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HER Majesty having been graciously pleased to sanction, by Her Order in Council of the 16th instant, hereunto annexed, certain modifications of the Rules as to the promotion and retirement of Officers of the Royal Navy, and certain alterations in the proportion of Officers of the various ranks, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hereby give notice that these changes will take effect from the 16th instant, and that the necessary alterations will be made in the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, 1893, and in the Rules as to retirement published in the Navy List, in due course:—

AT the Court at Windsor, the 16th day of July, 1895.

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 fifteenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, in the words following, viz:—

“WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the provisions of Your Majesty's Order in Council of twenty-second February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, relating to the Executive Officers of Your Majesty's Navy, and whereas it has been ascertained that certain modifications of its provisions have been rendered necessary by subsequent Orders in Council affecting the proportion of Officers in the various Lists, and by the additional requirements of the Fleet; we beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to give effect to the following changes which appear to us to be necessary; that the future numbers of the undermentioned ranks upon the Active Lists shall be as follows, viz:—

“ Flag Officers, 68	{	Admirals of the Fleet	3
		Admirals	10
		Vice-Admirals	20
		Rear-Admirals	35
			68
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“ Captains, 208	{	First Class...	50
		Second Class	50
		Third Class	108
			208
			—

“Commanders (including 70 for Navigating duties) 304

“Lieutenants (including Lieutenants for Navigating duties) 1,150

“That vacancies on the Flag List, from whatever cause, be filled as they occur, instead of being limited to seven per annum under the provisions of Order in Council of fifth August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five; That the Captains' List be increased by three per annum for three years and by four for six subsequent years; That the Commanders' List be increased by five per annum until the maximum is reached: That the Sub-Lieutenants' List be governed by the numbers required to fill vacancies on the Lieutenants' List and that the maximum period of service on the List should not exceed four years; That should any Sub-Lieutenants, not passed over for misconduct, reach four years' standing without sufficient vacancies on the Lieutenants' List having occurred to allow of their advancement, they be promoted as additional to the List of Lieutenants and absorbed as vacancies arise; That with our consent, and under such regulations as we may think fit to make, Commanders and Lieutenants be allowed to retire voluntarily to the following extent, so soon as the lists, in our opinion, admit of such retirements:—

“Commanders—not exceeding five annually—

“If under 40 years of age, on the active Half Pay earned by service. If above 40 years of age, on the Retired Pay laid down by Your Majesty's Order in Council of twenty-second February one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

“Lieutenants—not exceeding twenty annually—

“On the active Half - Pay earned by service, subject to the restriction that no Lieutenant shall be allowed to retire under eight years' seniority.

“That a reduction be made in the time of non-service which entails compulsory retirement in the ranks of Flag Officer, Captain and Lieutenant, and that the following rule be substituted for that now in force:—

“Flag Officers to be retired after seven instead of ten years' non-service.

“Captains to be retired after six instead of seven years' non-service.

“Commanders to be retired after five years' non-service as at present.

“Lieutenants to be retired after four instead of five years' non-service.

“That no increase of Retired Pay be granted