

meritorious by such amount, not exceeding four annual increments of his salary as they may deem expedient.

Clause 3 of the Order in Council of the twenty-first March one thousand eight hundred and ninety is hereby amended accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

WHITEHALL, May 27, 1905.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Robert Sanderson Whitaker, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of "Commander" of the Order of the Crown of Italy, conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Italy, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to His Majesty.

WHITEHALL, May 27, 1905.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Arthur Fishel, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order of St. Stanislas, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to His Imperial Majesty.

WHITEHALL, May 29, 1905.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Alfred Hippisley, Esq., Commissioner of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of his services in connection with the negotiations for the Supplementary Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Japan and China.

WHITEHALL, May 29, 1905.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Rowland Henry Rochfort Wade, Esq., Chief Assistant Commissioner, Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of valuable services rendered to His Imperial Majesty.

WHITEHALL, May 29, 1905.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Thomas Summers Baker, Esq., of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of valuable services rendered to His Imperial Majesty.

WHITEHALL, May 29, 1905.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Richard Francis Trevithick, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of the services rendered by him in connection with the Government Railways of Japan.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL GRATUITY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE NAVY,

ADMIRALTY, May 30, 1905.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the Gratuity awarded for the capture of four piratical dhows, "Hedjab," "Noubasher," "Monstreehab," and "Sahala" by His Majesty's ship "Harrier" (Armed Dhow No. 1) on the 16th and 18th January 1903, will commence on Thursday the 1st June 1905, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W."

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share of any Officer serving in the above-named ship, are requested to present the same at this office.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not serving afloat, should be addressed: "On Prize Business:—to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes:—

	£	s.	d.
Commanding Officer ...	27	4	0
4th Class ...	7	17	1
5th " ...	5	4	9
6th " ...	3	2	10
7th " ...	2	12	5
8th " ...	1	16	9
9th " ...	1	0	11
10th " ...	0	10	6