

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *July*, 1924.

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 9th day of July, 1924 (C.W. 3746/24), 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 it is provided by His late Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 28th day of March, 1903, that the Naval Medical Officer holding the appointment of Director General of the Medical Department of the Navy may be granted, at our discretion, the relative rank of Vice Admiral if he should be an Inspector General of Hospitals and Fleets, now styled Surgeon Rear Admiral, and that of Rear Admiral if he should be of the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals and Fleets, now styled Surgeon Captain, and also that, after relinquishing the post of Director General, a Naval Medical Officer may be allowed, at our discretion, to assume on retirement from the Active List the relative Naval rank accorded to him by virtue of his service as Director General if not otherwise entitled to such rank :

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 8th day of November, 1918, to approve, *inter alia*, that the Medical Director General should have the rank and style of Surgeon Vice Admiral or Surgeon Rear Admiral according to whether he holds the relative rank of Vice Admiral or Rear Admiral under the Regulations then in force :

"And whereas we consider that the Medical Director General should be retired on vacating the appointment and should be allowed to retain on retirement any higher rank accorded to him in respect of the appointment and also receive retired pay appropriate to that rank :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to provide that any Naval Medical Officer who may now or hereafter hold the post of Medical Director General shall :—

(1) be compulsory retired on ceasing to hold the appointment;

(2) retain on retirement any higher rank which he may have been granted while holding the appointment;

(3) receive on retirement retired pay on the scale applicable to the rank held by him on the termination of his tenure of the appointment. The rule as regards retired pay to have retrospective effect as from the 1st April, 1919, from which date the revised scales of pay for Officers of the Royal Navy were introduced.

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

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.

*Colin Smith.*

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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 9th day of July, 1924 (C.W. 1152/24), 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 Order in Council bearing date the 15th day of August, 1918, to approve the formation of a Special Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines :

"And whereas by paragraph 13 of the Schedule to the aforesaid Order in Council it is provided that Officers of the Special Reserve may be granted a Retaining Fee of £20 for each completed year of service in which training is performed :

"And whereas we are of opinion that Retaining Fees should not be payable to Officers in receipt of retired pay :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that Officers of the Special Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines, of the undermentioned categories shall cease to be eligible to receive the annual Retaining Fee of £20, and further to authorize us to give the option to such Officers serving in the said Reserve, at the date of this Order, either of continuing to serve therein under the amended conditions prescribed by this Order, or of withdrawing therefrom :

(i) Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers granted Temporary Commissions during War.

(ii) Warrant Officers recommended by their Commanding Officers on discharge to pension as suitable to hold Commissions in case of emergency."

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.

*Colin Smith.*