

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 655.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Dr. JAMES THORNTON SMALLEY to act as Principal Civil Medical Officer until further notice.

8th November, 1927.

No. 656.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve the promotion of Captain HUGH BLACKWELL LAYARD DOWBIGGIN to the rank of Major in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 9th November, 1927.

10th November, 1927.

No. 657.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet Colonel JOHN SOUTHEY BOSTOCK, C.B.E., R.A.M.C., to be a Member of the Sanitary Board for a term of three years, *vice* Lieut.-Colonel SAMUEL BOYLAN SMITH, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A.M.C., with effect from this date.

10th November, 1927.

No. 658.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. TSÓ SEEN-WAN, LL.D., to be a Member of the Sanitary Board for a further term of three years, with effect from the 15th November, 1927.

10th November, 1927.

No. 659.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to re-appoint, under section 9 (4) of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 9 of 1911, Dr. WILFRED VINCENT MILLER KOCH to be a Member of the Licensing Board for a period of three years, with effect from the 14th November, 1927.

9th November, 1927.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 660.—The following amendments of the Pension Minute which appear in the General Orders of the Hong Kong Government is published for information.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Colonial Secretary.

10th November, 1927.

1. The Pension Minute (General Order No. 155) is amended by the addition of the following to clause No. 1:—

10. A European nursing sister or matron, who has served not less than 3 years in the Colony, and not less than 15 years in all as a qualified nursing sister or matron in the public service or in a public hospital, in the Colony or elsewhere, to which she was appointed by the Colonial Government or through the Overseas Nursing Association and who would not otherwise be entitled to a pension, gratuity or other retiring

allowance under the provisions of this Minute, may be granted on her ultimate retirement a retiring allowance calculated at the rate of 8s. 4d. per annum for each month of her service in the Colony.

For the purposes of this paragraph 10 such total service need not be continuous.

Provided that the above mentioned minimum total service of 15 years shall be reduced to 10 years in the case of a European nursing sister or matron who is compelled by ill-health, not caused by her own misconduct, to relinquish her Colonial employment.

Provided further that, except in the case of retirement on account of illness, no such retiring allowance shall be payable until the nursing sister or matron reaches the age of 50; and provided further that the grant of such retiring allowance shall be dependent on the production to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State of certificates of satisfactory service in respect of each period of total qualifying service, and that the total retiring allowance drawn by the nursing sister or matron in respect of service as aforesaid in the Colony and elsewhere shall not exceed the amount of pension which she would have drawn if her whole service had been on the pensionable establishment of the Colony.

The provisions of this paragraph 10 will apply to all European nursing sisters and matrons in the service of the Government of the Colony on or at any time after 1st January, 1926.

2. The Pension Minute (General Order No. 155) is amended by the deletion of clause No. 24 and the substitution of the following therefor:—

“No. 24.

If any person to whom a pension has been or may be granted under this Minute is convicted before any Court in His Majesty's dominions or elsewhere of any crime or offence for which he is sentenced to death, or penal servitude, or any term of imprisonment with hard labour, or any term of imprisonment of any other kind exceeding twelve months, or if any such person becomes bankrupt, then in every such case, such pension shall if the Governor in Council shall in each case so determine, be forfeited as from the date of such conviction or bankruptcy.

If any question arises as to the competency of any Court, or as to whether any sentence imposed comes within the intendment of the foregoing paragraph then the decision of the Governor in Council thereon shall be final and conclusive.

Provided always that any pension so ceasing shall be restored with retrospective effect in the case of a person who after conviction at any time receives a free pardon. For the purpose of this clause the enduring of the punishment to which any person has been or may be sentenced shall not be deemed to be or to have the effect of a free pardon.

And provided further that where any pension ceases for any reason aforesaid the Secretary of State for the Colonies or, if the pensioner is resident in the Colony then the Governor in Council with the approval of the Secretary of State may cause all or any part of the moneys to which the pensioner would have been entitled by way of pension, during the remainder of such pensioner's life or during any shorter period or periods, either continuous or discontinuous, to be paid to or applied for the benefit of all or any exclusive of the others of the dependents of the pensioner, and the pensioner himself if and when his sentence, if any as aforesaid, shall have expired, in such proportions, if there be more than one recipient or beneficiary, and manner and subject to such conditions, qualifications and restrictions as the Secretary of State or the Governor in Council with such approval as aforesaid, as the case may be, may see fit to direct and impose. Any such directions, conditions, qualifications and restrictions may in like manner be revised, altered, added to or withdrawn at any time and from time to time.

In this clause “pension” includes any periodical or deferred gratuity or allowance granted under this Minute.”