

to the Supernumerary List on completing ten years in Civil Employ:—

Captain Richard Garratt. Dated 26th July, 1912.

The KING has approved of the transfer of the undermentioned officer of the Indian Army to the Unemployed Supernumerary List:—

Lieutenant-Colonel Harland Fitz Lyddon Farrant. Dated 28th October, 1912.

The KING has approved of the resignation of the undermentioned officers of the Indian Army:—

Captain Duncan James Nugent Blair. Dated 1st November, 1912.

Captain Malcolm Edward Sinclair. Dated 7th November, 1912.

The KING has approved of the retirement of the undermentioned officers of the Indian Army and Indian Medical Service:—

INDIAN ARMY.

Colonel Knightley Poyntz Burne. Dated 23rd October, 1912.

Brevet Colonel William Wylie Norman. Dated 23rd October, 1912.

Lieutenant-Colonel Warren Hastings. Dated 27th October, 1912.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Alexander Wickedé Strickland, M.V.O. Dated 6th November, 1912.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Charles Marmaduke Woodcock. Dated 12th November, 1912.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

NOTE.—The retirement of Major (now Lieutenant-Colonel) Hubert Malins Earle has effect from the 28th July, 1912, and not 27th July, 1912, as notified in the London Gazette of the 13th August, 1912.

NATIONAL INSURANCE.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

The National Health Insurance (Further Payments to Approved Societies) Order, 1912, dated November 15, 1912, made by the Insurance Commissioners under Section 78 of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Whereas by section 54 of the National Insurance Act, 1911 (in this Order called "the Act"), it is amongst other things provided that the sums required to meet expenditure properly incurred by Approved Societies for the purposes of the benefits administered by them and the administration of those benefits shall be paid out of the National Health Insurance Fund (in this Order referred to as "the Fund"):

And whereas by section 78 of the Act it is amongst other things provided that if any difficulty arises in bringing Part I of the Act into operation the Insurance Commissioners with the consent of the Treasury may by Order make any appointment and do anything which appears to them necessary or expedient for bringing Part I of the Act into operation, and any such Order may modify the provisions of the Act so far as may appear necessary or expedient for carrying the Order into effect:

And whereas it is necessary in order to bring Part I of the Act into operation that payments should be made out of the Fund to meet expenditure properly incurred by Approved Societies for the purposes of administration during the period of currency of the first contribution cards issued for the purposes of the Act (in this Order referred to as "the said period") and during the current quarter.

And whereas up to the date of this Order it has not been possible, and will not for some time to come be possible, to carry to the credit of the various Approved Societies in the Fund the sums which ought to be carried to the credit of those Societies in respect of each of the said periods:

And whereas the Regulations to be made under section 56 of the Act providing for the crediting of sums to Approved Societies are not yet in force:

And whereas it is apprehended that by reason of the premises payments cannot lawfully be made out of the Fund for the purpose aforesaid unless this Order is made, and a difficulty has thereby arisen within the meaning of the said section 78:

Now, therefore, the Insurance Commissioners in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Act and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby order as follows:—

1. At any time after the date of this Order there may be paid out of the Fund to any Approved Society such sums as the Insurance Commissioners may in any case direct for the purpose of meeting expenditure incurred by the Society during the said period and during the current quarter for the purposes of administration not exceeding, in the case of a Society which has given security to the Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of section 26 of the Act, two shillings and threepence and in the case of a Society which has not so given security one shilling and tenpence for each person certified by the proper officers of the Society to have been a member of the Society for the purposes of Part I of the Act on the 13th day of October, 1912.

Provided that—

(a) any sums paid to an Approved Society out of the Fund under the National Health Insurance (Payments to Societies and Committees) Order, 1912, shall be deemed to have been paid under this Order and shall be taken into account accordingly in estimating the amounts payable to the Society under this Order; and

(b) the total amount paid to an Approved Society under this Order shall not exceed the net amount which, in the opinion of the Commissioners, having regard to the amount of contributions previously paid by or in respect of members of the Society, ought to be carried to the credit of the Society in the Fund.

2. Any payments made to a Society in pursuance of this Order shall, so far as they are payments which could properly have been made out of the Fund under section 54 of the Act if made in the prescribed manner and if money had been credited in the Fund to that Society, be deemed to have been duly made in pursuance of the provisions of section 54 of the Act.

3. This Order may be cited as the National