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At the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of
June 1880.

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 19th of June 1880, in the words and figures following, viz. :—

Whereas your Majesty was graciously pleased by your Order in Council of 15th October 1872 to establish the rank of Midshipman in the Royal Naval Reserve, and whereas it has in our opinion become advisable to make provision for the promotion of the most deserving of these Midshipmen to the higher rank of Sub-Lieutenant although not fully qualified for that rank under existing Regulations, and for the removal from the List of the Royal Naval Reserve of those Midshipmen who have either failed to obtain the Certificates in the Mercantile Marine suitable to their age, or to keep up their drills, we most humbly submit that your Majesty may be graciously pleased by your Order in Council to establish the following Regulations :—

1. Midshipmen Royal Naval Reserve who formerly passed through a course of training in the 'Worcester' or 'Conway,' to be eligible for promotion to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant on completing 6 years' service in the Royal Naval Reserve, provided—

(a.) that they hold Master's or Chief Mate's certificates of competency under the Merchant Shipping Act ;

(b.) that they are not in arrear in their drill, and have obtained a Certificate from the Commander of one of the Drill Ships that they are competent to instruct and drill Men of the Royal Naval Reserve ;

(c.) that they have followed the Sea Service as their profession throughout the time they have served as Midshipmen in the Royal Naval Reserve.

2. The names of Midshipmen who fail to obtain these qualifications for promotion at 25 years of age to be removed from the Lists of the Royal Naval Reserve, except in any special case to be judged by us, where prolonged service abroad is the cause of the failure to qualify under these Regulations.

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.

C. L. PEEL.

WHITEHALL, July 8, 1880.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United

