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State Intelligence

Lord Chamberlain's Office,

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1. 2nd August 1963.

Frank Harvey Evans, Esquire, C.B.E., M.V.O., having reached the age limit for retirement, relinquishes his appointment as a Sergeant-at-Arms to Her Majesty.

The QUBEN has been graciously pleased to appoint Ronald John Hill, Esquire, M.V.O., M.B.E., to be a Sergeant-at-Arms to Her Majesty.

The appointment to date from the 1st August 1963.

2nd August 1963.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Esquire, M.A., to be Deputy Surveyor of Her Majesty's Works of Art.

The appointment to date from the 1st August 1963.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of July, 1963. PRESENT.

RESENT,

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 24th day of July, 1963 (N.P. 2428/63), in the words following, viz.:

day of July, 1963 (N.P. 2428/03), 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 service in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces 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 Section 2 of the Forfeiture Act, 1870, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that if any person thereafter convicted of treason or felony, for which he shall be sentenced to death or any term of imprisonment exceeding twelve months, shall at the time of such conviction be entitled to any pension or superannuation allowance payable by the public or out of any public fund, such pension or superannuation allowance shall forthwith determine and cease to be payable unless such person shall receive a free pardon from Your Majesty within two months after such conviction or before the filling up of such office:

"And whereas by Order in Council (No. 123/A) of 20th November 1905, it is provided that all retired pay and pensions of any Commissioned Officer shall be held only during good behaviour, and that the Admiralty may forfeit the same (if not already forfeited under the Forfeiture Act, 1870), or may suspend the same, conditionally or unconditionally, and for such time as they may think fit, for any misconduct on the part of such Officer, or for any act or habit rendering him in their opinion unworthy to receive the same; such misconduct, act or habit to be judged of solely by the Admiralty: and that the Admiralty may be empowered at their discretion to restore the said retired pay or pension in whole or in part and subject to such conditions as they may think fit and whether the same has been forfeited under the Forfeiture Act, 1870, or this Order:

"And whereas by Sections 2, and 4 of the Admiralty Pensions Act, 1921, it is enacted that the Admiralty may in their discretion and upon such terms as they think fit, restore, either in whole or in part, any retired pay or pension which has been forfeited under the Forfeiture Act, 1870:

"And whereas by Order in Council (No. 220/NL) of 25th July 1927, it is provided that Officers who have been removed from the List of Retired Officers and who have in consequence been deprived of their retired pay shall be eligible at Admiralty discretion to be awarded compassionate allowances at rates not exceeding the rates of compassionate allowances which might have been granted to them if at the dates of their retirements they had been removed from the Active List:

"And whereas in subsequent Orders in Council it is provided that an Officer who has been deprived of retired pay following the removal of his name from the List of Retired Officers may be granted a compassionate allowance at Admiralty discretion, but not in any event exceeding 90 per cent of the rate of retired pay which would have been admissible had he retired at his own request:

"And whereas we consider it expedient that this restriction should be discontinued:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us at our discretion to restore in whole or in part retired pay as such to any officer who has been deprived of retired pay following the removal of his name from the List of Retired Officers, or whose retired pay has been forfeited or suspended for any other reason; and to sanction the insertion of a new sentence between the first and second sentences of Clause 2 of Schedule I of Order in Council (No. $64^*/NP$) of 24th March 1961, as follows:

'Subject to the provisions of the Forfeiture Act, 1870, and the Admiralty Pensions Act, 1921, they relate also to retired officers whose commissions are terminated or whose names are removed from the List of Retired Officers because of misconduct.'