

grant pensions to Widows of Warrant Officers who died between July 19, 1830, and January 1, 1860, should such Widows be otherwise qualified under existing Regulations.

Should your Majesty be pleased to sanction these Our proposals, We would most humbly suggest that We be empowered to carry them into effect from the 1st of April, 1870.

As relates to Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, Chief Carpenters, and Warrant Officers.

1. The numbers of the above officers not to exceed :—

Chief Gunners... ..	12
Chief Boatswains, exclusive of officers holding the honorary rank in virtue of their appointments	12
Chief Carpenters	12
Gunners, 1st Class	100
„ 2nd Class	150
Boatswain, 1st Class	150
„ 2nd Class	250
Carpenters, 1st Class	80
„ 2nd Class... ..	120

2. Warrant officers in future to be divided into two classes only.

3. Warrant officers now in the 3rd class to be at once promoted to the 2nd class, and paid according to the new scale.

4. Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Chief Carpenters to receive as pay 9s. per diem ; Warrant Officers of the 1st class 7s. 6d. per diem ; of the 2nd class, 5s. 6d. per diem.

5. An allowance of 6d. per diem to be given to each of the above officers when in charge of stores in a sea-going ship in commission. This allowance to be exclusive of the tool-money allowed to Carpenters.

6. Harbour-pay and the distinction between harbour and sea-service to be abolished.

7. All officers of these grades to be pensioned on attaining 55 years of age ; and at any age if found physically unfit for service at sea. They may be pensioned at their own request on attaining 50 years of age.

8. Power to be reserved to Us to suspend at any time, and with respect to any rank, the foregoing provision under which an Officer may at his option retire, at an age less than that fixed for compulsory retirement in each rank.

9. The scale of retiring pensions to be as follows :—

	Pension for each Year's Service, above the Rank of Petty Officer.		Addition for each Year's Service as Seaman or Petty Officer, but the additional time allowed for service as Seaman-Gunner not to count.		Maximum Pension not to exceed
	£	s.	£	s.	£
Chief Gunner	5	0	1	10	150
„ Boatswain					
„ Carpenter					
Warrant Officers :—					
1st Class	4	0	1	10	120
2nd Class	3	10			90

10. Warrant Officers holding appointments in Your Majesty's Yards, if not entitled to civil superannuation, to count such service as Warrant officers' time towards pension, on the above scale.

11. Officers guilty of misconduct to receive such lower rates of pay and pension as We may determine.

12. In the case of Gunners, Boatswains, and Carpenters, warranted subsequently to 30th June, 1830, and who died prior to the 1st January, 1860, their widows, if otherwise qualified under existing regulations, to be entitled to receive the pension of 25l. a-year under the conditions laid down in your Majesty's Order in Council of 23rd January, 1860.

13. Present Warrant Officers of the 2nd class to continue to receive as pay 6s. a-day.

14. All Warrant Officers to be allowed at their request, and with Our consent, to compound their pensions, except Greenwich Hospital Pensions, under the rules laid down by the Lords

Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury for administering Act 32 and 33 Vict., cap. 32.

All present rules and regulations, except in so far as they are altered or limited by these provisions, shall be deemed to remain in force.

As relates to Engineers and Assistant Engineers.

1. The Active List of Engineers and Assistant Engineers not to exceed 800.

2. The rates of full-pay to be as at present, with the exception that an Engineer who has served five years in that rank shall receive 10s. a-day.

3. The term "Harbour-service" to be abolished. Harbour-pay in future to be termed half-pay, and the rates thereof to be the same as those of harbour-pay at present.

4. No officer to be in future appointed Engineer for special charge.

5. Engineers qualified for promotion to Chief Engineer to be pensioned at 50 years of age. "Engineers for special charge," Engineers not