which falls between 25 and 50, and of gin reduced to a number of degrees under proof which falls between 35 and 50, is hereby permitted, and accordingly, in determining whether an offence has been committed under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts by selling to the prejudice of the purchaser whisky, brandy, rum or gin not adulterated otherwise than by the admixture of water, it shall be a good defence to prove that such admix-ture has not reduced the spirit more than 50 degrees under proof.

And each of the said Orders shall be read as if the said Article were inserted as aforesaid therein.

> Given under the Seal of the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) this twenty-third day of February, 1916.

> > D'ABERNON,

Chairman.

JOHN PEDDER. Member of the Board.

Admiralty, 21st February, 1916. Royal Marine Artillery.

- Lieutenant-Colonel Cecil Alvend FitzHerbert Osmaston to be seconded whilst holding an appointment as a Member of the Ordnance Committee. Dated 9th February, 1916.
- Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Gerald Robert Poole, supernumerary, to be Lieutenant-Colonel on the establishment, vice Osmaston, seconded. Dated 9th February, 1916.

Admiralty, 22nd February, 1916.

The undermentioned Acting Mates have been confirmed in the rank of Mate in His Majesty's Fleet :-

> Victor Southern. William Brookes. William Tucker Cory. Dated 15th February, 1915.

In accordance with the provisions of Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870-

Chaplain the Reverend Alexander Hugh Gage, M.A., has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 17th February, 1916.

In accordance with the provisions of the Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870-

Staff Paymaster Archibald Charles Stanley Bere has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 19th February, 1916.

Royal Naval Reserve.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration upon the following officers:

Lieutenant-Commander John Claybourne

Williams, R.N.R. Lieutenant-Commander George Ernest Warner, R.N.R.

Lieutenant-Commander Clinton Edward Dormer Trelawny, R.N.R.

Lieutenant John Archibald Rupert Jones, R.N.R.

Lieutenant Howard Canute Davis. R.N.R.

Engineer-Lieutenant Charles Pasco Coleman, R.N.R.

Dated 21st February, 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration upon the following Officer:-

Lieutenant Richard John Carter.

To be temporary Lieutenants-

- John Carmichael. Dated 29th July, 1915.
- Hugh Campbell. Dated 6th October, 1915.

To be temporary Engineer Lieutenants-

Edward James Frodsham. Dated 13th August, 1915.

Griffiths J. Rees. Dated 6th October, 1915.

To be temporary Sub-Lieutenants-

Henry W. Godfrey. Dated 8th October, 1915.

Allan Paterson Wallace. Alexander Vernon Harcourt. Charles Edwin Elliott. James Alan Stuart. Cathel Macleod. Dated 16th February, 1916.

Frederick Stewart Hamilton. Frederick George Naylor. George Washington Thompson. William George Wilson. Dated 22nd February, 1916.

To be temporary Assistant-Paymasters-James Douglas Bond. Cuthbert George Browne. John Herbert Gittens. Claude Robert Jaggs. Edgar Sidney Price. George Henry Walpole. Sydney Wilson.

Dated 19th February, 1916.

To be temporary Engineer Lieutenant-Henry John Watty. Dated 22nd February, 1916.

To be temporary Engineer Sub-Lieutenants-

William Harrison. Dated 7th February, 1916.

Peter Thomson. Dated 20th February, 1916.

Frank Henry Taylor. George Henry Rodgers. Dated 22nd February, 1916.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

To be temporary Sub-Lieutenant-

John Clifford Pipe. Dated 17th February, 1916.

To be temporary Lieutenant-

John Barye Rankin Swan. Dated 22nd February, 1916.