

(except in cases exempted by a general order of the Admiralty from the operation of the present clause) issue a certificate available for receipt of naval assets without administration, until after the expiration of three calendar months from the receipt by the Admiralty of notice of the intestate's death, unless in special circumstances it appears to the Inspector safe and proper to issue his certificate at an earlier time.

V.—SPECIAL DISPOSAL OF RESIDUE BY ADMIRALTY.

29. With respect to any case provided for by paragraph (3) of section 8 of The Navy and Marines (Property of Deceased) Act, 1865, the ground of the non-applicability of paragraphs (1) and (2) of that section being the absence of proof of the death of some person, proof of whose death is requisite to make those paragraphs applicable, then and in every such case, if it appears to the Inspector that those paragraphs would have been applicable but for the desertion or misconduct of the person, proof of whose death is wanting, the Inspector shall proceed as if the death of that person were proved.

VI.—BASTARDS.

30. Where a person, subject to the Navy and Marines (Property of Deceased) Act, 1865, dies intestate, being a bastard, and not leaving a widow or children or descendants, and leaving naval assets, the following provisions shall have effect:—

- (1.) Where the naval assets exceed 10*l.*, no petition to Her Majesty for a grant shall be entertained by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, unless and until the Inspector has investigated the facts of the case in such manner as seems to him expedient, and has certified for the information of the said Lords Commissioners the result of his investigation.
- (2.) Where the naval assets do not exceed 10*l.*, it shall not be necessary that a grant from Her Majesty be obtained, but the Inspector may issue a certificate authorizing payment of the naval assets to the person who would (in the judgment of the Inspector), according to the practice observed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, obtain a grant if the naval assets exceeded 10*l.*

VII.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

31. Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Inspector may make such investigations as seem to him expedient into any statements submitted to him, and into the facts and circumstances of the case,—in any case whatever, in addition to the investigations prescribed by this Order,—and in any case where the provisions of this Order are not applicable, or the naval assets do not exceed 10*s.*, in substitution for the investigations prescribed by this Order, or any of them.

32. The Provisions of this Order shall have effect without prejudice to the rules and practice for the time being in force and observed under "The Navy and Marines (Property of Deceased) Act, 1865," with respect to the discharge of the claims of creditors.

VIII.—MEDALS AND DECORATIONS.

33. Any medal or decoration to which an officer, seaman, or marine is entitled, but which is

not issued at the time of his death, shall be issued in favour of his—

- (1.) Wife ;
- (2.) Father or mother ;
- (3.) Son or daughter
- (4.) Brother or sister

according to seniority ; and not in favour of any other person, except under the special directions of the Admiralty.

34. Any medal or decoration belonging to an officer, seaman, or marine, issued before his death shall, on coming into the custody of the Admiralty, be delivered to his representative, unless representation has been taken out by a creditor as such, in which case it shall be disposed of as if it had not been issued.

And the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

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TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or Inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of Foreign or Colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office.

And whereas certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 27, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas a Convention hath been lately made and concluded between the General Post-office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post-office of Austria, for the purpose of improving the postal service between the United Kingdom and Austria, and it is expedient, for the better carrying out of the same, that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts