

for their rank, being brought forward on the days appointed for the payment of half-pay and retired-pay to Officers of different ranks; notice is hereby given, that no such claims can in future be attended to on the days not appointed for Officers of those ranks; but for the accommodation of such Officers, and also for the convenience of those who may not have transmitted their affidavits or certificates sufficiently early to admit of payment on the above-mentioned days, a recall will take place on the 24th and 25th of October.

After which the half-pay and retired-pay will be payable on the first and third Wednesday in every month, excepting during the general payment.

Officers residing *in or near London*, and wishing to receive their half-pay or retired-pay in person, are requested to deliver their affidavits or certificates into the Wages-office at the Admiralty, Somerset-house, or transmit them to the Secretary of the Admiralty, *immediately on the expiration of each quarter*; and those employing agents are also requested to furnish their agents with their affidavits or certificates, as promptly, for unless such documents are *early* delivered into this Office, *delay in the payment must unavoidably ensue*.

It sometimes happens that Officers apply personally for their half-pay or retired-pay, without having previously sent in their affidavits or certificates as required by the usual advertisement; any delay or inconvenience to which they might be subject by this oversight, it is in the power of the Officers themselves to prevent, by an adherence to the existing regulations.

Under the authority of the Statutes relating to the pay of the Navy, besides the above-mentioned modes, Officers may receive their half-pay or retired-pay in any of the following ways, viz.

- 1st. By drawing a bill for the amount, on a form to be transmitted from this Office
- 2d. By a remittance bill, or permanent remittance bill, payable to them at or in the neighbourhood of their residence, by the Collector of Customs or Excise.
- 3d. By extract or permanent remittance bill, at a Dock-yard, where there is an establishment of Pay Clerks.

If they wish to receive it by bill of exchange, they are to give notice thereof, by letter, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, marked, in the corner, "Half pay, or Retired-pay, Accountant-General," and thereupon the proper form will be sent to them.

If they wish to have it remitted to them, they must give a like notice to the Secretary of the Admiralty, marked in the same manner, and a bill will thereupon be made out and transmitted to them.

In all cases, the Officer signifying his desire of payment is to state at the foot of his letter, his Christian and surnames, his rank, and a full description of his residence.

MEM.—Bills of exchange drawn under or by virtue of the Act of 11 Geo. 4, cap. 20, are not liable to the stamp duty.

No persons residing out of His Majesty's dominions are entitled to the privileges of this Act.

THE BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

WHEREAS a company or body of persons have associated themselves together, and have formed and entered into a society or copartnership, by and under the name, style, or firm of the Bank of Australasia, for the purpose of carrying on the business of banking in any British settlements that have been already formed, or which may be formed, in any part of the territories commonly called New Holland and Van Diemens Land, and the smaller islands adjacent thereto, situate between the 110th and 155th degrees of longitude east of Greenwich, and between the 10th and 45th degrees of south latitude, or in any dependance on the respective Governments of those settlements; now, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to invest trading and other companies with the powers necessary for the due conduct of their affairs, and for the security of the rights and interests of their creditors," notice is hereby given, that, in compliance with the humble petition of the said society or copartnership in that behalf, it is His Majesty's gracious intention, by letters patent to be for that purpose issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to grant to the company or body of persons constituting the said society or copartnership, and to the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of such persons, but, nevertheless, for such term or terms of years or other definite period, and in such manner and form, and upon such conditions, for the prevention of abuses in the management of the affairs of the said society or copartnership, and for the security of the rights and interests of their creditors, and for the protection of the public at large, as His Majesty shall, by His said letters patent, see fit to prescribe and impose, the several privileges hereinafter mentioned, that is to say;—

The privilege of making and issuing and circulating at and from any city, town, or place in which the said society or copartnership may have opened or established any bank, branch, or agency, any bank notes or bills for £1, £2, or £5, sterling each, or for any greater sum than £5 sterling each, but not for any fractional part of a pound; and from time to time to reissue such notes or bills when and as often as they shall think fit.

And also the privilege of maintaining and defending actions, suits, prosecutions, and other proceedings, both at law and in equity, in the name or names of some one or more of the principal officers, for the time being, of the said society or copartnership, to be for that purpose named or appointed in and by the said letters patent; and also a privilege for each individual proprietor, for the time being, of any interest or share in the capital of the said society or copartnership, to be exempt from any liability to be called upon to contribute for or towards the payment, satisfaction, and discharge of the debts, liabilities, and engagements of the said society or copartnership, any sum exceeding the amount of the share or shares or interest held by him or her in the capital of the said society or copartnership, over and above and in addition to such part or parts of the