provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council :

"And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council, bearing date the 8th day of August 1911, it is laid down that the average total number of Accountant Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet borne on the list during any financial year shall not exceed 685, of whom not more than 304 shall hold the ranks of Paymaster-in-Chief, Fleet Paymaster, Staff Paymaster or Paymaster, including 12 of the rank of Paymaster-in-Chief:

"And whereas these numbers are now in-sufficient to meet the increased requirements of Your Majesty's Fleet, and in order to meet immediate requirements, we are desirous of utilising the services of such Assistant Paymasters of Your Majesty's Royal Naval Reserve as are willing to undergo an extended period of service in the Fleet:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals :-

(1) That we be authorised to increase the establishment of Accountant Officers to a maximum average of 750, of whom not more than 304 shall hold the ranks of Paymaster-in-Chief, Fleet Paymaster, Staff Paymaster or Paymaster, including 15 of the rank of Paymaster-in-Chief:

(2) That we be authorised to invite Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve, to volunteer for one year's service afloat, with pay and allowances as shown in the accompanying Schedule, such Officers as may be accepted for service being included in the maximum establishment set forth above.

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

"SCHEDULE.

Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve, EMPLOYED FOR ONE YEAR'S SERVICE AFLOAT.

Pay	•••				10s. a day.
Equipme					£15.
Bonus on termination of appoint-					
					£25.
(Conditional on good conduct and					
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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.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 14th day of October 1913.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council. HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right

Admiralty, dated the 3rd day of October 1913, 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 of the 7th day of March 1913, to sanction the entry on a Supplementary List of Your Majesty's Navy of a number of Officers of the Mercantile Marine under certain conditions as regards pay and emoluments :

"And whereas we are of opinion that the remuneration of Officers thus entered as Lieutenants should be improved ;

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the grant to these Officers of a Messing Allowance of 2s. a day in addition to, and to be treated as part of, the full pay of their rank, with retrospective effect as from the 1st day of April 1913 :

"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.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 14th day of October 1913.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the W Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 4th day of October 1913, 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 the Accountant Officer and the Senior Officer of Royal Marines serving in Your Majesty's Ship employed in the joint capacity of Flagship of the Senior Officer on the Coast of Ireland and Senior Officer's ship of the Training Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Squadron are called upon to perform extra duties