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Notice to Pensioners selected for Enrolment in the Force for service in the Colonies

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The Pensioners to whom this notice is issued must be prepared to leave their homes in about ten days from the receipt thereof, in order to proceed to the port of embarkation, according to such instructions as they may receive from the Staff Officer of their District.

They will be allowed to bring with them their working tools or their implements of their trades; but no household furniture, bedsteads, or any articles of that description, as the expense of carriage would, if brought from a distance, exceed their value. Arrangements have been made, by which, on their arrival at Tilbury Fort, they can be supplied **with whatever is necessary for the voyage to be paid for by a stoppage out of their pay or pension.** They are recommended to bring with them all kinds of clothing, particularly shirting, stockings, and flannels; also blankets, counterpanes, and sheets, if nearly new; but they must distinctly understand that nothing of this description can be received at the Embarkment Depot, unless it has been recently washed, is perfectly clean, and in good repair, and with a view to prevent their bringing useless or dirty articles along with them, their baggage is to be examined before they leave the District. If insufficiently provided with clothing, they will be supplied from a store in London, and the price deducted as above from pay or pension.

they may possess, but they should **make no purchases of that description till they reach the port of embarkation.** No glass, crockery, or other articles liable to breakage can be permitted unless carefully packed. Any boxes which are brought must be in good repair. Those who have not sufficient to fill a box, are recommended to bring their effects in a strong canvas bag, similar to what is used for their regimental clothing but of larger size, which will afterwards be useful on board for holding their dirty linen; and any Pensioner having a box should also be provided with a bag of this kind to contain the clothing for immediate use, as all boxes must be kept in the hold.

Those candidates who belong to the Enrolled Force must, before leaving the District, give over the Local Company clothing for the use of their successors; but on their arrival at the Embarkation Depot they will be supplied with a new suit of uniform and equipments.

The wives and children of Pensioners who are able to knit, sew, or exercise any useful employment which can be carried on during the voyage, should bring with **them the necessary implements for this purpose:** and supplies of linen, cotton, and worsted will be put on board to furnish occupation for them. Those who had been accustomed to earn their livelihood by washing may bring smoothing irons, and a small washing tub, in which case a part

of their effects may be packed therein, and secured by a canvas cover.

Every Pensioner must distinctly **understand that any act of drunkenness or gross misconduct on his part prior to embarkment, will be punished by his being struck off the Embarkment List, in which case all the expenses incurred by the public in bringing him and his family from their residence will be deducted from his pension.**

Any similar act of misconduct on the part of his wife, or any member of his family, will also lead to their being left behind, as it is not the intention **of Her Majesty's Government to extend the advantages of the present arrangements to any who show themselves unworthy of it.**

Every **married Pensioner is required before leaving his District to sign a declaration that if any disease should be found to exist which renders his wife, or any member of his family, unfit to embark, he will engage to send them back to his District at his own expense. It is also necessary that the children should be vaccinated, if not already done, as otherwise they cannot be received on shipboard.**