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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1873.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 16th day of *January*, 1873.

PRESENT:

The QUEEN'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 15th of January, 1873, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas, by your Majesty's Orders in Council dated the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, a Royal Naval College was established at Portsmouth, for the purpose of affording additional means of scientific education to officers of your Majesty's fleet and Royal Marine Forces;

“And whereas we are humbly of opinion that it would be for the advantage of your Majesty's service to found a College in which the course of instruction hitherto carried out at the said Royal Naval College, as well as at the School of Naval Architecture at present established at South Kensington, will be continued; and further, with the object of securing, by bringing together in one establishment all the necessary means for affording to officers and others connected with your Majesty's navy, together with a limited number of officers of the mercantile marine and private students of naval architecture, the highest possible scientific instruction in all branches of study bearing upon their profession.

“We do therefore beg leave to recommend that your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, to approve of the closing of the Royal Naval College at Portsmouth, and the founding of a College at Greenwich, to be styled ‘The Royal Naval College,’ accordingly; and the establishment of such regulations as regards the admission of students and courses of studies, as may appear to us, from time to time, to be desirable.

“We do further beg leave to recommend that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to sanction the following Establishment of Officers and others for the management of the College and instruction of the Students, viz.—

“A President, to be a Flag Officer in your Majesty's Navy;

“A Captain of your Majesty's Navy, to assist the President in maintaining discipline, and in other matters unconnected with study;

“A Director of Studies;

“A Professor of Mathematics;

“A Professor of Physical Science;

“A Professor of Chemistry;

“A Professor of Applied Mechanics;

“A Professor of Fortification;

and such Professors, Instructors, Lecturers, and others as we may consider necessary to assist in the courses of education to be pursued at the Royal Naval College and in the general maintenance of the Establishment.

“And we further propose that if your Majesty shall be graciously pleased to approve hereof, your Majesty will sanction our establishing such salaries and wages for the different persons to be employed for these purposes as may, from time to time, seem to us to be necessary, and may be sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury, who have signified to us their approval of the foregoing proposals.”

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of her 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.

Edmund Harrison.

MINUTE OF THE BOARD OF ADMIRALTY, DATED
17TH JANUARY, 1873.

HER Majesty, by Her Order in Council, dated 16th January, 1873, having sanctioned the founding of a Royal Naval College at Greenwich, my Lords have determined to open the said College on the 1st of February next, at which date the instruction of the Gunnery Lieutenants and the Sub-Lieutenants will commence. The arrangements for the higher courses of study will not be complete till the beginning of the ensuing term on the 1st October, but special provisions have been made to prevent any interruption or disarrangement in the studies of any Class of Students who will hereafter be admitted to the College.

The College, subject to the subjoined Regula-