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*Admiralty, 26th July, 1895.*

HER Majesty, by Her Order in Council of 29th ultimo, hereunto annexed, having been pleased to sanction certain proposals for the entry of Officers of the Mercantile Marine on a Supplementary List of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants, Royal Navy, to meet the increased requirements of the Fleet, until the entries of Naval Cadets shall furnish the numbers required in the future, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hereby give notice of the mode in which such arrangements will be carried out.

Applications for entry should be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

A list of Candidates will be kept at the Admiralty until the selection of Officers to be appointed is made.

Candidates who are accepted will have to undergo the usual medical examination for Officers entering the Royal Navy.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 29th day of June, 1895.

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 twenty-second of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, in the words following, viz. :—

“ WHEREAS it is found necessary to employ Officers now belonging to the Mercantile Marine as Sub-Lieutenants and Lieutenants, to meet the requirements of Your Majesty's Navy, until the supply of Executive Officers trained up from their youth in the Service, shall be sufficient for the needs of the Fleet, such officers to be placed on a Supplementary List of Your Majesty's Navy. We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals, which have received the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury :—

“ One hundred Officers of the Mercantile Marine may be entered on a Supplementary List of the Navy :—

“ as Sub-Lieutenants, of or over twenty-two, and under twenty-five years of age.

“ as Lieutenants, of or over twenty-five, and under thirty-five years of age.

“ The Sub-Lieutenants to be taken, as far as

practicable, from those Royal Naval Reserve Midshipmen who have served a year in the Royal Navy; the Lieutenants from those Royal Naval Reserve Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants who have similarly served a year in the Royal Navy.

“ Candidates for the rank of Sub-Lieutenant or Lieutenant, who have not served in the Royal Naval Reserve will be required to produce a Board of Trade Certificate for Master.

“ All officers entered under this scheme to serve a year on probation, service in the Navy as Royal Naval Reserve Officer counting as such.

“ Sub-Lieutenants to be eligible for promotion to Lieutenant after two years' service, including one year's probationary service, but power to be reserved to the Admiralty to appoint them as Acting Lieutenants at any period of their service.

“ In the case of Officers who may not have fulfilled the service required by the Regulations of the Board of Trade for examination for Master, promotion to be subject to their passing such Examination as may be agreed upon between the Admiralty and the Board of Trade.

“ The Admiralty to reserve to themselves the power of promoting any Lieutenant entered under this Scheme to the Active List of Commanders for distinguished service during War operations.

“ Rates of Full Pay, Half-Pay, and Retired Pay, to be as shown in Tables A, B, and C, below.

“ At the discretion of the Admiralty a Lieutenant on retirement may be granted such Honorary rank as may be considered desirable.

“ Pensions for Hurts and Wounds, Widows' Pensions, Compassionate Allowances to Children, to be at the same rate, and under the same conditions, as those granted to officers of the Royal Navy of corresponding rank.

“ Officers joining from the Royal Naval Reserve to cease to be entitled to Retaining Fees.

“ The full Equipment Grant of £30 to be given to Sub-Lieutenants and £40 to Lieutenants, in consideration of their having to obtain Naval Uniform, provided that they have not received any Outfit Allowance on appointment to one of Your Majesty's Ships for training within the two years immediately preceding the date of entry on the Supplementary List.

“ An Officer who has received Outfit Allowance within such two years, on appointment for training, to receive only half the Equipment Grant, or the difference between what he has already received and the full rate.