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## STATE INTELLIGENCE

Buckingham Palace.  
20th February 1959.

This day had Audience of The QUEEN:

His Excellency Monsieur Erik Braadland, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Monsieur Per Preben Prebensen, G.C.V.O., C.B.E., and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Norway.

Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
24th February 1959.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint Julian Alexander Hardinge, Esquire, to be a Page of Honour to Her Majesty in the room of Sir Charles Mark Palmer, Bt., resigned.

The appointment to date from the 23rd February 1959.

### PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 20th day of February 1959.

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 6th day of February 1959 (N.P. 306/59) 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 Forces to a person being or having been on 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 Orders in Council dated the 29th September 1949, and the 16th May 1956, revised scales and conditions for the award of service pensions and gratuities were laid down for Chinese and Malayan Petty Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval Forces:

"And whereas we are of opinion that the limiting maximum of £70 on the amount of service gratuity which may be awarded to Chinese and Malayan Petty Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval Forces should be abolished:

"And whereas we are of opinion that revised scales and conditions for the award of service pensions and

gratuities should be introduced for the Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval Forces locally entered at Hong Kong and that provision should be made for the payment of terminal grants in conjunction with awards of pension:

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction with effect from 23rd July 1957, the abolition of the limiting maximum of £70 on the amount of service gratuity which may be awarded and to authorise us to award service pensions, terminal grants and gratuities at the rates and subject to the conditions set out in the annexed Schedule, with effect from the 1st April 1958.

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

#### " SCHEDULE

"The provisions of this Schedule to apply to all Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Men of the Royal Navy who have been or may be locally entered at Hong Kong and who are discharged from the Naval Service after the 31st March 1958 (cease pay date). They do not apply to other Royal Naval Locally Entered ratings for whom special provision is or may hereafter be made.

#### " SECTION I

##### " Service Pensions

"2. Service pensions granted under this Section will consist of the sum of elements for service and rank and will be assessed at the following rates:

##### " SERVICE ELEMENT

"In respect of each year of reckonable service:

	s.	d.
From the 1st to 22nd inclusive	0	9 weekly
From the 23rd onwards	1	3 weekly

##### " RANK ELEMENT

	s.	d.
"For each year of reckonable service in the rank of		
Leading Rating	0	2 weekly
Petty Officer	0	2½ weekly
Chief Petty Officer	0	4½ weekly

"3. A service pension assessed as in Clause 2 may be granted to:

"(a) a rating discharged otherwise than for misconduct or for inefficiency due to causes within his own control, if he has completed at least 22 years' reckonable service;

"(b) a rating who while serving on a non-continuous service engagement is invalided and who has completed at least 12 years' reckonable service.

"4. Where a rating who has completed at least 22 years' reckonable service is discharged for misconduct