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TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1917.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,

7th April 1917.

THE KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 9th March 1917, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal in Scotland for the appointment of the Duke of Montrose, K.T., to the Office of Chancellor of the Order of the Thistle, vacant by the death of the Duke of Atholl, K.T.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of March 1917.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable George Nicoll Barnes, Minister of Pensions, dated the 28th day of March 1917, 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, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces to a person being or having been an officer, seaman, or marine, or to the widow or any relative of a deceased officer, seaman, or marine, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such re-

strictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council :

“And whereas under Section 2, subsection (1) of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that there shall be transferred to the Ministry of Pensions the powers and duties of the Admiralty with respect to pensions and grants to persons who have served as officers or men, and to their widows, children, and other dependants, other than service pensions, as far as such pensions and grants are payable out of monies provided by Parliament and not provided exclusively for the purpose of Greenwich Hospital, and that Your Majesty may, by Your Order in Council, make such adaptations in the enactments relating to such powers and duties as aforesaid as may be necessary to make them exercisable by the Minister of Pensions and his officers, and may fix the time or times as from which the several powers and duties are to be transferred to him :

“And whereas I am of opinion that it is desirable in certain respects to amend the conditions under which pensions and grants have hitherto been awarded to certain seamen and marines disabled in consequence of service during the present war, and to the widows, children, other relatives, and dependants of such seamen and marines, whose deaths have been due to or have occurred during service in the present war, and, further, to amend the scales or rates of pension provided under the said Orders :

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