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TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1909.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *March*, 1909.

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 twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and nine, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas by section three 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 Forces 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 our consideration the rates of full and half pay at present applicable to Commanders in Your Majesty's Naval Service :

“And whereas we are of opinion that these rates are no longer adequate :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals to take effect from the first April, one thousand nine hundred and nine :—

“I. Full pay of Commanders to be at the rate of twenty-two shillings a day :

“II. Half-pay to be at the rate of eleven shillings and sixpence a day for the first one hundred and eighty-five Commanders on the list and ten shillings a day for the remainder.

“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.

A. W. FitzRoy.

Westminster, March 15, 1909.

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read ;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1909.

*The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber,
Buckingham Gate, March 15, 1909.*

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall, appointing Carew Davies Gilbert, Esq., of Trelissick, Truro, in the county of Cornwall, Sheriff of the county of Cornwall.