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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1917.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of August 1917.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THEREAS there was this day read at the VV Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 26th day of August 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, 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 deem it expedient to grant Temporary Commissions in the Royal Marine Force to a number of selected Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines, and it is necessary to make provision as to their pay, and as to the award of gratuities or retired pay on retirement:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of the proposals contained in the annexed Schedule, in substitution of those contained in the Schedule to Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 13th day day of June 1917.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL MARINES SERVING ON LONG SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS WHO ARE GRANTED Temporary Commissions.

"(1) Whilst serving to be paid at the rates of pay for Officers promoted from the Ranks.

(2) Outfit gratuity to be £34 0s 0d. and

Camp Kit allowance £7 10s 0d.

"(3) Except in the cases of Officers selected for retention under Paragraph 4 Retirement to be compulsory at the close of hostilities, with Gratuities or Retired Pay on the following scale :

"Position when Commissioned and Gratuity or Retired Pay.

"(a) Under nine years' service, gratuity of

"(b) Nine to fifteen years' service, gratuity of £400, with an additional £100 for each year over

"(c) With fifteen or more years' service,

retired pay of £80 a year, or a gratuity of £1000.
"Service to reckon from age of eighteen. Service in the ranks, or as Warrant Officer, to count as full time.

"(4) Any Officer whom the Admiralty may select in the interests of the Service to be retained after the termination of Hostilities to be transferred to the Permanent List and to