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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1915.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of February 1915.

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 12th day of February 1915, 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 we consider it desirable that the Officers of Your Majesty's Naval Service acting as Battalion Commandants in the Brigades of the Royal Naval Division, and the Commanders in command of the Battalions of the Royal Naval Division at the Crystal Palace Depot, should receive Command Money at the rate of 5s. a day :

“And whereas we further consider that the Lieutenant-Commanders acting as Adjutants and Second in Command to the Battalions of the Royal Naval Division should receive an allowance at the rate of 2s. 6d. a day :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the payment

of these allowances accordingly, with effect as from the dates on which the Officers concerned took up their duties.

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

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.

ALMERIO FITZROY.

ADMIRALTY, February 19, 1915.

The following Memorandum has been furnished by the Admiral Commanding the East Coast Mine-sweepers, detailing the recent mine-sweeping operations off Scarborough.

From the 19th to the 31st December sweeping operations were conducted by the East Coast Mine-sweepers with the object of clearing the minefield which had been laid by the enemy off Scarborough.

At the beginning there was no indication of the position of the mines, although owing to losses of passing merchant ships it was known that a minefield had been laid.

In order to ascertain how the mines lay it