

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
the 9th day of August 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have represented to Her Majesty that the following decimal series of new avoirdupois grain weights have been recommended by the Commissioners appointed by Royal Warrant bearing date the fourth day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, for inquiry into the condition of the Exchequer Standards (now called the Board of Trade Standards) of Length and Weight, and for other purposes, to be legalised as Secondary Standards, in pursuance of sections six and eight of the Standards of Weights, Measures, and Coinage Act, 1866, and that such grain weights have been constructed, and have been duly verified in the Standards Department of the Board of Trade, their weight in relation to the Imperial standard pound having been accurately determined; viz:—

Decimal grain weights—	4000,	2000,	1000	grains.
	500,	300,	200,	100
	50,	30,	20,	10
	5,	3,	2,	1
	0.5,	0.3,	0.2,	0.1
	0.05,	0.03,	0.02,	0.01

Now, therefore, in pursuance of and by virtue of the said recited Act of Parliament, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby declared, that the said decimal avoirdupois grain weights shall be legal Secondary Standards of Imperial weight from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act.

ARTHUR HELPS.

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Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the fourth day of August 1870, in the words following, viz:—

“Whereas by the twentieth section of an Act passed in the twenty-ninth year of your Majesty's reign, chapter eighty-nine, entitled an Act to provide for the better government of Greenwich Hospital, it is among other things enacted that the regulations for the admission of children into Greenwich Hospital School, “shall be vested exclusively in the Admiralty, but any such regulations shall not have effect unless and until they are approved by your Majesty in Council;” and whereas we are of opinion that it would be expedient to establish definite regulations with respect to the admission of children into the said school, we beg leave to recommend that your Majesty will be pleased, by your Order in Council, to sanction the establishment of the following regulations:—

Regulations for the Admission of Boys to Greenwich Hospital School.

The school consists of eight hundred boys, the sons of petty officers and seamen, and of non-

commissioned officers and privates of Marines, who have served or are now serving in the Royal Navy or Coast Guard, and of other seafaring persons.

All claims for admission to the School will be judged of by a Committee of Selection appointed by their Lordships, in the following order of precedence, special consideration being given to length of service at sea:—

1. Orphans, both parents dead.
2. Sons of fathers killed, drowned, deceased, wounded, or seriously maimed in Her Majesty's Service, or while employed by Her Majesty on board a merchant ship, or in action with an enemy, pirate, or rebel.
3. Those whose fathers, having served in the Royal Navy or Marines, are dead.
4. Those whose fathers are serving, and whose mothers are dead.
5. Sons of naval pensioners, and sons of seamen and marines now serving, both parents living.
6. Sons of seamen and marines* entitled to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital.
7. Sons of other seafaring persons.

N.B.—The sons of commissioned and other officers are not absolutely excluded, provided that the peculiar circumstances of their case render them eligible for this charity.

Applications for admission are to be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty (Greenwich Hospital Branch), London, when the necessary forms will be sent, which, when properly filled up, must be returned as directed, with the two following certificates:—

1. A certificate of the marriage of the parents; or, if not attainable, other satisfactory proof thereof.
2. Register of the child's birth.

The services of the fathers upon which the claim is founded will be ascertained at the Admiralty, and due notice will be given, without further application, should the child be selected for admission into the school.

Boys eligible for admission must be between nine and ten and a quarter years of age, physically fit for sea-service, be able to read an easy sentence, and possess a knowledge of the first four rules in arithmetic.

Boys will be discharged from the school on the first day of the month succeeding that in which they shall attain thirteen years of age, unless either they succeed by their talents, industry, and good conduct in obtaining admission into the Selected Division, after competitive examination, or volunteer, with the consent of their parents, to enter the Royal Navy as boys.

In the latter case, if they are reported physically fit, they will be retained until fourteen and a half years, and then entered for continuous service.

Vacancies occasioned by boys unwilling or unfit for service in the Royal Navy will be filled up by selection from the sons of seamen and marines who are thirteen years of age, fit and willing for service, and able to pass a sufficient examination in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Applications for admission of boys at the age of thirteen must be made six months previously, in the same manner as above directed, and the parents or guardians must sign an agreement, before the boy is admitted, that he shall serve in

* Including the Royal Navy Reserve.