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 from time to time it is found to be desirable to appoint an Officer of the rank of Commander to the command of a division of special service vessels in lieu of an officer of the rank ordinarily appointed, viz., a Captain:

"And whereas we consider that all Commanders so appointed should, in view of their duties and responsibilities, be granted the seagoing command money of their rank, viz., three shillings

and ninepence a day:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment accordingly as from the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

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

this proposal."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY,

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 3rd day of July 1909.

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 first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nine, 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 the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service it is provided that Continuous Service Men and Boys sent home sick from abroad, who, on arrival home require further Hospital treatment, shall be allowed pay subject to Hospital Stoppages from the date of their entry as patients into Hospital in England:

"And whereas we consider it desirable in the interests of Your Majesty's Naval Service that such Men and Boys should enjoy the same privileges in regard to exemption from Hospital Stoppages as Men and Boys serving at Home:

Stoppages as Men and Boys serving at Home:
"We beg leave humbly to recommend that
Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by

Your Order in Council to sanction the grant to Continuous Service Men and Boys sent Home sick from abroad of full pay free of stoppages for thirty days from the date of their entry as patients into Hospital in England, provided they be not invalided out of the Service or discharged dead within such period.

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

this proposal."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER, ST. JAMES' PALACE, July 16, 1909.

The King has been graciously pleased to make the following promotions in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order, to take effect from the dates noted:—

To be Honorary Knight Grand Cross.

13th July 1909. His Royal Highness Prince Christopher of Greece.

To be Honorary Member of the Fourth Class. 9th July 1909. Philip Alexius Laszló.

To be Knight Grand Cross.

12th July 1909. Admiral the Honourable Sir Assheton Gore Curzon-Howe, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

To be Commanders.

10th July 1909. Colonel Richard Joshua Cooper, M.V.O., Commanding Irish Guards and Regimental District.

10th July 1909. Ernest Henry Shackleton, Esq., M.V.O. (late Royal Naval Reserve).

To be Members of the Fourth Class.

9th July 1909. Major Pomeroy Holland-Pryor, 13th Duke of Connaught's Lancers (Watson's Horse), in charge of His Majesty's Indian Orderly Officers (1909).

16th July 1909. Assistant Paymaster Reginald Butcher, Royal Navy, on leaving His Majesty's

Yacht "Victoria and Albert."

CROWN OFFICE, July 14, 1909.

The King has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the 8th instant, to appoint—

The Right Honourable Herbert Henry Asquith,

The Kight Honourable David Lloyd George, Captain Cecil William Norton, John Henry Whitley, John William Gulland, and Oswald Partington, Esquires,

Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by to be Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.