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STATE INTELLIGENCE

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE

11th May 1961.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be a Member of the First Class, or Knight Grand Cross, of the said Most Distinguished Order:

The Right Honourable William Philip, Viscount De L'Isle, V.C., Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief (designate) of the Commonwealth of Australia.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of April 1961.

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 20th day of April 1961 (N.C.W. 568/34/60/B), in the words following, viz.:

"Whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by Order in Council dated the 29th day of November 1946, terms of service were sanctioned for holders of the post of Keeper and Steward of the Royal Cabins in Your Majesty's Yachts, including provision for awards of retired pay conforming with the rates and conditions for such awards as then generally in force:

"And whereas under various Orders in Council, new rates and conditions of award of retired pay, pensions, terminal grants and gratuities have since been laid down for Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Royal Navy and Royal Marines on general service:

"And whereas we consider that it would be consistent with the effect of the aforesaid changes that the present and future holders of the post of Keeper

and Steward of the Royal Cabins in Your Majesty's Yachts should have the benefit of terms of service more closely equated with those in force generally from time to time:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve that the present and future holders of the post of Keeper and Steward of the Royal Cabins in Your Majesty's Yachts are to be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the annexed Schedule.

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

" SCHEDULE

"(1) The holder of the appointment to serve under the conditions applicable to an officer of the Special Duties List of the Royal Navy.

"(2) Naval ratings appointed while serving to be promoted to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant and to serve on the active list until age 50 when they will be formally placed on the retired list and re-employed without loss of rank.

"(3) Naval ratings so appointed who are aged 50 or over, or who are in receipt of a rating's long service pension, to be promoted to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant, placed on the retired list and re-employed without loss of rank. Payment of any pension awarded in respect of previous service to cease on appointment to the post.

"(4) Retired pay and terminal grant on vacating the appointment to be awarded on the scale, and under the conditions laid down for Sub-Lieutenants (Special Duties List) in force at the time of vacating the appointment, provided that in cases other than invaliding a minimum of five years' service as an officer has been given and that final retirement does not take place before age 60.

"(5) Alternatively holders of the appointment to be allowed at their own option an award of retired pay and terminal grant on the scales and under the conditions in force for naval ratings at the time of vacating the appointment. If, in cases other than invaliding, the appointment is vacated before five years' service as an officer has been completed or before age 60, whichever is the later, awards of retired pay and terminal grant to be assessed at the discretion of the Admiralty, but not in any event to exceed the amounts payable on the scales and under the conditions in force for naval ratings at the time of vacating the appointment.

"(6) Any subsequent appointment to higher rank not to confer eligibility for retired pay based on the higher rank.

"(7) Widows of officers who have served in this post to be eligible under normal regulations for pensions and gratuities as for the widow of a Sub-Lieutenant (Special Duties List) or, if the officer has