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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 6th day of *July*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, Lord Justice Sir William Milbourne James and Sir Barnes Peacock were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their places at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 6th day of *July*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Privy Seal to the Right Honourable Charles, Viscount Halifax, the oath of the Keeper of the Privy Seal was this day administered to him, and his Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 6th day of *July*, 1870:

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John, Earl of Kimberley, to be one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, His Lordship was, this day, by Her Majesty's command, sworn one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 6th day of *July*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, Her Majesty,

in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the twelfth section of an Act passed in the thirty-second year of Her reign, chapter forty-four, intituled "An Act to make better provision respecting Greenwich Hospital, and the application of the revenues thereof," was pleased, on the joint recommendation of the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to sanction the following regulations (therein contained) for the award of pensions, not exceeding in the whole in any one year the sum of £4000, to be paid to some of such masters and seamen of the Mercantile Marine as contributed out of their wages the sum of 6d. per month towards the support of Greenwich Hospital, that is to say:—

I. Only such masters and seamen of the mercantile marine as can prove to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade at least five years service previous to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and who contributed 6d. a month to the funds of Greenwich Hospital during that period, to be considered as eligible for the said pensions.

II. Only such masters and seamen of the mercantile marine as have been disabled or incapacitated from age, and who are not less than 55 years of age, to be considered as eligible for the said pensions.

III. The amount of the said pensions to be limited to the sum of £3 8s. a-year each.

IV. If the master or seamen is already in receipt of a pension amounting to that sum from the Merchant Seamen's Fund, no additional pension will be awarded from the funds of Greenwich Hospital; but if the master or seamen is in receipt of a pension of less amount from the Merchant Seamen's Fund, he will be allowed, from the funds of Greenwich Hospital, such additional pension as will, with his other pension, make up a sum not exceeding £3 8s. 0d. a-year.

V. The said pensions will, in the first instance, be granted to those masters and seamen who can prove the greatest length of service prior to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and who, in other respects, come under the foregoing conditions; provided the sum of £4000 in any one year be not exceeded.

VI. Vacancies on the pension list will be filled up half yearly."

And whereas it is expedient that the said Order should be so modified as to enable the Board of