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FRIDAY, 4 JULY, 1947

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of July, 1947.

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 June, 1947 (C.W.15072/47), 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 8th day of December, 1944, special regulations were approved for the promotion of certain Warrant and Commissioned Ordnance Officers to the rank of Ordnance Lieutenant:

"And whereas under those regulations the age of compulsory retirement is forty-five years:

"And whereas the compulsory retirement of the two officers who have reached that age—Acting Ordnance Commander J. W. A. Adams, R.N., and Ordnance Lieutenant Commander J. W. Cable, R.N.—would be against the interest of Your Majesty's Naval Service owing to the dearth of trained Ordnance Officers therein:

"And whereas we are of the opinion that these two officers should be retained on the Active Service List until they reach the age of fifty years, their service beyond the age of forty-five years counting for retired pay as service on the Active List under normal rules:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by your Order in Council to sanction the retention of these officers accordingly."

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.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of July, 1947.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 12 of the Coinage Act, 1870, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, from

time to time by Order to make regulations respecting the trial of the pyx and all matters incidental thereto, and in particular respecting certain matters specified in the said section:

And whereas regulations respecting the trial of the pyx were made by the Trial of the Pyx Order in Council, 1871 (in this Order referred to as "the Order of 1871"):

And whereas the Order of 1871 was amended by the Trial of the Pyx Order in Council, 1901 (in this Order referred to as "the Order of 1901"):

And whereas the Orders of 1871 and 1901 were amended by the Trial of the Pyx Order, 1927 (in this Order referred to as "the Order of 1927"):

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the Orders of 1871 and 1901 and to revoke the Order of 1927:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of the said Act and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Trial of the Pyx Order, 1947.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Order of 1927 is hereby revoked.

3. Reference in the Order of 1901 to the Order of 1871 shall be construed as reference to that Order as amended by this Order.

4. The following oath shall be administered to the jury in substitution for the oath provided for in the Order of 1871:—

"You shall well and truly, after your knowledge and discretion, make the assays of these moneys of gold, silver and cupro-nickel, and truly report if the said moneys be in weight and fineness or composition according to the standard weights for weighing and testing the coins of the realm, and the standard trial plates of gold, silver, copper and nickel used for determining the justness of the gold, silver and cupro-nickel coinage of the realm in the custody of the Board of Trade, and be in conformity with the schedules to the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1946, so help you God."

5. The following provisions of this Order shall have effect in substitution for the provisions in the Order of 1871 beginning with the words "That with a view to the trial of the pyx" and ending with the words "weighed and assayed as aforesaid":

6.—(1) The Master or Deputy Master of the Mint shall with a view to the trial of the pyx cause to be set aside one gold coin out of every two thousand pieces ready for issue and at least one silver or cupro-nickel coin from each journey weight consisting of not more than seven hundred and twenty ounces troy of silver or cupro-nickel coins.

(2) The gold, silver and cupro-nickel coins so set apart shall be kept in such numbers of packets as