

(N.P. (2) 2965/23), in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas it is provided by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, 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 have had under consideration the question of the administration of Gunnery and Torpedo Proficiency Prize Money Funds :

“And whereas by Your Orders in Council, bearing dates the 17th day of May 1920, and the 13th day of August 1920, respectively, it is provided, *inter alia*, that no part of the Gunnery or Torpedo Proficiency Prize Money may be utilised for any purpose other than the payment of money prizes :

“And whereas we are of opinion that in the interests of Fleet Gunnery and Torpedo efficiency these funds should also be available for the purchase of trophies, &c. :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to empower us to administer these funds at our discretion whether by money payments or the purchase of trophies, &c.

“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 14th day of November 1923 (C.E. 6428), 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 any retired Officer of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines who may be appointed to the experimental staff, H.M.S. ‘Excellent’ should be subject to the provisions of Your Majesty's

Order in Council, bearing date the 13th day of December 1921, relative to the counting of service (after retirement) in the Inspection, Experimental and Compass Departments in the Admiralty for increase of retired pay :

“And whereas under the provisions of Your Majesty's Order in Council, bearing date the 14th day of July 1922, certain Officers have been allowed to retire from the Active Lists of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines with rates of retired pay higher than those permissible under ordinary regulations for Officers of like age, rank and service and have nevertheless been retained for further service in the Inspection, Experimental and Compass Departments of the Admiralty :

“And whereas we are of opinion that in such cases some modification is necessary in the conditions under which Officers serving in these appointments are permitted to count service after retirement from the Active List for increase of retired pay under the provisions of Your Majesty's Order in Council, bearing date the 13th day of December 1921 :

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

(a) to sanction the addition of the posts on the experimental staff, H.M.S. ‘Excellent’ to the list of appointments to which the provisions of Your Order, dated the 13th day of December 1921, apply, and

(b) to direct that the retired pay of any Officer who has been, or may hereafter be, retired from the Active List of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines with a special rate of retired pay higher than that permissible under the ordinary regulations in force at the date of retirement for an Officer of like age, rank and service, and who has been, or may hereafter be, either retained in, or appointed to, a post to which Your Order in Council, dated the 13th December 1921, as amended or extended by any subsequent Order, may apply, shall not on the final cessation of his service in any of the appointments in that Order referred to, exceed the greater of the two following sums :—

(1) the retired pay for which he would have been eligible had he on retirement from the Active List of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines been awarded the rate of retired pay permissible under the ordinary regulations in force at the date of such retirement for an Officer of like age, rank and service and permitted to count the whole of his subsequent service for increase of retired pay under Your aforesaid Order, dated the 13th December 1921, or

(2) the actual rate of retired pay awarded to him on retirement from the Active List without any addition or subsequent service.

“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.

M. P. A. HANKEY.