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An Ordinance to Provide for the placing at the disposal of Her Majesty's Royal Navy for General Service Officers and Men of the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force, and Ships of War maintained by the Colony.

23 of 1937.
15 of 1938.

[3RD DECEMBER, 1937.]

WHEREAS by the Colonial Naval Defence Act, 1931 (21 Geo. 5 Ch. 9), it is provided that the legislature of any Colony may, with the approval of His Majesty in Council, make provision, either in conjunction with any other Colony or not, for maintaining vessels of war; and that where the legislature of any Colony has made provision for raising a force for the naval defence of the Colony within its territorial waters, that legislature may, with the approval of His Majesty in Council, further make such provision regarding the discipline and service of officers and men of that force as is contained in this Ordinance:

AND WHEREAS by the said Act it is further provided that His Majesty in Council may, on such conditions as she thinks fit, authorise the Admiralty to accept any offer made by the Government of a Colony to place at His Majesty's disposal

for general service in the Royal Navy, vessels of war maintained, or officers or men of such force as aforesaid raised, by the Colony:

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AND WHEREAS by the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force Ordinance, provision has been made for raising and maintaining a force for the Naval Defence of Sierra Leone called the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force:

AND WHEREAS by an Order of His Majesty in Council dated the 13th day of April, 1937, intituled "The Sierra Leone Naval Defence Order, 1937" approval has been given to the making by the legislature of Sierra Leone of provision as aforesaid:

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force (General Service) Ordinance.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires—

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"the Force" means the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force established under the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force Ordinance.

Vessels of war.

3. (1) The Governor in Council may provide, either in conjunction with any other Colony or not, for acquiring, maintaining and using vessels of war.

(2) The Governor in Council may, by agreement with such other Colony, if any, offer to place at Her Majesty's disposal for general service in the Royal Navy any vessel of war so provided.

Service and training outside Sierra Leone.

4. Officers and men of the Force are liable to service and training in any ship, establishment or other place without the limits of the Colony or its territorial waters whether belonging to the Colony or not.

Enactments and regulations in force in Royal Navy to apply to Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force.

5. All the enactments and regulations for the time being in force for the enforcement of discipline in the Royal Navy shall apply, with the modifications set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance, to the officers and men of the Force during such period as they are under instruction, training or exercise or in actual service, whether ashore or afloat or within or without the limits of Sierra Leone.

Entry for Service with Royal Navy in emergency.

6. Officers and men of the Force entered on the express terms of accepting general service in the Royal Navy in emergency shall form part of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve under

the designation of the Sierra Leone Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

7. The Governor in Council may offer to place at Her Majesty's disposal for general service in the Royal Navy such officers and men of the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force as have been entered on terms of accepting such service.

General service of the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Force in the Royal Navy.

SCHEDULE.

1. Where in the Naval Discipline Act and in the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, in so far as the same are applicable to the officers or men of the Force, any power or duty is vested in or imposed upon the Admiralty, such power or duty shall, in respect of the Force, be vested in, exercised or performed by the Governor.

2. Where not inconsistent with the subject matter of the Naval Discipline Act, the words "Sierra Leone" shall be read in place of the words "England" or "United Kingdom" or "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland" wherever they occur.

3. Section 52 of the Naval Discipline Act shall be read as if after the words "from time to time be allowed by the Admiralty" there were inserted the following:—

"(12) Fine not exceeding forty shillings. In default of payment of a fine imposed under this section, the fine shall be recoverable in the manner provided by sections 152 to 158 inclusive of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance. Every such penalty shall be applied as the Governor may direct."

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4. In section 56 (2) of the Naval Discipline Act "the officer in command of the ship to which the offender belongs" shall be read to include the officer in command of the Force.

5. Sections 90A and 98A of the Naval Discipline Act shall not apply to the officers and men of the Force.

6. Whenever fines are mentioned in the Naval Discipline Act, the corresponding amounts in local currency shall be substituted for the amounts expressed therein in British currency.