

every complete pound invested in the banks established at the Royal Marine Divisions and Naval Establishments on shore;

"And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the reduced value of such deposits to Your Majesty's Government, it is no longer practicable to continue the payment of interest at the present rate on deposits in the Banks instituted on board Your Majesty's Ships, and that such rate should therefore be assimilated to that authorised on deposits in the Banks instituted at the Royal Marine Divisions and Naval Establishments on shore;

"And whereas we have been advised that regulations made under section five of the 'Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866,' should be authorised directly by Your Majesty's Order in Council, and covering sanction is therefore necessary to the regulations issued indirectly in accordance with the Orders in Council of Her late Majesty, dated second March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and tenth March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, for the administration of the Banks at the Royal Marine Divisions and Your Majesty's Naval Establishments on shore;

"And whereas we consider it desirable in certain minor details further to revise the administration of the Naval Savings Banks on shore and on board Your Majesty's Ships;

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that, in pursuance of the Act aforesaid, Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to direct that the rate of interest payable on all deposits in new accounts opened in banks instituted in any of Your Majesty's ships that may be commissioned on or after the first January, one thousand nine hundred and seven, shall be fixed at two pounds ten shillings per cent. compound per annum on every complete pound invested, and that the regulations established under the Orders of Her late Majesty in Council, dated second March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, tenth March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, may be cancelled, and the regulations, copies of which are appended hereto, substituted for the same, and that this Order may have retrospective effect, as necessary to sanction the regulations issued from time to time for the management of the banks at the Royal Marine Divisions and at Your Majesty's Naval Establishments.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals."

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS ON BOARD HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

General Supervision.

1. The general supervision of the Bank will be vested in the Commanding Officer.

Manager of Bank.

2. The Paymaster will be regarded as the Manager of the Bank.

When Bank to be Opened.

3. The Bank is to be open for the receipt and withdrawal of deposits on the days when monthly advances are paid, and in any month in which advances are not required, the Commanding Officer shall appoint a day when the Bank shall be open.

Witness to Transactions.

4. The Commanding Officer shall appoint a

Commissioned Officer to attend personally and witness the receipts and payments.

Deposits.

5. No sum less than one shilling is to be received, nor any fractional part of a shilling.

Pass Book.

6. Each Depositor on making his first deposit shall be furnished by the Paymaster for retention in the Depositor's own custody, with a Pass Book, in which shall be entered at the time of receipt or payment the several sums deposited or withdrawn, such entries to be verified by the initials of the Paymaster, and the officer appointed to witness the transactions under section four; the Pass Book shall bear on the outside of the cover the official or regimental number of the Depositor.

On closing his account each Depositor shall surrender his Pass Book, which shall be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the Withdrawal List on which the closing transaction appears.

7. Should a Depositor lose his Pass Book the Commanding Officer may direct that he be supplied with a fresh Book, on which the word "Duplicate" is to be written.

Deposit List.

8. At the time of the receipt of the amounts deposited, the Paymaster shall prepare a list of the same, to which is to be appended a certificate to be signed by him, that the sums deposited have been credited in the Ledger Accounts and Pass Books, and the total amount received debited in his Cash Account. A certificate to be signed by the witnessing Officer appointed under section four shall also be appended, to the effect that the amounts shown on the list were deposited in his presence. The list is then to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Withdrawals.

9. A Depositor wishing to withdraw the whole or any portion of his deposits shall give to the Paymaster seven days' notice prior to the next day for opening the bank, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

10. Payment may however be made forthwith if the Commanding Officer is satisfied of the urgency of the case, and that the immediate withdrawal of the deposit would be for the advantage of the Depositor.

11. A Depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to re-invest it, or any part of it, the same day.

12. Interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

13. No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn except when the Depositor's account is closed, and the interest is paid; nor in the latter case is any fractional part of a penny to be paid.

Withdrawal List.

14. At the time of the payment of the amounts withdrawn the Paymaster shall prepare a list of the same, to which is to be appended a certificate to be signed by him, that the sums withdrawn have been debited in the Ledger Accounts and Pass Books, and the total amount credited in his Cash Account. A certificate to be signed by the witnessing officer appointed under section four shall also be appended to the effect that the several sums withdrawn have been paid in his presence. The list is then to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.