

who receive One Shilling per Day; also those discharged from the Royal Veteran Battalions, who have the increased Pension of Ninepence and One Shilling per Day; with the Private Gentlemen who receive Annuities from the late 1st and 2d Troops of Horse Guards.

And that all Out-Pensioners (as well Lettermen as others) belonging to the said Hospital, who live at a greater Distance than Twenty five Miles from London, and those in Scotland and Ireland, are hereby required and commanded, after the 25th of June next, and after every succeeding 25th of June and 25th of December, until further Orders, to apply to One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Neighbourhood where they reside, and make the following Affidavit, which the said Magistrate for the County, City, Borough, or Riding, before whom the Pensioner appears, will sign and date, viz.

" Came before me, One of His Majesty's
" Justices of the Peace for the County of
" and made Oath, that he was admitted an Out-
" Pensioner of Chelsea Hospital on the Day of
" , 17 , or 18 , from Regiment of
" , commanded by , was then aged
" Years, was discharged for , and that he is no
" otherwise provided for by the Public but as a Pen-
" sioner of the said Hospital, and now lives in the
" Parish of , in the County of .
" Sworn before me this Day of 180 .

The Affidavit, drawn according to the above Form, dated and attested by a Magistrate, is to be put up in a Cover, and sent by the General Post, directed thus: "To the Right Hon. the Paymaster-General, at the Horse Guards, London." And Counterparts, or Duplicates of the said Affidavits, are to be referred by the Out-Pensioners respectively, to be exhibited to such Persons as shall be directed to pay them; that they may be satisfied that all such as may claim Out-Pensions are the real Persons entitled to receive the same.

And, to the End, that the Commissioners for the Affairs of Chelsea Hospital, may be satisfied that the Pensioners are the same Persons who have passed their Examination, it is hereby further directed that such of them who have served in, and have been discharged, from any of the Regiments or Independent Companies of Invalids, are not to mention in their Affidavits such Regiment or Company of Invalids, in which they served last, but the Regiment, Troop, or Corps of the Army from which they were first discharged and recommended, and received at Chelsea Hospital.

And as the general Payments in Great Britain and Ireland, at the End of the ensuing Six Months, are generally regulated by the Places of Residence mentioned by the Pensioners, who are mustered at Chelsea in Person, and in the Body of the Affidavits of those who live at a Distance, it is hereby ordered and directed, that no Person who shall change the Place of his Abode given in at his Muster, or specified in his Affidavit aforesaid, and who may apply for his Pension (excepting to the Officers of Excise nearest such Place of Abode), shall receive the same, unless it appears, by the Certificate of respectable Persons, that such Removal was through unavoidable Necessity, which he or they could not foresee or prevent.

It is also hereby notified, that none will be entered upon the Pay-Lists of the said Hospital, or be entitled to receive any Benefit therefrom, who shall not act agreeably to these Orders and Directions.

And His Majesty having been pleased, upon this Occasion, to order an Examination of all the Out-Pensioners belonging to the said Hospital, resident in London, or within Twenty-five Miles thereof, who have been discharged from their Regiments as Private Men, as well from the Cavalry, Foot Guards, and Infantry of the Line, as from the Militia and Fencibles, (the Out-Pensioners from the late Horse Guards and Horse Grenadier Guards, the Life Guards, and Royal Regiment of Horse Guards; such Men as, by the Hospital-Books, are now more than Fifty-five Years of Age, or had served Twenty-five Years in the Army previously to their Discharges; those who have lost a Limb, or their Eye-sight, or are Cripples, or who received a Certificate of their total Unfitness for further Service from any of the Officers employed at the General Examination of Out-Pensioners in the Month of December 1802, excepted;) all such Private Out-Pensioners are therefore required and commanded, at the Times of their respective Appearance as above-mentioned, to put themselves under the Orders of the Officers who have been appointed to take them in Charge, and to cause them to be examined as to their Fitness for Duty in a Royal Veteran Battalion.

His Majesty is graciously pleased to declare, that all the said Private Men shall be considered as entitled to the Pension for the Six Months commencing from the 25th Instant, notwithstanding those found fit for Service will commence Pay from the respective Days of their Appearance, in pursuance of this Order; and that none shall be required to serve any where but in a Veteran Battalion; that every Man found fit for that Duty shall be entitled, on his joining the Battalion to which he shall be appointed, to receive a Bounty of One Pound Five Shillings, or so much thereof as shall remain after supplying him with proper Necessaries; and those who, on Examination, are found unfit for Duty shall be dismissed, with proportionate Subsistence to carry them back to their Homes.

His Majesty is further pleased to declare, that every Private Out-Pensioner received, in Conformity to this Order, into a Veteran Battalion, shall be entitled, when discharged therefrom, to the increased Allowance of Ninepence per Diem, provided they are recommended by their Colonels, or Commanding Officers, as Objects deserving of His Majesty's Royal Bounty.

And it is hereby notified, that all the Private Out-Pensioners in London, or within Twenty-five Miles thereof, discharged as aforesaid, (except as above excepted,) who shall not appear and be examined at the Times herein appointed, will be considered as otherwise provided for by Government, or as dead, and they will accordingly be struck off the Books of the Out Pension of the said Hospital, without any Prospect of being restored thereto.

G. AUST, Secretary and Register.

Whitehall, December 29, 1804.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed John Thomas Smith, of Birmingham, in the County of Warwick, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.