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CHAPTER 28.

An Act to make further and better provision with regard to the Naval Medical Compassionate Fund. A.D. 1915.

[16th March 1915.]

WHEREAS under an Order in Council dated the thirteenth day of August eighteen hundred and seventeen the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society was established for the relief of widows of medical officers in the Royal Navy:

And whereas it was provided in that Order that if any bequest or donations should be made in favour of the society, the principal amount thereof should be reserved separately as a compassionate fund, and that the interest should be distributed, at the discretion of the President and Court of Directors of the society, among the orphans of deceased members thereof, and that each member of the society, on his promotion or on his appointment to any permanent civil situation, should contribute to the compassionate fund a fee equal to one week's pay:

And whereas in pursuance of the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society Winding-Up Act, 1861, the society has been wound up, but that Act provided that notwithstanding the winding-up of the society the above-mentioned compassionate fund should continue, but on a voluntary instead of a compulsory basis, and enacted that the interest thereof should be distributed among the orphans of those members of the society who had died and the orphans of those naval medical officers who had theretofore contributed or who should thereafter voluntarily contribute any such fee as aforesaid to the compassionate fund, but that no person should thereafter be compelled or liable to pay a fee to the compassionate fund: 24 & 25 Vict. c. 108.

And whereas the said Act made no provision for the future management of the said fund, but the said fund has in fact remained under the management of a body consisting of the Secretary to the Admiralty, the Medical Director-General of the Navy, and certain medical naval officers who have contributed to the fund, and now consists of the sum of ten thousand

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six hundred pounds two and a half per centum consolidated stock:

And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the management of the said fund and to alter the terms of contribution thereto and the nature of the benefits therefrom in manner hereinafter appearing:

Be it therefore enacted by the King'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:—

Power by Order in Council to regulate fund.

1.—(1) His Majesty may by Order in Council provide—

(*a*) for constituting new trustees of the said fund and for vesting the fund in such trustees;

(*b*) for filling vacancies in the office of trustee and for vesting the fund in the trustees for the time being without conveyance or assignment;

(*c*) for vesting the management of the fund, the determination of the persons to receive benefits therefrom, and the distribution thereof amongst such persons, in such body as may be determined by the Order, being a body representative of the naval medical service, either with or without the addition of representatives of the Admiralty;

(*d*) for enabling all persons who are or who may hereafter become naval medical officers, or who may at any time have been naval medical officers, to become subscribers to the fund;

(*e*) for determining the terms of subscription and the manner and time of payment thereof;

(*f*) for making eligible to benefits from the fund the widows and orphans of all persons who at the time of the making of the Order may have contributed to the fund, and, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Order, of persons who may after that date have become subscribers to the fund;

and the Order may contain any incidental, consequential, or supplemental provisions which may appear to be necessary or proper for the purposes of the Order.

(2) An Order in Council under this Act may be altered or revoked by a subsequent Order in Council.

(3) The Acts mentioned in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Naval Medical Compassionate Fund Act, 1915.

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Section 1 (3).

ACTS REPEALED.

An Act to authorise for Ten Years, and to the end of the then next Session of Parliament, the Regulation of the Annuities and Premiums of the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society (11 & 12 Vict. c. 58).

An Act to continue the Act for the Regulation of the Annuities and Premiums of the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society (22 Vict. c. 28).

The Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society Winding-Up Act, 1861 (24 & 25 Vict. c. 108).

An Act to amend the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society Winding-Up Act, 1861 (26 & 27 Vict. c. 111).

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