

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 596.—The Honourable Mr. CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E., having returned to the Colony, resumed duty as Colonial Treasurer and Assessor of Rates on the 6th December, 1920.

10th December, 1920.

No. 597.—His Excellency the Governor has, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been pleased to recognise Mr. EDWARD JOSEPH NORONHA, provisionally and pending the issue of His Majesty's Exequatur, as Consul for Guatemala in Hongkong.

10th December, 1920.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 598.

Amendment of the Pension Minute.

The Pension Minute published in the *Gazette* of the 11th January, 1902, and on pages 442 to 454 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, as amended on the 11th February, 1916, and on the 26th March and 14th May, 1920, is hereby further amended as follows:—

I. Paragraph 1 of clause 1 is cancelled and the following paragraph is substituted therefor:—

1.—(1) This paragraph shall not apply to any of the following:—

- (a) Officers who are not borne on the fixed establishment of the Colony.
- (b) Judges of the Supreme Court.
- (c) Members of the Police Force who are entitled to retiring allowances under the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.
- (d) Officers whose annual salary does not exceed \$300.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, and to the other provisions of this Minute, every public officer who has served ten years or upwards may be awarded, on his retirement, a pension at the rate of one-sixtieth of his annual salary for each completed year of service, together with an addition of five-sixtieths of such salary, provided that the total pension awarded shall not exceed forty-sixtieths of such salary.

(3) Subject as aforesaid every public officer who has not completed ten years of service for pension in accordance with the provisions of clause 12 of this Minute, but who is permitted to retire on the ground of infirmity of mind or body, may nevertheless be awarded a pension, provided—

- (a) that at the time of his retirement 10 calendar years shall have elapsed from the date on which he first commenced to draw salary, and
- (b) that the said officer shall have been continuously in the service of the Colony during the whole of the said period.

The pension that may be awarded in such cases shall be at the rate of one-sixtieth of the officer's annual salary for each completed year of service, together with an addition of five-sixtieths of such salary.

II. Paragraph 2 of clause 1 is amended by the substitution of "\$300" for "\$240" in the first line thereof.