are of opinion that the Warrant Officer in charge of the Stores in these Boats at Gibraltar should be granted the same Store Allowance as by Order in Council of 26th October 1896 is sanctioned for similar duties at Malta and Bermuda, viz: 6*l.* to 1*s.* a day (according to rank or service) governed by the scale laid down in Order in Council of 6th March 1896 for Warrant Officers when in charge of their own stores;

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of the same, and that this Regulation should take effect from the 1st December 1896.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 30.

20th October 1898.

M.

PAY TO PERMANENT SIGNALLING STAFF AT
GARRISON POINT, SHEERNESS.

WHEREAS it has been found necessary to establish a Signal Station at Garrison Point, Sheerness, and whereas we are of opinion that a proportion of the Signalling Staff employed there should be permanently appointed, we beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize the following rates being paid to such Chief Yeomen or Yeomen of Signals of Your Majesty's Fleet, not exceeding five in number, whom we may employ on this duty after they have been pensioned, vizt., an inclusive rate of four shillings (4s.) a day for pay and provisions in addition to their pensions.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 33.

29th November 1898.

N.

TRAINING OF BOYS IN RATING OF SHIPWRIGHT, R.N.

Superannuation Allowances, Civil Time, &c.

WHEREAS we deem it expedient to take special measures to train Boys in Your Majesty's Dockyards for the rating of Shipwright in Your Majesty's Navy: and whereas the service of those so entered will be spent on board Ship as well as in one of Your Majesty's Dockyards;

It is humbly submitted that Your Majesty will, by Your Order in Council, authorise the payment of Superannuation Allowances, on the Scale of the Superannuation Act of the year 1859, to such of the men as serve in Your Majesty's Dockyards—the Sea time served by them being allowed to count as Civil time for the said purpose. The service for pension to reckon from the age of eighteen.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the foregoing proposal.

No. 35.
A.G.

20th November 1898.

ADDITIONAL PAY TO SEAMEN AND MARINES
HAVING TO STAND IN MUD OR WATER.

WHEREAS it has been found necessary from time to time at Naval Establishments to employ Seamen and Marines upon work which entails their standing in mud or water :

And whereas we are of opinion that the ordinary rates of Extra Pay are insufficient to compensate for the extra discomfort and the wear and tear of clothing involved in such service.

We therefore humbly beg to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council, to sanction an additional payment of *6d.* a day to Seamen and Marines who are employed under the aforesaid conditions.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

VICTORIA CROSS RECIPIENTS.

Additional Grant to the Ordinary Annuity in Special Cases.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the desirability of granting in exceptional cases to Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen or Marines, who have gained the Decoration of the Victoria Cross, an addition to the ordinary Victoria Cross Annuity.

We humbly recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorise us to increase the ordinary Victoria Cross Annuity of Ten Pounds, by a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds a year, in any case in which a Warrant Officer, Petty Officer, Seaman or Marine, who has gained the Victoria Cross, may be found by us, to be, from old age, or infirmity not due to his own fault, in poor circumstances, and unable to earn a living; provided that the Annuity, together with any Pensions of which he may be in receipt from Public Funds, shall not exceed Fifty Pounds a year.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 45.

2nd February 1899.

A.C.

**EXTRA PAY TO ENGINEER WARRANT OFFICERS
EMPLOYED ON MANUAL LABOUR IN REPAIRING
MACHINERY.**

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 18th May 1897 a new class of Engineer Warrant Officer was established under the title of Artificer Engineer :

And whereas no provision is made, in the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Navy, for payment of extra pay to this class of officer while employed on manual labour in repairing the machinery or boilers or upon other engineering work of ships :

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction extra pay, at the rate of 4s. a day, being paid to these officers while so employed :

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence herein.

I.C. $\frac{413}{99}$.

**PAYMENT OF GROG MONEY AT A COMMUTED RATE
IN LIEU OF THE SPIRIT RATION TO MEN UNDER
20 YEARS OF AGE AND BOYS IN DEPÔT SHIPS AT
THE HOME PORTS.**

WHEREAS under the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Navy, Articles 1729 and 1732, Men under 20 years of age and Boys do not receive a Spirit Ration, but are allowed the option of receiving in lieu thereof—

- (1) The Savings Price of the Rum; or
- (2) Substituted Rations, for which Savings may be paid for any part not taken up.

And whereas in Your Majesty's Depôt Ships at the Home Ports, where the number of Men borne is considerably larger than in other Ships of Your Majesty's Navy, and where changes are constantly taking place, the numerous and small payments, as separate items, of these Savings entail much clerical labour and many difficulties.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable with a view to reducing the work at present involved to introduce in these Depôt Ships a commuted rate for the Spirit Ration in lieu of the system of payment of Savings, or the issue of Substituted Rations in lieu, without causing extra expense to the Crown, or loss to the Men generally.

We beg leave, therefore, humbly to submit that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of Grog Money at the commuted rate of four shillings per quarter, or four pence per week for broken periods, in lieu of Spirit Ration to Men under 20 years of age and Boys in Your Majesty's Depôt Ships at the Home Ports, under the following conditions:—

- (1) Payable only while the Men are actually serving in the Depôt Ship or her Tenders.
- (2) Not payable to Men lent to Mobilised Ships, or on passage, although borne in the Depôt Ship for pay.
- (3) Not payable to Men on long leave, or in Hospital, as they are not then entitled to the Spirit Ration.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence herein.