

Enclosure.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of July, 1914. Present: The King'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 14th day of July, 1914, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by your Order in Council of the 12th day of August, 1913, to approve that when and wheresoever one or more ships of the Royal Navy is or are in company with one or more of Your Majesty's ships provided and maintained by the Commonwealth of Australia, or by any other self-governing Dominion which shall have made provision for bringing its naval forces within the operation of the Naval Discipline (Dominion Naval Forces) Act, 1911, and to which the provisions of Your Majesty's Order have been made applicable by Order in Council, then the officers and men borne on the books of such first-mentioned ship or ships shall have the same relation to the officers and men borne on the books of such secondly mentioned ship or ships and shall in all respects act and perform the same duties as if the officers and men borne on the books of the ship or ships provided by the self-governing Dominion were borne on the books of a ship or ships of the Royal Navy, and that the officers of all such ships of the same branch shall respectively rank with each other and command according to the dates of their first commissions, warrants, or orders in their existing rank, and if only acting in the rank according to the seniority of their respective acting appointments, and the Naval Discipline Act, 1866, as amended by any subsequent enactment, shall apply accordingly.

“And that whensoever any person thereto duly authorized by the law of the Commonwealth of Australia, or of any other such self-governing Dominion as aforesaid for the time being in force, shall name any officer of the Royal Navy not below the rank of Captain to act as President of a court-martial for the trial of any officer or man borne on the books of one of Your Majesty's ships provided by such self-governing Dominion, such officer shall proceed therein in all respects as if he had been named as President of a court-martial ordered by the Admiralty or by any officer holding a commission from the Admiralty to order courts-martial for the trial of any officer or man borne on the books of a ship of the Royal Navy. And every Judge-Advocate, or Deputy Judge-Advocate, or person belonging to the Royal Navy officiating at such court-martial as Deputy Judge-Advocate, shall transmit with as much expedition as may be the original proceedings and the original sentences of any court-martial on an officer or man borne on the books of one of Your Majesty's ships provided by any self-governing Dominion attended by him to the Commander-in-Chief or senior officer, who shall transmit them to the proper authority of the self-governing Dominion to whose ship the offender belongs, and shall transmit a complete and authenticated copy thereof to the Secretary of the Admiralty for information.

“And that the provisions of Your Majesty's Order shall not apply to any self-governing Dominion (other than the Commonwealth of Australia) or to the forces or ships thereof unless and until provision has been made in such Dominion for bringing the naval forces of the Dominion within the operation of the Naval Discipline (Dominion Naval Forces) Act, 1911, and unless and until the provisions of Your Majesty's Order have been made applicable to such Dominion by Order in Council.

“And whereas the Naval Defence Act, 1913, New Zealand, makes provision for bringing the naval forces of New Zealand within the operation of the Naval Discipline (Dominion Naval Forces) Act, 1911.

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by your Order in Council to apply the provisions of the aforesaid Order in Council of the 12th day of August, 1913, to New Zealand, and to the naval forces thereof as from the 15th day of July, 1914.

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

KING'S REGULATIONS.—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR DISCIPLINARY ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH DOMINION NAVAL FORCES.

26. Courts-martial shall be held, charges framed, offences tried, sentences pronounced, and the execution of such sentences carried into effect according to the Naval Discipline Act or Acts in force for the time being, and according to the rules of procedure and the forms established from time to time under the authority of the said Act or Acts. (See 663 to 701A—Courts-martial.)

2. *Dominion Naval Forces.*—When ships or vessels of the Dominion Navies are present at a place where a court-martial is ordered to be held, or when disciplinary matters involving subordinate officers or ratings borne on the books of a ship provided and maintained by a Dominion are referred by the Commanding Officer to his senior officer or to the Commander-in-Chief, the instructions contained in Appendix XXII are to be strictly observed.

Chapter XVII.—Courts-martial.*

Chapter XIX.—Section II—Discipline generally.* Section V—Summary Punishments.* Section VI—Desertion and Rewards for Apprehension.* Section VII—Civil Power.*

Chapter XXI.—Certificates.*

[* See Article 26, clause 2, and Appendix XXII (Dominion Naval Forces).]