

Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Army Council have had under consideration, in connection with the reintroduction of the clothing-allowance system in the Regular Army, the question of the clothing of warrant-officers, non-commissioned officers, and men lent for service in the self-governing Dominions.

2. The Army Council state that with the discontinuance of the clothing-allowance system during the war, and the reversion to free issues in kind, the arrangements mentioned in the despatch under reference were suspended.

3. The clothing-allowance system has now been reverted to for the Regular Army, but full dress has not yet been generally introduced, and, except in the case of the Household troops, service dress is the only uniform in the Army. Men returning from employment with a Dominion Government will be already in possession of one suit of service dress uniform, and will in consequence not need to make such large purchases as in pre-war days, when full-dress clothing had to be bought.

4. In these circumstances the Army Council do not propose for the present to reintroduce the procedure outlined in the despatch of the 24th May, 1912.

I have, &c.,

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

MILNER.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

No. 8.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 508.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th December, 1920.

With reference to Mr. (now Viscount) Harcourt's despatch, No. 153, of the 9th April, 1914, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that, in consequence of the increased rates of retired pay and pension granted, with effect from the 1st April, 1919, to officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have found it necessary to revise the annual charges in respect of liability for retired pay and pension hitherto made in respect of the services of officers and men of those Forces who are lent to Dominion Governments.

2. The revised rates, which have been settled in conjunction with the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, have effect from the 1st April, 1919, and are as follow:—

Classes.		Rate per
		Annum.
(1.) Officers of the Executive, Engineer, and Accountant Branches of the Royal Navy entered in the ordinary manner, and officers of the Royal Marines similarly entered	£	150
(2.) Officers of the Medical, Instructor, and Chaplain Branches	£	180
(3.) Warrant Officers, Royal Navy and Royal Marines, commissioned officers promoted therefrom, mates, and quartermasters	£	100
(4.) Petty officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who are serving under their first engagements	£	24
(5.) Petty officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who have re-engaged to complete time for pension	£	36

3. A copy of this despatch is being sent to the High Commissioner.

I have, &c.,

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

MILNER.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

No. 9.

New Zealand, No. 275.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 20th December, 1920.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, No. 209, of the 14th November, 1918, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the services of Mr. E. J. Butler, M.B., F.L.S., Imperial Mycologist to the Government of India,