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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1925.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of December 1925.

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 3rd day of December 1925 (C. (3) 10120/25), 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, or to the widow or any relative of a deceased Officer, Seaman or Marine, shall be paid in such a 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 dated the 7th day of November 1924, to empower us at our discretion to award pensions and gratuities to widows and allowances to children and certain other dependent relatives of Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Marines and of the Reserve Forces on the scales and under the conditions contained in the Schedule annexed thereto :

“And whereas we are of opinion that the

grant of pensions and allowances to the widows, children and certain other dependent relatives of Native Petty Officers and men, other than Europeans (whether or not they were British subjects) of Your Majesty's Naval Service, is inexpedient :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to direct that the Regulations appearing in the annexed Schedule shall be deemed to be incorporated in the above-cited Order in Council with effect from the same date and that any provision of the said Order which is inconsistent with the Regulations attached hereto shall be void and of no effect.

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

“ SCHEDULE.

“ 1. A pension or an allowance will not be issuable in respect of the death of a Native Petty Officer or man, other than a European (whether or not he was a British subject) but, provided the conditions laid down in Order in Council of the 7th November 1924, are satisfied, a gratuity, of such amount as the Admiralty may decide but not exceeding the amount of a year's pay attaching to the substantive rating and any Good Conduct Badges held at the date of death, may be granted to the dependent relatives.

“ 2. Only the dependent relatives specified in the above-cited Order in Council will, under