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AT the Court at Windsor, the 5th day of December, 1865.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by The Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted (among other things) that Her Majesty in Council may from time to time make such Orders in Council as seem meet for the better execution of any of the purposes of that Act, and that the said Act shall commence on such day, not later than the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, as Her Majesty in Council thinks fit to appoint :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Her vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

*Preliminary.*

1. The said Act and this Order shall commence from and immediately after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

2. The Order in Council of the eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, under The Navy Pay and Prize Act, 1854, and that of the nineteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, amending the same, are hereby repealed, but not so as to revive any Order, regulation, practice, or other thing thereby expressly or virtually repealed or abolished, or to affect the past operation of the said Orders respectively, or the validity of anything done thereunder.

3. In this Order—

The term "pay" includes all wages, pensions, bounty money, grants, or other allowances in the nature thereof, due in respect of service in Her Majesty's naval or marine force to a person being or having been an officer, seaman, or marine, or the widow or any relative of a deceased officer, seaman, or marine :

Other terms have the same respective meanings as in the said Act.

*Confirmation of existing Orders in Council, Queens Regulations, &c.*

4. All Orders in Council, and all Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, and

Instructions for Paymasters of the Navy, as far as they relate to naval and marine pay, and are in force at the commencement of this Order, and are not by this Order expressly repealed, are hereby continued and confirmed, subject, however, with respect to the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, and Instructions for Paymasters, to such alterations as the respective proper authority in that behalf from time to time thinks fit to make therein.

*Rating.*

5. A seaman or marine discharged or transferred from one ship to another shall not be rated lower in the latter ship than in the former ship on or in consequence of such discharge or transfer.

*Allotments and Remittances of Pay by Seamen and Marines, and other Remittances.*

6. For the purposes of the provisions of this Order respecting allotments and remittances of pay by seamen and marines, and other remittances, the proper certifying authority shall be (in the several cases hereinafter mentioned), the following, namely :—

(1.) Where the allottee or payee resides in England, Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands, the minister and churchwardens or elders of the parish or district parish wherein the allottee or payee resides.

(2.) Where the allottee or payee resides in Ireland, the inspector or sub-inspector of constabulary for the county, and a churchwarden of the parish, wherein the allottee or payee resides.

(3.) Where the allottee or payee resides at Sierra Leone, the commissariat officer there.

(4.) Where the allottee or payee resides in any other British possession out of the United Kingdom, two of the principal merchants or tradespeople of the place of residence ;

and the ministers, churchwardens, elders, inspectors, sub-inspectors, commissariat officer, merchants and tradespeople aforesaid (when respectively the proper certifying authority), are hereby required to furnish, in the several cases in this Order provided for, such certificates as are requisite for the purposes of this Order, in case they respectively are satisfied of the truth of the matter required to be certified.

7. At places where there is not any resident naval cashier or paymaster, allotments and wages