

EXTRACT FROM REGULATIONS UNDER THE DISCIPLINE ACT 1870,
VICTORIA.

69.—VICTORIAN NAVAL RESERVE.

(1.) The persons whose services are engaged as naval forces in the services of Her Majesty's Government in Victoria to be occasionally employed shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act and to the following regulations, be formed into a corps to be called the Victorian Naval Reserve.

(2.) The Victorian Naval Reserve shall consist of such commissioned, warrant, or petty officers and seamen as may from time to time be duly appointed or engaged under the provisions of the said Act, and who shall be entitled, subject to these regulations, each to receive an annual allowance or retainer of sixteen pounds for 1st class petty officers, fourteen pounds 2nd class petty officers, twelve pounds A.B. seamen.

(3.) All members of the naval reserve, when called out by proclamation for actual service, shall be entitled to receive during such period of actual service pay and allowances: the commissioned officers at such rates as the Governor in Council may from time to time direct, and the warrant or petty officers and seamen according to the average rates ruling in the port of Melbourne for petty officers and A.B. seamen during the three months preceding such proclamation.

(4.) All members of the Naval Reserve, when called out by proclamation for actual service, will be appointed to such ship or service as the Governor in Council may direct, and if serving beyond the actual limits of Victoria in company with any of Her Majesty's ships of war, will be subject to the orders of the commissioned officer commanding such ship or ships: Provided always that such orders shall not extend to impressment into any other service, or removal of any member of the Reserve from the ship or service of Her Majesty's Government in Victoria.

(5.) No person is to be accepted who is under five feet five inches in height, or above forty years of age, nor unless he is a British subject, free from physical defect, and in health, character, and every other respect eligible.

(6.) Every applicant must have served afloat either as a seaman, waterman, fisherman, boatman, shipwright, sailmaker, or be now engaged as a ballast craftsman, or in some occupation directly connected with shipping.

(7.) The applicant must produce certificates of good character, or must otherwise satisfy the commanding officer that his character and conduct have been good.

(8.) Any member of the Naval Reserve who, after being enrolled, is discovered to have been at the time of enrolment laboring under disease, or to have sustained injury which incapacitates him, and who has concealed such disease or injury, or who is discovered to have made any false representation or to have produced any false papers on the occasion of enrolment, will at once be struck off the list, and will forfeit all claim to retainer or other advantages of the service.

(9.) No member of the Naval Reserve may, so long as he remains in the Reserve, be enrolled in any other corps.

(10.) When any person is enrolled in the Naval Reserve, a certificate of his enrolment will be delivered to him by the commanding officer who enrolls him. This certificate must be taken care of, as it will constitute the proof of his title to the retainer and other advantages of the service. It must be produced every time he appears at drill, in order that the requisite entries may be made.

(11.) All entries on certificates must be made or countersigned by a commissioned officer of the Naval Reserve, and by such officer only.

(12.) If any member of the Naval Reserve accidentally loses his certificate, he should make application to his commanding officer.

(13.) With the exception hereinafter mentioned, no express restriction is laid on the occupation of a member of the Naval Reserve, whilst belonging to the Reserve, provided that he complies with the conditions mentioned below, and especially with that condition which requires him to appear before some commissioned officer, once every three months, unless he obtain leave of absence for a longer period.

(14.) Every member of the Naval Reserve must present himself to some commissioned officer of the Reserve in the colony of Victoria, and must produce his certificate to that officer at intervals not exceeding three months each. Consequently, no member of the Reserve may expect to obtain leave of absence (unless under special circumstances) to be away from the colony of Victoria on any voyage which there is reason to expect will exceed three months. Commanding officers will be informed from time to time under what conditions, and in what manner, this leave can be given.

(15.) Before leave is given, a member of the Naval Reserve must satisfy his commanding officer that he is not in arrears for drill, and his arms, accoutrements, and uniform must be returned into store.

(15A.) Any member of the Naval Reserve who is absent from drill for more than two months without leave renders himself liable to be dismissed, and when called upon by his commanding officer will immediately return his arms, accoutrements, and uniform, any deficiency or damage thereto to be made good at his expense.

(16.) The Government of Victoria reserve to themselves full discretion to withhold leave of absence at any time when an emergency arises.

(17.) It will be the duty of every member of the Naval Reserve, on every fresh engagement he may make for service at sea, to appear before his commanding officer, produce his certificate, and give notice of the nature and length of the proposed voyage or employment, which notice must be repeated on every fresh engagement or change of ship or employment. But where such member of the Naval Reserve is engaged under