

At the Court of St. James', the 19th day March 1908.

PRESENT,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE  
OF WALES.

Lord President.  
Lord Steward.  
Lord Wenlock.  
Mr. Secretary Haldane.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Commission dated the seventeenth day of March one thousand nine hundred and eight, to nominate and appoint His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, in His Majesty's absence from His Realm in foreign parts, to hold on His Majesty's behalf, His Privy Council, and to signify thereat His approval of any matter or thing whereunto His Royal Highness should be so authorised by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, and to do further on His Majesty's behalf any matter or thing for the purposes of the said Commission whereunto His Royal Highness should be authorised in manner aforesaid :

And whereas there was this day read at the Council held under the authority of the said Commission a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the thirteenth day of March one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by section three 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 by Orders in Council of Her late Majesty bearing dates the twenty-ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and the thirteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, a special allowance of one shilling and sixpence a day is authorised for the Chief or Senior Gunner of each of the Torpedo School Ships at Portsmouth and Devonport in recognition of the extra and responsible duties devolving on him :

"And whereas similar duties are entrusted to the Chief or Senior Gunner of Your Majesty's Torpedo School Ship at Sheerness :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of a similar allowance of one shilling and sixpence a day to this Officer, with effect as from first January one thousand nine hundred and eight.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal."

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, being authorised in that behalf by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, has taken the said Memorial into consideration, and doth hereby, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, signify His Majesty's approval thereof, and, on His Majesty's behalf, order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the

Admiralty do give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

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And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the sixteenth day of March eighteen hundred and ninety-two, made under the Coinage Act, 1891, it is provided as one of the conditions on which gold coins of the realm which have not been called in by proclamation and are below the least current weight as provided by the Coinage Act, 1870, will be exchanged or paid for by or on behalf of the Mint at their nominal value that they should be tendered during business hours at the Bank of England in London, and it is expedient to allow such coins to be so tendered at branches of the Mint.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act and of all other powers enabling His Majesty in this behalf, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, being authorised thereto by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, doth, on His Majesty's behalf, order, as it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

In the said Order in Council, after the words "within the meaning of the said Acts," there shall be inserted the words "or that they may be tendered during business hours at any branch of the Mint which may for the time being be appointed for the purpose by the Master of the Mint in parcels of a nominal value not less than one hundred pounds each, and must be left for such time before the exchange as may be reasonably necessary for examination and weighing in order to ascertain whether any coin has been illegally dealt with within the meaning of the said Act and for re-coinage."

And the Master of His Majesty's Royal Mint is hereby directed to carry this Order into effect.

This Order shall come into operation on the first day of April nineteen hundred and eight.

A. W. FitzRoy.