

CHAP 44.

An Act to make better provision respecting Greenwich Hospital, and the application of the revenues thereof. A.D. 1869.

[2d August 1869.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short titles. This Act and 28 & 29 Vict. c. 89. construed together.

1. This Act may be cited as The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1869; and this Act and The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, shall be read and have effect together as one Act, and may be cited together as The Greenwich Hospital Acts, 1865 and 1869.

Enactments in schedule repealed.

2. From and immediately after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the enactments described in the schedule to this Act shall be repealed; but this repeal shall not affect any Greenwich Hospital allowance appointed before this repeal takes effect.

Admission of invalids, &c. to benefits of hospital.

3. The Admiralty may, under regulations to be from time to time made by them, admit temporarily or permanently to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital non-commissioned officers and men of the royal navy and marines who, although not in receipt of naval pensions, have been, before or after the passing of this Act, discharged as invalided for disease or wounds contracted or received in or by the service of the Crown, or are infirm and helpless.

Transfer of invalids to naval hospital, &c.

4. The Admiralty may, under regulations to be from time to time made by them, send any non-commissioned officers or men admitted to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital to a naval hospital or infirmary, to be there maintained at the expense of Greenwich Hospital.

Power to substitute pensions for maintenance.

5. The Admiralty may, under regulations to be from time to time made by them, appoint to non-commissioned officers and men admitted to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital, in lieu of maintaining

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them in or at the expense of Greenwich Hospital, such special Greenwich Hospital pensions as to the Admiralty shall seem fit, according to the circumstances of each case, but so that the amount received by any non-commissioned officer or man in respect of such special pension, together with the naval pension (if any) appointed to him, and the Greenwich Hospital pension (if any) appointed to him under The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, shall not exceed in the case of any non-commissioned officer or man who was an inmate of Greenwich Hospital on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine the sum of thirty-six pounds ten shillings a year, and in the case of any non-commissioned officer or man who has been or is admitted to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital after the last-mentioned day the sum of twenty-seven pounds ten shillings a year.

Approval of regulations.

6. Regulations made by the Admiralty under this Act shall not have effect unless and until they are approved by Her Majesty in Council.

Power to permit use of buildings for public purposes.

7. The Admiralty may from time to time permit Greenwich Hospital or any part thereof, with the appurtenances, to be occupied and used temporarily for the purposes of the naval service or of any department of Her Majesty's Government, or for the benefit of persons engaged or who have been engaged in seafaring pursuits, with or without requiring a rent, and on such terms respecting repairs and other matters as the Admiralty think fit; but so that the whole of the buildings of the hospital and their appurtenances shall be at all times available for the purposes to which the same would have been applicable if this section had not been enacted.

Greenwich Hospital income account.

8. Her Majesty's Paymaster General shall continue to keep in his books the separate account, called the Greenwich Hospital income account, opened by him under The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865.

Payments out of Consolidated Fund.

9. From and after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, and from time to time under the direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury carried therefrom to the Greenwich Hospital income account, the annual sum of four thousand pounds (the same being the estimated difference between the annual sum of twenty thousand pounds charged on the Consolidated Fund by the Act of King William the Fourth, repealed by this Act, and the corrected average aggregate amount of the sums of fifteen pounds per head mentioned

in section fifty-one of The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, also repealed by this Act); which annual sum shall be carried over in one amount on or before the thirtieth day of September in each year, commencing with the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Proportionate parts of payments to and from Consolidated Fund.

10. Notwithstanding anything in this Act there shall be carried from the Consolidated Fund to the Greenwich Hospital income account a proportionate part of the said annual sum of twenty thousand pounds for the period between the last payment on account thereof and the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine; and the sum equal to fifteen pounds per head on the number of men referred to in section fifty-one of The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, shall be paid for the half year ending on the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

Transfer of naval pensions of men maintained.

11. The naval pensions of such non-commissioned officers and men as are for the time being maintained in or at the expense of Greenwich Hospital shall not be paid to them individually, but so much of the money annually provided and appropriated by Parliament for naval pensions as would be applicable to the payment of the naval pensions of those officers and men shall be paid into the Bank of England under the direction of the Admiralty to the cash account of Her Majesty's Paymaster General, who shall carry the same to the Greenwich Hospital income account.

Pensions to merchant seamen, &c.

12. From and after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the Admiralty shall from time to time pay to the Board of Trade a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole in any year the sum of four thousand pounds, which shall in the first instance be defrayed out of money provided by Parliament, and shall be repaid to the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom from the Greenwich Hospital income account, in manner provided in sections fifty and fifty-one of The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865.

The Board of Trade shall apply the sum or sums aforesaid in payment of pensions to some of such masters and seamen of the mercantile marine as contributed out of their wages the sum of sixpence a month towards the support of Greenwich Hospital; and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, by Order in Council made on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, to make regulations respecting the qualifications for and amount of such pensions.

Payment of rents after deduction of

13. The rents and profits of the lands vested in the Admiralty by virtue of The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, shall, as and when

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expenses, &c.

received, be paid, after deduction of the necessary and proper expenses of management of those lands and of all other necessary and proper outgoings in respect thereof, into the Bank of England to the cash account of Her Majesty's Paymaster General, who shall carry the same to the Greenwich Hospital income account.

Provision as to Hexham, &c. Railway.

14. From and after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, The Hexham and Allendale Railway Act, 1866, shall be read and have effect as if the Solicitor of the Admiralty had been mentioned throughout the enactments of that Act instead of the comptroller of the Greenwich Hospital estate; and the register of shareholders of the Hexham and Allendale Railway Company shall be altered (as far as is necessary) accordingly.

Power to grant pensions instead of annuities.

15. Notwithstanding anything in sections twelve and sixteen of The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, directing the purchase of annuities for such persons and of such respective amounts as therein described, the Admiralty may, if they think fit, from time to time grant to persons hereafter removed from office under the provisions of the said Act, or to any of them, pensions for their respective lives, of the like amount as the annuities to which they would respectively be entitled under those sections, to be charged on the income of Greenwich Hospital; and where any pension is so granted the directions of sections twelve and sixteen shall not have effect.

THE SCHEDULE.

Enactments repealed.

4 & 5 Will. 4. c. 34.	An Act to repeal the laws relating to the contribution out of merchant seamen's wages towards the support of the Royal Naval Hospital at Greenwich, and for supplying other funds in lieu thereof.
28 & 29 Vict. c. 89. in part.	The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865,—in part namely;— Sections six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-seven, forty-six, and so much of section fifty-one as relates to the payment of a sum equal to fifteen pounds per head on the number of men therein referred to.

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