

## 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.

III. Paragraph 5 of clause 1 is amended by the insertion of the following proviso immediately after the words "six months of service" in the fifth line thereof:—

"Provided that this provision shall not apply to any officer who comes within the provisions of sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 1 of this clause."

IV. Clause 18 is amended by the substitution of "\$300" for "\$240" in the fifth and sixteenth lines thereof.

V. The following clause is added immediately after clause 18:—

No. 18A.

Gratuity to widows of officers who have served fifteen years on the temporary establishment.

A gratuity at the rate of one month's salary in respect of each three years' service may be granted to the widow of any officer who has continuously served on the temporary establishment of the Colony and who at the date of his death was in receipt of a salary not exceeding \$300 per annum.

VI. References in this notification to particular "lines" of clauses or paragraphs shall be held to refer to the lines of such clauses and paragraphs as printed in the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,  
Colonial Secretary.

10th December, 1920.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

No. 599.—Extract of Meteorological Observations made at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, during the month of November, 1920.

DATE.	BARO-METER AT M.S.L.	TEMPERATURE.			HUMIDITY.		CLOUDINESS.	SUNSHINE.	RAIN.	WIND.	
		Max.	Mean.	Min.	Rel.	Abs.				Dir.	Vel.
	ins.				p. c.	ins.	p. c.	hrs.	ins.	Points.	Miles p.h.
1, .....	30.10	80.7	73.7	69.9	70	0.58	74	8.7	0.005	ENE	8.0
2, .....	.10	77.0	73.8	71.9	71	.59	25	10.2	...	E	14.7
3, .....	.06	78.1	74.0	71.1	72	.61	15	10.3	...	E	11.2
4, .....	.01	83.1	75.7	69.4	62	.55	72	8.7	...	NE	9.1
5, .....	.03	77.5	71.6	68.0	62	.48	96	...	0.045	NNE	15.0
6, .....	.07	77.0	72.4	67.3	71	.57	97	1.5	0.050	NE by E	15.4
7, .....	.04	74.3	73.0	71.1	88	.71	99	...	0.170	E by N	20.8
8, .....	.01	77.8	75.6	74.3	85	.75	81	2.1	...	E	16.0
9, .....	29.93	81.1	76.9	74.0	82	.76	36	7.2	...	E by S	5.2
10, .....	.88	82.9	76.7	72.2	84	.77	42	9.0	...	ESE	6.9
11, .....	30.02	76.9	71.1	67.4	82	.63	100	0.1	1.665	NE by N	10.4
12, .....	.19	75.2	68.7	65.5	65	.46	84	7.0	...	N by E	9.4
13, .....	.27	72.4	68.6	62.3	65	.46	64	8.8	...	E by N	13.1
14, .....	.24	73.4	69.7	65.2	67	.48	73	3.5	...	E by N	11.9
15, .....	.18	73.6	70.6	68.3	69	.52	38	8.8	...	E	15.9
16, .....	.16	73.6	71.3	68.5	71	.55	50	8.8	...	E by N	19.2
17, .....	.08	71.6	67.8	64.1	85	.57	99	...	3.710	NE by E	14.0
18, .....	.00	71.0	69.2	66.2	88	.63	100	0.1	1.175	ENE	6.5
19, .....	.00	73.3	71.5	69.3	89	.69	100	...	0.015	NE by N	1.7
20, .....	.03	79.5	71.6	65.5	60	.47	29	10.3	...	NNE	6.0
21, .....	.06	74.0	69.3	65.2	70	.50	66	8.9	...	E	11.6
22, .....	.05	70.8	68.8	66.7	77	.54	96	1.6	0.005	E by N	18.0
23, .....	.01	77.3	71.9	69.3	79	.62	54	9.2	...	E	10.4
24, .....	.02	74.5	71.7	70.5	77	.60	55	9.9	...	E by N	19.5
25, .....	.08	71.8	68.3	62.3	76	.53	71	0.3	...	NE	8.2
26, .....	.07	70.9	66.8	60.5	73	.48	43	7.4	...	E	12.3
27, .....	.00	71.5	69.0	66.4	73	.52	84	6.1	...	E	18.2
28, .....	29.98	71.1	68.2	65.5	77	.53	97	2.2	...	ENE	16.2
29, .....	30.01	66.6	63.6	61.4	82	.48	100	...	0.205	NNE	8.0
30, .....	.00	70.3	66.6	62.1	73	.48	97	0.1	...	NE by E	7.0
Mean, .....	30.06	75.0	70.9	67.4	75	0.57	71		7.045	ENE	12.0