

qualified for promotion to Chief Engineer, and Assistant Engineers, to be pensioned at 45 years of age; and at any age if they have either not served in one of Your Majesty's ships at sea during

the last six years, or if found physically unfit to serve.

6. The following to be the scale of Pensions to Engineer officers :—

	For each Year's Service.	For each Year on Half-Pay.	Maximum.
	£	£ s.	£
Engineer for special charge	7	3 10	150
Engineer	6	3 0	130
Assistant Engineer	5	2 10	110

7. An Assistant Engineer of less than five years' standing to receive in lieu of Pension a Gratuity of 10*l.* for each complete year's service.

8. Engineer officers who entered Your Majesty's service prior to the 12th October, 1863, to receive, when pensioned, not less than 100*l.* if Engineer for special charge or Engineer; 80*l.* if Assistant Engineer 1st Class; or 65*l.* if Assistant Engineer 2nd class, provided in each case that they are retired at 45 years of age.

9. The existing powers vested in Us, of granting lower rates of half-pay in cases of misconduct, to be extended to pensions.

10. All Engineer 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.

Temporary Provisions.

1. Until the list of Engineer officers shall have been reduced to the proposed numbers, officers of any age may, with their consent, and at Our discretion, be pensioned on the scale they have earned by service.

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

3. "Engineers for special charge," and Engineers now on the Active List, not to be compelled to retire until they have attained the age of 50, unless they have either not served at sea for six years, or are physically unfit for service.

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

We would represent to your Majesty that though some additional immediate expenditure may be entailed in order to carry out these propositions, considerable economy will be the ultimate result of their working; and that the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in these arrangements."

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her 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.

Arthur Helps.

At the Court at Windsor, the 22nd day of February, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'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 19th of February, 1870, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by Orders in Council of 5th February, 1834, 29th June, 1842, 30th January, 1856, 1st August, 1860, and 4th February, 1861, your Majesty has been graciously pleased to make provision empowering us to confer promotion to the Active and Retired List of your Majesty's Navy, on certain Officers who may be annually recommended to us for the good and faithful discharge of their duties in the Coast Guard Service, or in Revenue Cruisers, as well as to grant advantages as regards retired pay upon some of these Officers.

2. Whereas by Orders in Council of 7th February, 1857, and 1st August, 1860, your Majesty has been pleased also to confer power on us to select annually for promotion either to the Active or Retired List one of the Lieutenants employed as Admiralty Agents on board contract mail steam vessels.

3. And whereas the position of these branches of your Majesty's Service has been materially altered, the prospects of Officers serving in them as regards advancement and retirement have been greatly improved, and the number of Officers employed considerably diminished, we are of opinion that such promotions are no longer needed, the more especially as by our proposals, the Active Lists generally of your Majesty's Navy will be reduced.

4. We would therefore most humbly submit to your Majesty, that in future no special annual promotions be made, either to the Active or Retired Lists for service in the Coast Guard, Revenue Cruisers, or contract mail steam vessels, and that the provisions of your Majesty's several Orders in Council authorising such promotions be repealed."

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her 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.

Arthur Helps.