

5. This Order may be cited as the Air Board Order, 1917.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *February*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by Order in Council of the 28th day of July, 1915, to appoint a Committee of the Privy Council for the purpose of the organization and development of Scientific and Industrial Research:

And whereas it is expedient that the Most Honourable Robert Offley Ashburton, Marquess of Crewe, K.G., should be a Member of the said Committee:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to appoint the Most Honourable Robert Offley Ashburton, Marquess of Crewe, K.G., a Member of the said Committee.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *February*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING'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 25th day of January, 1917, in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions, as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by Order in Council, bearing date the 29th day of November, 1881, provision is made for Lieutenant-Colonels of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Force with six years' service in that rank to have the option of being placed on a Half-Pay list with a view to their being eligible for promotion and employment up to the age of 54 years:

"And whereas we consider that arrangements should similarly be made for the retention and further employment of Majors who in the ordinary course would be retired on account of age, or who are physically unfit for general duty, in cases where, in our opinion, such retention may be for the benefit of the Service:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve of the establishment of a Half-Pay list for Majors, Royal Marines, accordingly, under the conditions set forth in the annexed Schedule.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

"SCHEDULE.

"1. The following may be specially selected for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on half-pay, such promotion being a reward for good and distinguished service only:—

(a) Majors, on attaining the age for compulsory retirement.

(b) Majors, after two years' service as such, within such limits as may be laid down by the Admiralty.

"2. Majors so promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on the Half-Pay List shall not be absorbed in the Establishment of Lieutenant-Colonels unless in exceptional cases for the benefit of the Service, and, except in such exceptional cases, they shall not be eligible for promotion or retired pay under the Regulations applicable to those on the Establishment.

"3. They will receive Half-Pay at the rate of 11s. 8d. per day whilst unemployed, and when employed they will receive either the pay and allowances of a Lieutenant-Colonel or the consolidated pay of the appointment they hold.

"4. They will be retained on the Half-Pay List until they attain the age of 54, when they will be compulsorily retired.

"5. They may be permitted to retire at any age at the discretion of the Admiralty.

"6. Retired Pay will be at the minimum rate of £300 per year at 48 years of age, or on completion of seven years as substantive Major, with an addition of £25 per year for each year of employment as a Lieutenant-Colonel. The maximum Retired Pay will not exceed £450 per year."

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

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *February*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
Lord Privy Seal.
Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Colebrooke.

WHEREAS by treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, His Majesty the King has jurisdiction in China:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by "The Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890," or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as "The China (Amendment) Order in Council, 1917," and shall be read as one with "The China Order in Council, 1904," and with any Order amending the same.