

following deduction, viz., where an Officer is retired before completion of 30 years' total service £10 to be deducted for each complete year of service less than 20 years, counting service in the ranks or as Warrant Officer as Half Full-pay service; but the Retired Pay not to be less than £150, unless retired as physically unfit.

"After a year on Half-pay, he is, if found to be physically unfit, to be granted Retired Pay at the rate of £200 a year at the age of 55, with a deduction of £10 a year for each complete year wanting to complete such age; but the Retired Pay not to be less than the Half-pay to which the Officer is entitled.

"SUB-INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

"25. The Sub-Inspector of Schools is to receive Pay, Half-Pay, and Retired Pay at the rates provided for Quartermasters of Marine Artillery, and to be subject to the same rules as regards Retirement.

"WARRANT OFFICERS.

"26. Marines holding the following appointments to be Warrant Officers, and to receive the following rates of daily pay, subject to the same deduction as hitherto for rations on shore:—

	Artillery.		Infantry.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Sergeant-Major ...	6	2½	5	4½
Two Superintending Clerks, Marine Office ...	5	10½	5	10½
Trained Bandmaster ...	5	4½	5	4½
Superintending Clerk, Com- mandant's Office ...	5	10½	5	10½
Superintending Clerk, Pay- master's Office ...	5	10½	5	10½
Schoolmaster, after 12 years' service as such	6	4½	rising to 7 4½ by 6d. a day for each three years' service.	

"27. A Marine is not in future to be eligible for appointment as Warrant Officer if below the rank of Sergeant, or over 40 years of age; but a Non-Commissioned Officer at present holding any of the appointments named in Article 26 is to be eligible for a Warrant if duly qualified in other respects.

"28. Retirement is to be compulsory at the age of 55, or when physically unfit for further service, and is to be effected at an earlier age, should it be deemed expedient.

"29. Pensions are to be awarded as follows:—

	s.	d.
After 21 years' service, with less than 5 years as Warrant Officer ...	3	0 a day.
After 20 years' service, 5 years of which to be as Warrant Officer ...	3	6 "
After 25 years' service, 5 years of which to be as Warrant Officer ...	4	0 "
After 30 years' service, 5 years of which to be as Warrant Officer ...	4	6 "

"If not entitled to Pension under these rules, Warrant Officers may receive Pension as Non-Commissioned Officer, counting service in the rank of Warrant Officer as Non-Commissioned Officer's time.

"30. Service as Non-Commissioned Officer in the appointments which are in future to be held by Warrant, is to reckon for Warrant Officer's Pension as Warrant time.

"31. A Warrant Officer is not to be granted an annuity for meritorious service and distinguished conduct, nor a medal or gratuity for long service and good conduct; but he may retain an annuity he has been granted before promotion for distinguished and meritorious conduct, or for conspicuous gallantry in action; and he may keep and wear his medal for long service and good conduct. He may also receive a special pension with the Victoria Cross.

"NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN.

"32. The following rates of daily pay are to be substituted for those now in force:—

	s. d.		s. d.	
Schoolmaster under 12 years' service ...	4	5½	5	11½
	rising by 6d. a day after each three years of service.			
	Artillery.		Infantry.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Quartermaster-Sergeant ...	5	6½	4	10½
First-class Sergeant-Instruc- tor of Gunnery ...	4	4½	—	—
First-class Sergeant-Instruc- tor of Musketry ...	—	—	3	7½
First-class Sergeant-Instruc- tor of Gymnastics ...	—	—	3	7½
First Sergeant-Instructor of Infantry ...	4	4½	3	7½
Armourer Sergeant ...	5	7½	5	7½
Colour Sergeant ...	4	0	3	3
Sergeant ...	3	5	2	7
Other Sergeants holding per- manent Appointments on shore ...	3	6½	2	8½
Corporal ...	2	9	1	11
Bombardier ...	2	6	—	—

"33. The deduction from the pay of Non-Commissioned Officers for rations whilst on shore is to be made as hitherto; and the payment to them of 1d. a day for beer-money is to be discontinued.

"34. An allowance of 1d. a day is to be given to Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Light Infantry, provided they qualify and re-qualify in Gunnery in accordance with the prescribed Regulations.

"Recruits who are in future transferred to the Artillery are not to receive the pay of Gunners until they have passed the necessary qualifying examinations.

"35. Re-engaged Pay is to be no longer issued, except to those Non-Commissioned Officers and Men already in receipt of it, whose present Pay, including Re-engaged Pay, exceeds the new rates.

"36. Good Conduct Pay is to be no longer issued to Corporals or Bombardiers, except to those whose present Pay, including Good Conduct Pay, exceeds the new rates.

"37. An allowance of 6d. a day is to be given for lodging, fuel, and light, in lieu of the present allowances of 4d. and 2d. a day. The number of