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TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 5th day of July, 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 3rd day of July, 1918, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being, or having been, an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions, as are, from time to time, directed by Order in Council :

“And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 26th day of October, 1914, to approve of Lieutenants on the Retired and Emergency Lists of the Royal Navy, and Lieutenants on the Retired List of the Royal Naval Reserve, being granted the rank of Lieutenant-Commander on attaining 8 years' seniority in the

rank of Lieutenant, provided they held the latter Rank on the Active List :

“And whereas we consider that Officers who were placed on the Retired or Emergency List from the Active List of Sub-Lieutenants, and have been 'called out' for service during Hostilities should not be debarred from reaching the Rank of Lieutenant-Commander, provided they fulfil certain conditions :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve the following Regulations :—

(1) Sub-Lieutenants, Royal Navy (Retired), to be eligible for the Rank of Lieutenant on completing 2 years' service after being 'called out,' including previous service as Sub-Lieutenant. Officers promoted to Lieutenant under this Rule to be given the Rank of Lieutenant-Commander after 8 years' seniority as Lieutenant.

(2) Sub-Lieutenants (Emergency List), who have been or may in future be promoted to Lieutenant on attaining 3 years' seniority under existing Regulations, to be eligible for the Rank of Lieutenant-Commander on attaining 8 years' seniority as Lieutenant, provided they have completed 2 years' service after being 'called out,' including previous service as Sub-Lieutenant.