

IMPROVEMENT OF THE POSITION OF SUITABLE  
MEN FOR RATINGS OF DOMESTICS IN H.M.  
FLEET.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the increasing difficulty of obtaining suitable men for ratings of Domestics in Your Majesty's Fleet.

And whereas the Officers commanding Your Majesty's Ships are put to heavy personal expenditure in order to provide the number of properly-qualified Domestics necessary to their rank.

We therefore most humbly recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction

the following proposals, which are designed for the improvement of the position of these ratings:—

1. The pay of Domestics shall be as follows:—

(i.) *Domestics, 1st Class.*

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Captains' and Cabin Cook and Stewards in Despatch Vessels - - -	3	0	a day.
General Messmen - - -	3	0	"
Admirals' and Commodores' Stewards and Cooks - - -	3	0	"
Others, after 3 years' service - -	2	6	"
Others, under 3 " " - -	2	3	"

(ii.) *Domestics, 2nd Class.*

After 3 years' service - - -	2	0	"
Under " " - - -	1	9	"

(iii.) *Domestics, 3rd Class.*

After 3 years' service from age of 18 -	1	6	"
Under " " " " -	1	3	"
Under 18 years of age - - -	1	0	"

Instead of being discharged to the shore on the day their ships are paid off, Domestics shall be granted the same amount of paying-off leave as the rest of the Ship's Company.

- At the expiration of this leave, such of them as desire it, and are recommended by their Commanding Officers, shall be borne on the books of a Depot Ship for a period not exceeding 3 months, so that they may be available to meet the requirements of Officers, who will be obliged to take their Domestics from the Depot while any remain on the books.
- They shall receive the usual Clothing Gratuity, viz., Two Pounds Ten Shillings on first entry.
- The privilege of obtaining the Long service and Good Conduct Medal, which is at present confined to Domestics, 1st Class, shall be extended to Domestics, 2nd Class.

The foregoing proposals to take effect from the first day of April 1900.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SUBSISTENCE TO BOYS OF H.M. FLEET WHEN  
TRAVELLING ON SERVICE.

Regulations modified.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the allowances for subsistence granted to Boys in Your Majesty's Navy when travelling on Service;

And whereas we are of opinion that the rates at present authorised are insufficient in many instances to provide adequate food and accommodation;

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to sanction, by Your Order in Council, the following modification of the existing Regulations:

- I.—The extension to all Boys who have been finally entered in Your Majesty's Navy of the scale laid down (for Boys who have completed their period of training only) in Article 1522 (Class VII.) of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service.
- II.—The additional allowance of 1s. a night in cases where it may be necessary to pay for sleeping accommodation en route.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

PREVIOUS ARMY SERVICE TO COUNT FOR NAVAL  
OR MARINE PENSIONS.

WHEREAS Your Majesty's Secretary of State for War has represented to us that, in consequence of recent changes in Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for Pay, Promotion &c., in the Army, the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service do not provide for the reckoning of previous Army service towards Naval or Marine Pension in the same manner as service in Your Majesty's Navy or in the Royal Marines is allowed to reckon for Army Pension under Your Majesty's Royal Warrant:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to assimilate the conditions under which previous service is allowed to reckon for Pension in the Navy, the Royal Marines, and the Army:

We beg leave therefore humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve of certain portions of Articles 1247 and 2147 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service being altered and amended as shown in the Schedule attached to this Memorial

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

## EXTRA ALLOWANCES FOR SIGNAL BRANCH.

WHEREAS it has been found that there is a difficulty in securing desirable candidates for the Signal Branch of Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas this difficulty is due to the circumstance that the allowances of the Signal Branch compare unfavourably with those of other Branches of the Naval Service;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals, to take effect from 1 January 1900:

1. The establishment of an allowance of *8d.* a day to Chief or other Yeomen of Signals when giving instruction in signalling in Battleships, 1st Class Cruisers and Depot Ships. The number of such allowances to be limited in the first instance to 40, but to be subject to increase at our discretion, as may from time to time be found requisite in consequence of the expansion of the Fleet.
2. The Higher Standard Allowance of *3d.* a day established by Your Majesty's Order in Council of 10th August, 1888, and at present limited to 15 per cent. of the Signal Staff, to be in future payable to 30 per cent., the present

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ALLOWANCE TO SENIOR SCHOOLMASTER IN CHARGE  
OF SCHOOL AT R.M.A. BARRACKS, EASTNEY.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that—having regard to the responsibility which the charge of the Schools at the Royal Marine Artillery Barracks at Eastney involves—the Senior Schoolmaster at that establishment should be granted Charge Pay at the rate of one shilling and sixpence a day ;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the issue of this allowance from the 2nd May, 1900.

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

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WORKING PAY TO GUNNER, R.M.A., IN CHARGE OF  
DISINFECTOR AT R.M.A. INFIRMARY, EASTNEY.

WHEREAS we have found it necessary to establish a Disinfector at Your Majesty's Royal Marine Artillery Infirmary at Eastney and to place a qualified Gunner, R.M.A., in charge of the machinery and working of the same ;

We beg leave most humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the issue of Working Pay at the rate of 1s. 6d. a day for each day actually devoted to the duty, the payment to commence from the 20th March 1900.

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

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TWO HUNDRED OFFICERS AND MEN OF COLONY  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES SANCTIONED FOR  
GENERAL SERVICE IN ROYAL NAVY.

WHEREAS by "The Colonial Naval Defence Act, 1865," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council, from time to time as occasion requires, and on such conditions as seem fit, to authorise the Admiralty to accept any offer for the time being made or to be made by the Government of a Colony to place at Her Majesty's disposal for general service in the Royal Navy the whole or any part of the body of Volunteers with all or any of the officers raised and appointed by that Government in accordance with the provisions of the said Act: and it is by the said Act further enacted that when any such offer is accepted such of the provisions of an Act passed in the 22nd and 23rd years of Her Majesty's reign intituled "An Act, for the establishment of a Reserve Volunteer Force of Seamen, and for the government of the same" as relate to men of the Royal Naval Reserve raised in the United Kingdom when in actual service shall extend and apply to the Volunteers whose services are so accepted.



## INCREASED STATIONERY ALLOWANCES ON ACCOUNT OF SIGNALLING REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the arrangements required in order to provide efficiently for systematic record, receipt, and distribution of messages in connection with the Signalling Service in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas owing to the development of this service, the use of considerable additional quantities of general stationery has become necessary:

We humbly recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to sanction, by Your Order in Council, the establishment of the following additional stationery allowance, viz. :—

- \* Flagships of the Mediterranean,  
Channel, and China Squadrons - £10 each per annum  
for Signal Duties.
- \* Other Flagships and Commodores'  
Ships - - - - £5 each per annum  
for Signal Duties.
- Captains' Commands - - - - £3 each per annum  
for Signal Duties.
- Commaunders' Commands - - - £2 each per annum  
for Signal Duties.
- Lieutenants' Commands and Com-  
manders of Destroyer Divisions - £1 each per annum  
for Signal Duties.

- \* To include the allowance of £1 10s. per annum now granted to ships carrying telegraph instruments (Appendix XVI. to the Regulations for Your Majesty's Navy),

the payments to be made to the Flag Officers, or to the Officers in command of the Ships, as the case may be.

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

COMMANDER HON. S. J. FORTESCUE, C.V.O., GRANTED  
STEP IN RANK ON RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Order in Council of Her late Majesty, bearing date the twenty-second day of February 1870, Commanders retired from that rank may, by our permission, rise one step in rank, if before retirement they have served the time to qualify them for promotion ;

And whereas we deem it to be expedient to grant a step in rank on retirement to Commander The Honourable Seymour John Fortescue, C.V.O., notwithstanding that he has not served the necessary time to render him qualified.

We would humbly submit that Your Majesty may be pleased to approve of an exception to the provision as regards service being made in this Officer's case to enable us to grant him the rank of Captain from the date of his being placed on the Retired List.

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ALLOWANCE TO OFFICER IN CHARGE, SIGNAL  
SCHOOL, PORTSMOUTH.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the pay and position of the Officer in charge of the Signal School at Portsmouth ;

And whereas we are of opinion that in view of the importance of the School, the Officer in charge should receive an allowance of 2s. 6d. a day (this allowance, in the event of a Commander