

one year or more, or for life, as the effect of the wound or hurt, or the sickness or debility may appear permanent or temporary.

III. *Of Pensions for Length of Service.*

Every able seaman who shall be discharged, not for wounds, hurts, sickness or debility, but on a reduction of the fleet, who shall have faithfully served fourteen years, and less than twenty-one, shall receive a pension of one halfpenny per diem, for every year of such service.

Every able seaman who shall have completed twenty-one years service, shall, even though not disabled, be entitled to his free discharge, and a pension of one shilling per diem, on the first subsequent arrival of the ship, in which he may be serving at a Pay-port in England.

Every able seaman who after having served twenty-one years, shall choose to continue his service, shall receive one halfpenny per diem for every year of such additional service, and may claim his free discharge, and his increased pension, at the conclusion of each additional year, or the first subsequent arrival of the ship in which he may be serving, at a Pay-port in England, provided, however, that the whole pension shall never exceed one shilling and sixpence per diem.

IV. *Of Ordinary Seamen and Landmen.*

In all the scales of the foregoing paragraphs, in which the rates are those to which an able seaman is entitled, the rates for ordinary seamen are to be four-fifths of the able seaman's rate, and those for landmen are to be three-fifths of an able seaman's rate, but no seaman shall be pensioned as able or ordinary, unless he shall have served one-third of his whole time of service in the higher rating, but all service in the higher rating, if not sufficient to entitle the individual to a higher pension, is nevertheless to be allowed as time of service, for the inferior rating and pension.

After twenty-one years service, ordinary seamen and landmen are also to be entitled to their free discharge, and to an addition to their pension according to their rating, for every additional year for which they may choose to continue, in the service.

V. *Of the Royal Marines.*

Privates of the royal marines shall be entitled as landmen, if their length of service falls short of fourteen years, and as ordinary seamen when it shall exceed that period.

After twenty-one years service they are also to be entitled to their free discharge, and to an addition to their pension, at the rate of an ordinary seaman for every additional year they may choose to continue in the service.

VI. *Of Boys.*

Boys, in cases of sickness or debility, shall be pensioned as landmen: but boys' time shall not be reckoned in computing the pension for length of service, and of persons brought up from boys in His Majesty's service; man's time shall commence from the age of eighteen years.

VII. *Of Pensions to Petty and Non-Commissioned Officers.*

That the petty and non-commissioned officers (rope-maker, ship's corporal, captain of tops, captain of after-guard, captain of masts, corporal of marines), shall receive, in addition to the rates of pension to which their service, as seamen, landmen, or marines, would entitle them, one farthing per diem for each year of their service as such petty or non-commissioned officer.

That the petty and non-commissioned officers (clerk, schoolmaster, armourer, master at arms, carpenter's-mate, caulker, quarter-master, Boat-swain's-mate, sailmaker, gunner's-mate, yeoman of powder room, ditto of sheets, coxswain, quarter-master's-mate, captain of fore-castle, serjeant of marines) shall be entitled to one halfpenny per diem, in addition to the rate of pension to which their services as seamen, landmen, or marines, would entitle them.

VIII. *Of Pensions to Warrant Officers.*

If it shall at any time please the King in Council, to grant to any of the warrant-officers (boat-swain, gunner, carpenter, purser, master, surgeon, surgeon's assistant, master's-mate, midshipman), on account of wounds or hurts received in His Majesty's service, a pension on the ordinary estimate of the navy, such officer or person shall not be entitled to any pension from Greenwich Hospital.

IX. *Of Discharged Men Re-entering.*

If a man, after being regularly discharged, shall re-enter His Majesty's service, he shall be entitled, in computing his ultimate rate of pension, to the addition of his subsequent, to his former service.

X. *Of the Forfeiture of Pensions.*

As all these pensions are intended for the encouragement and reward of good and faithful conduct in the seamen and marines, all claim thereto may be barred and forfeited—

1st. By such misconduct of the individual as shall induce the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to order the said pensions to be withheld or refused.

2d. By desertion or running from His Majesty's service; and if any deserter shall be retaken or shall re-enter His Majesty's service, he shall commence a new time from the date of such subsequent entry, and shall not be entitled to reckon any time preceding such desertion or running, except the R. shall have been previously removed, by order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

3d. By sentence of a Court-martial.

4th. Pensioners who shall not have been discharged as wholly incapable, or for having served twenty-one years or upwards, or whose age shall not exceed fifty years, may forfeit their pensions by neglecting or omitting to attend at such port or place, and at such time, as shall, in time of war, or in prospect of a war, be appointed for the assembling of the pensioners, by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, or by neglecting or refusing to serve His Majesty in such manner as to