

men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, under Regulations to be approved by Your Majesty in Council:

"And whereas by Order in Council dated the 12th day of December 1883, Regulations were sanctioned for the education and maintenance of boys as aforesaid in orphanages, schools, or other institutions, subject to the expenditure in any one year being limited to £4000:

"And whereas the sum of £4000 a year is now found to be inadequate to meet all deserving applications:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the removal of this limit."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is herein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of June 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 30th day of May 1919, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by the Naval Medical Compassionate Fund Act, 1915, it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Your Majesty by Order in Council to provide for vesting the management of the Fund, the determination of the persons to receive benefits therefrom, and the distribution thereof amongst such persons, in such Body as may be determined by the Order, being a Body representative of the Naval Medical Service either with or without the addition of Representatives of the Admiralty:

"And whereas in pursuance of the said Act 'Standing Orders and Regulations for the Constitution and Government of the Naval Medical Compassionate Fund' were approved by Order in Council, dated the 28th day of July 1915, by Clause (6) of which it is provided that the interest on investments of the Fund and the annual subscriptions—

'shall be distributed by the Court of Directors among the eligible applicants for assistance, at Meetings to be held in the months of January, April, July, and October in each year' with a proviso that 'the necessitous orphans of deceased and present members of the Fund shall have the first claim to assistance' from the interest on the investment existing on the said 28th day of July 1915, of the said Fund:

"And whereas the said Clause (6) has been interpreted to mean that the Court of Directors have no option except to distribute in each year the whole of the income and annual subscriptions for that year:

"And whereas in framing the draft of the said Standing Orders and Regulations the Court of Directors and their advisors did not intend that the Court of Directors should be thereby compelled to distribute the whole of the income and subscriptions which should be received in or for any year (which distribution might render it possible that a smaller number of applicants in one year would receive collectively the same amount as a larger number of applicants would receive in another year) but intended rather that after due assistance had been granted to eligible applicants the surplus in any year of the Income and subscriptions in that year should, at the discretion of the Court of Directors, be invested and added to the capital of the Fund.

"And whereas by Section 1 (2) of the said Naval Medical Compassionate Fund Act, 1915, it is enacted that 'An Order in Council under this Act may be altered or revoked by a subsequent Order in Council':

"We beg leave humbly to submit that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to cancel or revoke Clause (6) of the said Standing Orders and Regulations and to substitute in its place the following clause, namely :—

"(6) Subject to the payment of all proper outgoings the Court of Directors shall in each calendar year commencing on the 1st November and at meetings to be held in the months of January, April, July, and October distribute among the eligible applicants for assistance so much of the monies which shall during such year be received in respect of income from the Fund and in respect of the annual subscriptions hereinafter mentioned as the said Court shall determine to be sufficient for providing assistance to such applicants.

'The unapplied balance (if any) of the monies which shall be so received as aforesaid in any calendar year ending on the 31st October including any cash and investments in existence on the 1st November 1919, and representing the unapplied balance of the monies which shall prior to that day have been so received as aforesaid shall be or shall be deemed to have been placed to the credit of the Fund so as for all purposes to form part of the capital thereof: and any cash from time to time representing any such balance or balances as aforesaid shall be invested as if the same had been donated to the Fund.

'Provided always that the necessitous Orphans of persons who (a) were on the 28th July 1915, or (b) having died prior to that day had been subscribing members of the Fund shall have the first claim to assistance from the income from such part of the Fund as shall from time to time represent the £10,600 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock mentioned in Clause (5) and any capitalized income thereof.'

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.