

time to time make such orders as might seem meet for the better execution of the said Act:

And whereas it was by the said Act further enacted that the said Act should commence on such day, not later than the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, as Her Majesty in Council should think fit to direct:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf, by the said Act, or otherwise, in Her vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. This Order and the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864, shall commence from and immediately after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

2. All money distributable among the officers and crew of any of Her Majesty's ships-of-war, within the meaning of the said Act, shall be paid either into the Bank of England to the credit of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, or into the hands of an official accountant (belonging to the Commissariat or some other Department), appointed for the purpose by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

3. The Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital shall from time to time pay into the Bank of England, to the credit of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, all sums certified by the Accountant-General of the Navy to have been paid to claimants and others proving themselves entitled to shares of any such money distributable as aforesaid, as was before the 1st day of June, 1829, paid into Greenwich Hospital.

4. Before any money distributable as aforesaid is actually distributed, notification shall be given by advertisement inserted in the London Gazette, under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

5. If the share of any person of any money distributable as aforesaid is not duly claimed within six years after it is payable to him, it shall be deemed unclaimed, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

6. Notwithstanding that any such share has been forfeited, or is unclaimed, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may, if they see good cause, pay the same out of the naval prize cash balance.

7. All accounts relative to any money distributable as aforesaid (whether the same became distributable before or after the commencement of the present Order) shall be deemed finally closed at the expiration of forty years from the date of distribution.

8. Where it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that any person entitled to a share of any money distributable as aforesaid, is, from his state of mind, incompetent to the management of his affairs (not being, however, found or declared lunatic in course of law), the whole or any part of such share may be paid over, under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to the wife or relative or other person having the care and maintenance of such incompetent person, to be applied for his maintenance and benefit.

9. Any assignment made by a warrant officer of any money distributable as aforesaid shall be void, unless it truly expresses the consideration-money actually paid by the person in whose favour it is made to the person making it, and upon any

such assignment there shall be paid so much money only as appears to have been actually paid as consideration for the same.

10. In the subsequent provisions of this Order, the term "subordinate officer," "seaman," or "marine," includes every person belonging to Her Majesty's naval service, or being a supernumerary attached thereto, except commissioned and warrant officers.

11. The share of any subordinate officer, seaman, or marine of any money distributable as aforesaid shall not be paid to any person other than such subordinate officer, seaman, or marine himself, or the person named in an order drawn by him as hereinafter prescribed.

12. Every such order shall be drawn on a printed form issued for the purpose to the drawer by the Accountant-General of the Navy.

13. Every such order shall be drawn in favour of some one or other of the following persons, by name:—

The drawer's wife.
 „ father or mother.
 „ son or daughter.
 „ brother or sister.

14. Every such order shall be signed by the drawer in the presence of the person who is to certify according to such directions as may be subjoined to the form of order.

15. Every such order shall be irrevocable during the life of the person in whose favour it is drawn.

16. Nothing in the present Order in Council shall affect any order drawn by a subordinate officer, seaman, or marine before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

17. If on, or at any time after, the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, a licensed agent or his representative has a lawful claim against the share of any subordinate officer, seaman, or marine, of any money distributable as aforesaid, in respect of advances made by such agent before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, the claims shall be duly discharged under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty as nearly as may be, as if the said Act had not been passed.

18. Payments of shares of money, distributable as aforesaid, at places where there are not any Naval Accountants, shall be made upon remittance bills by any officer of the revenue, and the amounts so paid shall be repaid to the respective Departments of the Revenue in the same manner as at present, subject to such alterations as the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty may from time to time direct; and in all cases of remittance bills made out and not paid, owing to the death of the party or other cause, such bills shall be returned to the Accountant-General of the Navy to be cancelled.

19. An account shewing all the receipts and expenditure on account of money distributable as aforesaid, made up to the thirty-first day of March, in each year, and signed by the Accountant-General of the Navy, shall be annually laid before the House of Commons.

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.

Edmund Harrison.