

Act to Consolidate and Amend the Law relating to the Coinage, and Her Majesty's Mint," applicable to and in force in Her Majesty's Colony of Fiji.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the thirty-third year of Our reign, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Coinage and Her Majesty's Mint," it is provided that it shall be lawful for Us, with the advice of Our Privy Council, from time to time by Proclamation, to direct that the whole or any part of such Act shall apply to and be in force in any British Possession.

We, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do ordain, declare, and command that from and after the date of the publication of this Our Proclamation by the Governor or other Officer administering the Government of Our Colony of Fiji, the whole of the said Act shall be applicable to and be in force in such Colony of Fiji.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this twenty-ninth day of *November*, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and in the forty-fifth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 29th day of *November*, 1881.

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 28th of November, 1881, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas we have had under our consideration the pay and position of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Royal Marines, and whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to introduce certain alterations and improvements therein, we would humbly submit to your Majesty the following proposals which have been framed in the form of Regulations, and which have received the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury :—

"REGULATIONS.

"Officers (except Quartermasters, Sub-Inspectors of Schools, and Warrant Officers).

"*First Entries.*

"1. First appointments of Lieutenants are to be limited to the number necessary to fill vacancies in the establishments of Captains and Lieutenants combined.

"*Promotion.*

"2. Lieutenants who have passed the prescribed examination are, subject to the approval of the Admiralty, to be promoted to the rank of Captain in vacancies on the establishment, or, if not sooner promoted, after twelve years' service on full pay.

"3. Captains who have passed the prescribed examination are, subject to the approval of the Admiralty, to be promoted by seniority to the rank of Major as vacancies occur on the establishment.

"4. Captains of twenty years' service, or of eight years' standing as Captain, are, while embarked in Her Majesty's Ships, to have the temporary rank of Major, and during such time to receive the extra pay of 2s. a day allowed to Brevet-Majors; such rank and pay to be retained when Officers and Men are temporarily landed

from the Fleet for drill or other duty, or when landed for warlike operations as part of a combined force of Seamen and Marines under the command of a Naval Officer, but not in cases where the Marines are acting with Her Majesty's Land Forces. A Substantive Major is, whilst serving afloat, to take seniority from the date he was entitled to the temporary rank of Major, but service in such temporary rank is not to reckon for increase of pay in the substantive rank.

"5. Majors are to be promoted by selection to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel as vacancies occur on the establishment.

"6. Lieutenant-Colonels are to receive promotion to the Army rank of Colonel, in accordance with the provisions of Army Warrant, Article 12.

"7. Second Commandants will receive the rank of Colonel, and are to be appointed by selection from Lieutenant-Colonels.

"8. Colonels Commandant are to be appointed by selection from Colonels Second Commandant.

"*Appointments.*

"9. Service as Colonel-Commandant is to be for three years only. Other staff appointments are to be held for five years, except those of Paymaster, Barrack-Master, and Quartermaster, which may be held as hitherto. Adjutancies are to be held by Captains or Lieutenants in such proportion as the Admiralty may from time to time fix, having regard to the state of the Lists. An Adjutancy is not to be held after promotion to the substantive rank of Major.

"*Pay.*

"10. Lieutenant-Colonels.—Are to receive 18s. a day, both in the Artillery and Light Infantry.

"Majors.—The eight senior in the Artillery are to receive 16s. a day; the remainder 14s. 1d. a day, rising to 16s. on the completion of three years' service in the rank of Major. The twenty-four senior in the Light Infantry are to receive 16s. a day; the remainder 13s. 7d., rising to 16s. on completion of three years' service in the rank of Major.

"Lieutenants.—Pay to be the same as at present; excepting that the increase given after three years' service is to be conditional on passing the prescribed examination.

"Military Instructor.—The pay is to be 21s. a day.

"*Compulsory Retirement.*

"11. Compulsory retirement is to be as follows :—

	At the Age of	Pay.
General Officers	65	Full Pay of Commandant.
Colonel - Commandant	60	
Colonel 2nd Commandant*	60	600
Lieutenant-Colonel†	54	450
Major ...	48	300
Captain, who has not passed the examination for Major.	42	225
Paymaster and Barrack Master	54	450

* Or if physically unfit, subject to the conditions mentioned in Art. 13.