

4 : 7. Nevertheless, it shall be a defence to any person proceeded against under the provisions of the last preceding regulation if such person proves :—

- (a) That he did not receive the personal summons and took no steps to evade receiving it, whether by concealing or failing to notify his usual place of abode or business, or by absenting himself from his usual place of abode or business, or otherwise ; or
- (b) That by reason of long distance from the appointed ship, establishment, or place he was unable to reach it within the prescribed time, but that by telegraphic message to the officer indicated in the summons he explained his situation and obeyed to the best of his ability any instructions sent in reply to his message ; or
- (c) That he was of the age of sixty years or upwards or was through sickness or infirmity unable to obey the personal summons.

4 : 8. Every person to whom a personal summons is given shall from the time when it is deemed to be given be a person subject to the Naval Discipline Act within the meaning of section 87 of that Act.

#### REGULATION 5.—DESERTERS AND HARBOURERS.

5 : 1. All persons who deserted from His Majesty's Naval Forces before the coming into force of these regulations shall be deemed to be Naval Reserves for the purposes of these regulations.

5 : 2. Any person who deserted from His Majesty's Naval Forces before the coming into force of these regulations and who within forty-eight hours of the coming into force of these regulations reports in writing his full name, rank, and complete postal address to the Director of Naval Reserves at the Navy Office, Wellington, shall not be proceeded against on account of any act of desertion committed before the coming into force of these regulations.

5 : 3. Any person who harbours or conceals or assists a person whom he knows or has reasonable grounds to believe to be summoned to report and to have failed to report as required by these regulations commits an offence against these regulations :

Provided that this regulation is without prejudice to his liability to be proceeded against under any other provision of law.

#### SCHEDULE.

THE Acts to be cited as the Royal Naval Reserve Acts, 1859 to 1927, namely :—

- The Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1859 (Imperial).
- The Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1896 (Imperial).
- The Naval Reserve (Mobilization) Act, 1900 (Imperial).
- The Naval Reserve Act, 1900 (Imperial).
- The Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1902 (Imperial).
- The Naval Forces Act, 1903 (Imperial).
- The Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1927 (Imperial).

The Acts to be cited as the Naval Reserve (Officers) Acts, 1863 and 1926, namely :—

- The Officers of Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1863 (Imperial).
- The Naval Reserve (Officers) Act, 1926 (Imperial).

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