

'The District Chapelry of Saint Aidan, Hellifield.'

"And with the like consent of the said Thomas Wortley, Bishop of Ripon (testified as aforesaid), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, further represent, that it appears to us to be expedient that banns of matrimony should be published, and that marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials should be solemnized or performed at the said church of Saint Aidan, situate at Hellifield as aforesaid, and that the fees to be received in respect of the publication of such banns and of the solemnization or performance of the said offices should be paid and belong to the minister of the same church for the time being: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as expressing any intention on the part of us, the said Commissioners, to concur in or approve the taking of any fee for the performance of the said office of baptism or for the registration thereof.

"We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into Your Royal consideration, and to make such Order with respect thereto as to Your Majesty, in Your Royal Wisdom, shall seem meet.

"The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Representation has reference.

"The District Chapelry of Saint Aidan, Hellifield, being:—All that portion of the parish of Long Preston, in the county of York and in the diocese of Ripon, which is comprised within and is co-extensive with the two contiguous townships (now being civil parishes) of Hellifield and of West Halton."

And whereas the said Representation has been approved by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said representation and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts. And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Ripon.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *July*, 1912.

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 15th day of July, 1912, 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, in order to meet the requirements of Your Majesty's Fleet, it is desirable that further provision should be made for the advancement of Warrant Officers and Petty Officers so as to enable them to attain the rank of Lieutenant at an earlier age than is possible under existing regulations:

"And whereas we are further of opinion that, in cases where Commissioned Warrant rank exists, such rank should be attained by all deserving Warrant Officers after not more than fifteen years' service as Warrant Officer, instead of after varying periods as at present:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following arrangements:—

(1) A selection to be made of Warrant Officers and Petty Officers who are considered likely to prove suitable for commissioned rank, Petty Officers so selected being given the rank of Acting Warrant Officer and granted the usual Uniform allowance of £25.

(2) After undergoing such courses of instruction as may be laid down from time to time the selected candidates to be given the rank of Acting Mate, with pay, &c., as shown in the annexed schedule.

(3) After such further instruction as may be considered necessary and on passing a qualifying examination, Acting Mates to be confirmed as Mates and granted a Uniform allowance of £50.

(4) After serving at sea for such period and fulfilling such conditions as may be prescribed, Mates to be eligible for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, and if so promoted to be granted a further gratuity of £50 for Uniform and outfit.

(5) On promotion, such Lieutenants to be governed in all respects by the regulations in force for the Lieutenants of Your Majesty's Fleet who have been entered as Cadets.

(6) All deserving Warrant Officers belonging to classes in which Commissioned Warrant rank is attainable to be advanced to Commissioned Warrant rank after 15 years' service as Warrant Officer as from the first day of April 1912, always provided that this regulation shall not be applicable to those classes of Warrant Officers who can attain Commissioned Warrant rank under existing regulations after less than 15 years' service until the normal period of service before promotion to Commissioned Warrant rank extends to 15 years, and further, that power be reserved to the Admiralty to advance Warrant Officers to Commissioned Warrant rank after less than 15 years for War or distinguished service, Officers so advanced to remain supernumerary under the conditions laid down in Order in Council of the 29th February 1908.

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

" SCHEDULE.

" PAY, &C., OF MATES.

(1) Pay on promotion to Acting Mate, 8s. a day, inclusive of any specialist allowance.