

# ENGINEERING BRANCH DEVELOPMENT 1868

## ADMIRALTY ORDER IN COUNCIL

28th March, 1868.

### ENGINE ROOM ARTIFICERS.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that it will be advantageous to employ Mechanics in the Engine Rooms of Your Majesty's Ships, in lieu of Junior Engineer Officers, and to substitute such Mechanics, whom we propose to designate "Engine Room Artificers," for the present class of Chief Stokers now borne in Your Majesty's Ships, giving them the rank of Chief Petty Officer, and Pay and Pension at the following Rates:—

Pay—5*s.* a-day for the first three years.

5*s.* 9*d.* a-day afterwards.

Pensions—As Chief Petty Officers.

We humbly beg that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize us to carry out this proposal, and to enter such Engine Room Artificers as part of the Complement of Your Majesty's Ships accordingly, in such numbers, and under such Regulations as we may deem advisable.