

ment of a Branch Mint at or near Sydney in New South Wales:

And whereas in pursuance of the Coinage Act, 1870 (in this Proclamation referred to as "the Act"), Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, by the Sydney Mint Proclamation, 1900, directed, among other things, that the said Branch Mint should continue to be established, and revoked the said Order of the nineteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and certain other Orders and Proclamations relating to the said Branch Mint:

And whereas by virtue of the Act, it is lawful for Us, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by Proclamation to revoke any Proclamation previously made under the Act:

And whereas it appears to Us desirable, having regard to the great diminution in the production of gold within the Commonwealth of Australia and to the improvement of the means of communication between different parts of the said Commonwealth, that the establishment of the said Branch Mint should be discontinued:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the Act, and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby, with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct, and ordain as follows:—

1. The establishment of the branch of Our Royal Mint at or near Sydney in New South Wales, shall, as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, be discontinued, and the Sydney Mint Proclamation, 1900, shall as from that date cease to have effect:

Provided that nothing in this Proclamation shall affect anything legally done or suffered before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and all coins coined at the said Branch Mint before that date which are at that date current and a legal tender in any part of Our Dominions shall continue to be so current and a legal tender.

2. This Proclamation may be cited as the Sydney Mint (Discontinuance) Proclamation, 1923.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Eleventh day of October, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and in the Fourteenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of October, 1923.

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 3rd day of August, 1923 (No. 9A N.P.(2) 2045), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Orders in Council bearing the dates 16th December, 1912, 25th November, 1919, and 17th May, 1920, to approve, *inter alia*, the establishment of increased rates of pay after 3 years and after 6 years man's service for the Able Seaman and certain other equivalent ratings and ranks in Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces:

"And whereas we consider it desirable that previous active service in Colonial Forces (other than the South African Constabulary) should be allowed, in certain circumstances, to reckon towards the qualifying periods for such increases of pay after entry in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council, to sanction for future entrants in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, the counting of such former time, if acknowledged on entry, as "Man's Service" for the increases of pay specified, subject to the general conditions applicable to the counting of former Royal Naval or Royal Marine service for this purpose.

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

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.

M. P. A. Hankey.

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"And whereas His late Majesty was graciously pleased by Order in Council bearing date the 11th day of August, 1903, to approve of Surgeons, now styled Surgeon Lieutenants, after serving for four years (excluding time spent as Resident Officer in a Civil Hospital) being allowed, at the discretion of the Admiralty, to withdraw from the Royal Navy with a gratuity of Five hundred pounds.