

"LIMITATION OF BENEFITS IN THE CASE OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION AT COMMON LAW, OR UNDER ANY ACT OTHER THAN THE INJURIES IN WAR (COMPENSATION) ACT, 1914.

"No person who is eligible to benefit under this Scheme shall lose by virtue thereof any gratuity or any superannuation or other allowance for which he may be eligible under any provision of the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1914, and any person who, if this Scheme had not been framed, and the Injuries in War (Compensation) Act, 1914, had not been passed, would have been entitled to any gratuity or allowance in respect of injury under Section 1 of the Superannuation Act, 1887, or to any pension or allowance under the Greenwich Hospital Acts, 1865 to 1898, or (not being a person or a dependant or legal personal representative of a person in the direct employ of the Crown) to any compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, or any damages or compensation at Common Law, or under the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, or any other Statute, shall remain entitled to the gratuity, allowance, pension, compensation, or damages, as the case may be, but shall be entitled to benefit under this Scheme only to the extent, if any, by which the value of the benefits it confers exceeds the value of the gratuity, allowance, pension, compensation, or damages, as the case may be.

"Values for the purposes of this Scheme shall be decided, at their sole discretion, by the Admiralty or Army Council, who may, at the like discretion, increase or diminish any of them if and whenever circumstances shall change, and may in estimating the value of any compensation payable to dependants under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, take into account the full amount of the compensation payable or awarded without having regard to the mode of its distribution under the said Act, and there shall be no appeal from the decision.

"Any pension or allowance awarded under this Scheme may, at the discretion of the Admiralty or Army Council, be commuted for a single payment, the amount of which shall be settled between the party entitled and the Admiralty or Army Council, as the case may be, and in any case in which the Admiralty or Army Council may think such a course desirable they may award a lump sum of such amount as they may determine in lieu of any pension or allowance.

"No injured or disabled person shall receive as the result of this Scheme a total annual payment out of the Public Funds in excess of his pay at the date of the injury or disablement.

"BENEFITS NOT ASSIGNABLE.

"A payment under this Scheme shall not be capable of being assigned, charged, or attached, and shall not pass to any other person by operation of law, and where the Admiralty or Army Council shall consider it desirable in the interest of any person to whom any payment is hereby directed or authorised to be made they may appoint a Trustee or Trustees and pay the money to him or them to be administered for the benefit of such person, or his dependants, or any of them, and the receipt of the Trustee or Trustees shall be a good discharge to the Admiralty or the Army Council for the same.

"MODE OF PAYMENT OF PENSIONS, &c., AWARDED TO PERSONS OF UNSOUND MIND.

"When a person to whom a pension, grant, or other allowance, has been awarded under this Scheme, is certified by a Justice, or a Minister of Religion, and by a Medical Practitioner, to be unable by reason of mental disability to manage his or her affairs, the Admiralty or Army Council may pay so much of the allowance as the Department thinks fit to the Institution or person having the care of the disabled person, and may pay the surplus, if any, or such part thereof as the Department thinks fit for or towards the maintenance and benefit of the dependants of the disabled person, and the Government shall be discharged from all liability in respect of any sums so paid.

INTERPRETATION OF THE SCHEME.

"In the event of any question arising on the interpretation or administration of this Scheme, the decision of the Admiralty or Army Council thereon shall be final."

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.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W.,

May 26, 1915.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Order of Merit:—

The Right Honourable Richard Burdon,
Viscount Haldane, K.T.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER, ST. JAMES'S PALACE,

May 21, 1915.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Member of the Fourth Class.

Captain Brian Herbert Fairbairn Barttelot,
Royal Navy, Captain Superintendent—Clyde District.

FOREIGN OFFICE, February 2, 1915.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—