

tenants of Her Majesty's Fleet, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hereby give notice of such arrangements.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 5th day of August, 1875.

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 third of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, in the words following, viz:—

Whereas we have had under our consideration the effects of your Majesty's Orders in Council of twenty-second February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and fourth August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three in so far as they relate to the retirement and promotion of Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders, and Lieutenants of your Majesty's Navy, and whereas large reductions of these lists have been thereby effected which, though highly satisfactory in one point of view, have resulted in a great stagnation of promotion, We are of opinion that it is expedient to provide temporarily for a more uniform flow of advancement to these ranks; to relax slightly the rules as regards the age at which Flag Officers and Captains may be optionally retired, and to modify still further the restrictions respecting the advancement to Flag Rank of Officers on the Retired List and promotions on that List.

We would therefore most humbly submit to your Majesty:—

1. That we be empowered for the present to promote annually seven Captains to Flag Rank effecting this by promoting to Flag Rank as heretofore in vacancies caused by death and retirement and by supplementing any vacancies short of seven at the end of each year so long as a maximum number of sixty-eight Flag Officers be not exceeded:—

- adjusting the Flag Ranks thus:—
- 3 Admirals of the Fleet.
- 10 Admirals.
- 20 Vice-Admirals.
- 35 Rear-Admirals.

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Promotions to the list of Admirals to be in the proportion of one to two in vacancies caused by retirement until the number is reduced to ten, and the addition, to the list of Vice-Admirals and Rear-Admirals to be in the proportion of one Vice-Admiral to every two Rear-Admirals added to the list; should there be more than seven vacancies in any year the excess not to be filled up in that year, provided the list of Flag Officers is kept up to fifty.

2. That, for the present, we be also empowered to promote annually twelve (and should vacancies occur as many as fifteen) Commanders to the rank of Captain, effecting this by filling every vacancy and supplementing any vacancies short of twelve at the end of each year, so long as a maximum number of one hundred and seventy-five Captains be not exceeded; should there be more than fifteen vacancies in any year the excess not to be filled up in that year.

3. That, for the present, we be also empowered to promote annually twenty (and should vacancies occur as many as twenty-five) Lieutenants to the

rank of Commander, effecting this by filling every vacancy and supplementing any vacancies short of twenty at the end of each year, so long as a maximum number of two hundred and twenty-five Commanders be not exceeded; should there be more than twenty-five vacancies in any year the excess not to be filled up in that year provided that the list is kept up to two hundred.

4. That, for the present, we be authorised to sanction the optional retirement of Flag Officers and Captains at the following age, viz:—

Admirals and Vice-Admirals	55
Rear-Admirals	50
Captains	45

Such optional retirement to be subject in each case to our approval, and to be restricted to three Flag Officers and six Captains annually, power being reserved to us, with the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury, to extend this option to a larger number hereafter should such a course appear desirable.

5. That one step in rank, according to seniority, be granted to all Rear-Admirals and Captains who may have been, or who may hereafter be, placed on the Retired List, under the provisions of your Majesty's Order in Council of twenty-second February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, irrespective of any qualifying service; such advancement not to carry with it any increase of retired pay.

We beg further to state that the Lords Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury have given their assent to the cost of these proposals.

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.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Council Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 9th day of August, 1875.

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

THE Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1869, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do hereby revoke their Order, bearing date the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, defining the part of the Port of Middlesbrough, in the North Riding of the county of York, within which foreign cattle might be landed for slaughter: Provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to invalidate or make unlawful anything done under the said Order before the date of this revocation, or interfere with the institution or prosecution of any proceeding in respect of any offence committed against, or any penalty incurred under, the said Order.

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