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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1930.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of November 1930.

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 22nd day of November 1930 (C.W. 6600/30), 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 25th day of June 1925, to approve regulations for the grant of pensions and gratuities to the widows, and of allowances to the children and other dependent relatives of Officers of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces and Coastguard Service:

“And whereas under Clause 5 (g) of the Schedule to Your Majesty's aforesaid Order in

Council, the widows and children of Officers of Your Majesty's Marine Force who withdraw or retire with a gratuity only, on or after the 25th day of June 1925, are not eligible for pension or allowances at the ordinary rates, and we consider that this restriction should apply also to the widows and children of such Officers who retired or withdrew with gratuities only before that date and are not in receipt of retired pay at the date of death:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to provide that the widows and children of Officers of Your Majesty's Marine Force who retired with gratuities only before the 25th day of June 1925, and are not in receipt of retired pay at the date of death, shall not be eligible for pensions and allowances at the ordinary rates.

“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.

COLIN SMITH.