

therein with a view of placing such Officers in the position we consider it advisable should be granted to them, we would humbly submit for your Majesty's approval the following Regulations for the remuneration, position, advancement, and retirement of the aforesaid Officers, and we would submit that such Regulations should take effect from 1st April, 1881, and be applicable only to Officers on the Active List of the Royal Navy at that date, except that as regards Surgeons entered since 1st January, 1881, we would submit such Regulations be in force from date of entry.

"Numbers.

"1. The Active List of Medical Officers not to exceed—

"Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors-General of Hospitals and Fleets 16 (of whom not more than four to be Inspectors-General).

"Fleet-Surgeons, Staff-Surgeons, and Surgeons, 400.

"Promotion.

"2. An Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets to be selected from amongst Deputy Inspectors-General who have in that rank three years' foreign service, or

"Four years' mixed service of which not less than two to be abroad, or

"Five years' home service in such appointments as preclude foreign service, and provided that they have not refused to go abroad if called upon.

"3. A Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets to be selected for ability and merit from amongst Fleet Surgeons.

"4.—(a.) The rank of Fleet Surgeon to be granted to Staff Surgeons on completion of 20 years' full-pay service, if recommended for advancement by the Medical Director-General, subject to our approval.

"(b.) Power to be given to us to make, at our discretion, special promotions from the rank of

Staff Surgeon to that of Fleet Surgeon in cases of distinguished service, or conspicuous professional merit, such promotions to be exceptional, and not to exceed the rate of one in any two years.

"The total number at any one time of Fleet Surgeons holding that rank by such special promotions not to exceed six.

"(c.) Officers who have been specially promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon for distinguished service or conspicuous professional merit, to be eligible for promotion, if recommended by the Medical Director-General, to the rank of Fleet Surgeon after eight years' full-pay service as Staff Surgeon.

"5.—(a.) Rank as Staff Surgeon to be granted, subject to our approval, to Surgeons at the expiration of 12 years from the date of entry, provided they are recommended by the Medical Director-General, and have passed such examination as may be required after completion of eight years from date of entry in the rank of Surgeon.

"(b.) Power to be given to us to make, at our discretion, special promotions to the rank of Staff Surgeon, in cases of distinguished service, or conspicuous professional merit, such advancements to be exceptional, and not to exceed the rate of one a year. No Officer to be so promoted unless he passes the examination prescribed for other Surgeons, but in such a case the requirement of eight years' service to be dispensed with. The total number at any one time of Staff Surgeons holding that rank by such special promotions not to exceed eight.

"Relative Rank.

"6. Existing Regulations to remain in force with the following exception, viz. :—

"In all matters wherein the Army and Army Administration are concerned, Fleet Surgeons to rank with and as Brigade Surgeons,

"Full-Pay and Allowances.

"7. The undermentioned scale of full-pay to be substituted for that now in force.

Rank.	Daily.			Yearly.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Surgeon—						
On entry	0	11	6	209	17	6
After 4 years' full-pay service	0	13	6	246	7	6
After 8 years' " "	0	15	6	282	17	6
Staff Surgeon—						
On promotion	1	1	0	383	5	0
After 4 years' full-pay service in rank	1	4	0	438	0	0
Fleet Surgeon—						
On promotion	1	7	0	492	15	0
After 4 years' full-pay service in rank	1	10	0	547	10	0
After 8 years' " "	1	13	0	602	5	0
Deputy Inspector-General	2	2	0	766	10	0
Inspector-General	2	15	0	1,003	15	0

8. "The allowance of 5s. a day in addition to full-pay at present granted to the Fleet Surgeon of a Flag Ship bearing the flag of a Commander-in-Chief on a Foreign Station to be given to the Senior Medical Officer of such Ship, whether a Fleet or Staff Surgeon, and an allowance of 2s. 6d. a day to the Senior Medical Officer (being a Fleet or Staff Surgeon) of the Ship of a Commodore or of a Senior Officer commanding a Foreign Station. Allowances to be granted as follows to officers giving the course of instruction to Surgeons on first appointment to the Naval Service.

"To a Medical Officer of Haslar Hospital, conducting the course, £150 a year.

"To a Junior Medical Officer of the same hospital, assisting him, £50 a year.

"No other alterations to be made in the allowances of Medical Officers.