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FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1923.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *November*, 1923.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day Sir Charles Henry Sargant, Lord Justice of Appeal, was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *November*, 1923.

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WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 27th day of October, 1923 (C.W. 8236/23), 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 Schedule III of Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, to approve a new constitution for the Schoolmaster Branch of Your Majesty's Navy :

“And whereas Your Majesty was further graciously pleased, by Your Orders in Council bearing date the 9th day of March, 1921, and the 27th day of May, 1921, to approve a revised scale of full pay for Schoolmasters, Royal Navy, and Schoolmasters, Royal Marines, with effect as from the 1st February, 1919, and regulations for the retired pay, etc., of Schoolmasters, Royal Navy, with effect as from the 1st April, 1919, respectively :

“And whereas we are of opinion that a more favourable scale of full pay should be adopted for Schoolmasters, Royal Navy, that the rank of Commander should be established in the Schoolmaster Branch of the Royal Navy, and that certain amendments should be made in the regulations governing the promotion, retired pay and retiring gratuities, etc., of Officers of this Branch :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by