

that the following regulations should be adopted for the Chaplains of the Royal Navy :

"1st. That there shall be Four Classes of Chaplains to rank as follows :

Fourth Class, under ten years' service, to rank with Lieutenants ;

Third Class, under fifteen years' service, to rank with Commanders ;

Second Class, under twenty years' service, to rank with Captains under three years' standing ;

First Class, above twenty years' service, to rank with Captains above three years' standing ;

and that the Senior Chaplain of Greenwich Hospital shall be recognized as Head of the Naval Chaplains, bear the title of Chaplain of the Fleet, and rank with a Rear-Admiral.

"2nd. That the Full-pay shall be :

Chaplains under ten years' service, ten shillings per diem.

Chaplains under fifteen years' service, twelve shillings per diem.

Chaplains under twenty years' service, fourteen shillings per diem.

Chaplains above twenty years' service, sixteen shillings per diem.

"3rd. That the Half-pay shall be :

Chaplains under five years' service, five shillings per diem.

Chaplains above five years' service, six shillings per diem.

Chaplains above ten years' service, seven shillings and six pence per diem.

Chaplains above fifteen years' service, ten shillings per diem.

Chaplains above twenty years' service, twelve shillings per diem.

"4th. That the Pensions to the Widows of Naval Chaplains shall be as follows, provided the Chaplain shall have served one year after his marriage :

Chaplains under ten years' service on full-pay, fifty pounds per annum.

Chaplains under twenty years' service on full-pay, seventy pounds per annum.

Chaplains above twenty years' service on full-pay, ninety pounds per annum.

"5th. That no alteration shall be made in the present rates of additional pay and half-pay allowed to Chaplains of the Royal Navy when holding the office of Naval Instructor.

"6th. That no Naval Chaplain who may avail himself of the regulations shall be allowed to retire under twenty-five years' service, excepting on the ground of permanent unfitness from ill health,—but that such Chaplains now on the list who may prefer to remain on their present rate of full-pay, and under the existing regulations with regard to half-pay and retirement, shall be allowed to do so.

"And we beg leave to represent to your Majesty, that the Lords of your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the proposed arrangement."

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.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *May*, 1859,

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 twelfth of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, in the words following ; viz :

"Whereas we have had under our consideration the necessity of assimilating, as far as possible, the relative Ranks and Rates of Pay and Half-pay of the Medical Officers of your Majesty's Navy and Army.

"And whereas we are of opinion that it would be for the advantage of your Majesty's Service that the following regulations should be adopted for the Medical Officers of the Royal Navy, viz :

"1st. That there shall be Four Grades of Medical Officers, viz. :

1. Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets.
2. Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets.
3. Surgeon, who, after twenty years' service on full-pay, ten of which in the rank of Surgeon, shall be styled Staff-Surgeon.
4. Assistant-Surgeon.

"2nd. That no candidate shall be admitted to the examination for a commission in the Medical Department of the Royal Navy who does not possess such a diploma as would qualify a civilian to practise medicine and surgery ; and no such candidate shall receive a commission as Assistant-Surgeon until he shall have satisfactorily passed an examination in naval surgery and hygiene before a Board of Examiners appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

"3rd. That no Assistant-Surgeon shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Surgeon until he shall have passed such examination as the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may require, and shall have served on full-pay with the commission of Assistant-Surgeon for five years, of which two, at least, shall have been passed on board one of your Majesty's sea-going ships.

"4th. That no Surgeon shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets until he shall have served ten years in your Majesty's Navy on full-pay, of which three, at least, must have been passed in one of your Majesty's ships on some one or more foreign stations, with the rank of Surgeon.

"5th. That no Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Inspector-General until he shall have served five years at home, or three years abroad, in the rank of Deputy-Inspector-General.

"That in cases of emergency, however, or when the good of your Majesty's Service may render such alteration desirable, it shall be competent for the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to shorten the several periods of service above-mentioned, in such manner as they shall deem fit and expedient.

"6th. That the rates of full-pay of the Medical Officers of your Majesty's Navy shall, in future, be in accordance with the following Schedule :—