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TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1952

At the Court at Balmoral, the 4th day of September, 1952

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 29th day of August, 1952 (C.W. 8298/52), 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 directed by Order in Council:

“And whereas by Order in Council bearing date the 28th day of October, 1949, was authorised, inter alia, the ranks and titles of Commissioned Catering Officer and Senior Commissioned Catering Officer in the Royal Navy:

“And whereas we are of the opinion that additional officers of those ranks will be required in time of War or emergency we desire to institute the ranks of Commissioned Catering Officer and Senior Commissioned Catering Officer in the Royal Naval Reserve:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the institution of such ranks in the Royal Naval Reserve and the entry, at our discretion, of such officers thereto under the conditions set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto:

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

“SCHEDULE

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| “Conditions of Entry | | Candidates must be between the ages of 28 and 45 and certify their intention to follow the sea as a career; have served for 3 years and within the last six months—as Chief Steward/Purser and Purser/Chief Steward of a British Merchant vessel of 10,000 tons or below,
or
as Chief Steward of a British Merchant vessel of 10,000 tons or above in which the Victualling Department complement is 75 or more,
or
as Second Steward of a British Merchant vessel of 15,000 tons or above. |
| “Training | | 42 days within first 2 years of entry; 14 days every other year. |
| “Promotion | | From Commissioned Catering Officer to Senior Commissioned Catering Officer—by selection from officers with 5–9 years' seniority in the former rank who have completed a minimum of 70 days Naval Training in peace-time.
From Senior Commissioned Catering Officer to Lieutenant (S) (Branch List)—by selection from officers with at least 5 years' seniority in the former rank, who have completed a minimum of 42 days Naval training in that rank and are under the age of 47½.
From Commissioned or Senior Commissioned Catering Officer to Lieutenant (S) (General List)—by selection from officers under the age of 36, who have been employed for at least 2 years as Pursers or Assistant Pursers of a British Merchant Vessel and who successfully complete a conversion course. |
| “Retirement | | Compulsory retirement at age of 50. Officers will be liable to be placed on the Retired List or removed from the Active List under the conditions applying to the Royal Naval Reserve generally. |
| “Pay | | During full-time service or training will be as for corresponding ranks in the Royal Navy. |
| “Training Fees | | As for equivalent ranks in other branches of the Royal Naval Reserve.” |

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

Martin Charteris.