

master candidate on or after the 29th November 1918, to reckon seniority as Warrant Officer and qualifying time or service for full pay, promotion and retired pay or retirement gratuity as from date of entry as a Schoolmaster candidate.

“(d) A Schoolmaster advanced to the rank of Commissioned Officer from Warrant rank under the provisions of Order in Council, dated 22nd January 1920, Schedule III., Section XIII., Clause 4 (c), to reckon seniority as Commissioned Officer from Warrant rank from 29th November 1918, but to reckon qualifying time or service for full pay and retired pay as in (a) above.

“(e) A senior Master to reckon seniority as Commissioned Officer from Warrant rank from date of promotion to Senior Master, subject to clause (d) above, but to reckon his qualifying time or service for full pay and retired pay or retirement gratuity as in (a) or (b) above from the date of his continuous service engagement in the Schoolmaster Branch.

“ V.—General.

“ Officers serving in the Schoolmaster Branch on the 1st April 1922 to have the option of accepting the regulations contained in this Schedule in full or of remaining under the regulations previously applicable to them.

“ The rates of widows' pensions and compassionate allowances for children for Headmasters of the rank of Commander to be at the rates applicable to Officers of the same rank in other branches.

“ The regulations contained in this Schedule not to be applicable to Officers of the Schoolmaster Branch, Royal Marines.

“ The provision contained in Order in Council of 22nd January 1920, Schedule III., Section VI., for the establishment of a “ Special List ” of higher appointments and the payment of an allowance of 1s. a day to the holders of such posts is cancelled.

“ The loss of seniority by sentence of a Court Martial to count as loss of time from date of entry in the Schoolmaster Branch for all purposes where applicable.

“ The rates of full pay and retired pay laid down in this Schedule to be subject to review in July 1924, and subsequently.”

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.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of November 1923.

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 2nd day of November 1923 (C.W. 6567/23), 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, bearing date the 28th day of June 1917, to approve of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines who receive the Military Cross, or the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field, while serving with the Army being granted, subject to certain reservations, an additional pension of 6d. a day if discharged to pension, or a gratuity of £20 if discharged without pension, transferred to the Reserve, or promoted to a Commission :

“ And whereas Your Majesty was further graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, bearing date the 22nd day of January 1920, to provide that Officers of the Royal Marines should be treated, in regard to emoluments during active Service and on retirement, similarly to Naval Officers, whereby status and emoluments equivalent to those of Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy were granted to Warrant Officers, Royal Marines, except Warrant Officers, Class II., to which rank it was laid down that no further appointments were to be made :

“ And whereas Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy are eligible for such financial benefits as are referred to in the second paragraph hereof :

“ And whereas we are of opinion that, Warrant Officers, Royal Marines, should therefore no longer be eligible for any financial benefits in respect of the award of the Military Cross :

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the exclusion of Warrant Officers, Royal Marines, from the provisions of Your Order in Council of the 28th June 1917, subject, however, to such exclusion not being operative in the case of existing Warrant Officers, Class II., who should continue to be eligible for these financial benefits.

“ 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.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of November 1923.

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 18th day of October 1923