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TUESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1915.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *March*, 1915.

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 19th day of February, 1915, in the words following, viz.:—

" 1. Whereas by the Naval Prize Act, 1864, it is enacted that if Your Majesty is pleased in relation to any War to declare, by Proclamation or Order in Council, Your intention to grant Prize Bounty to the Officers and crews of Your Majesty's Ships of War, then such of the Officers and crews of Your Majesty's Ships of War as are actually present at the taking or destroying of any armed Ship of any of Your Majesty's enemies shall be entitled to have distributed among them as Prize Bounty a sum calculated at the rate of £5 for each person on board the enemy's Ship at the beginning of the engagement:

" 2. And whereas a state of war exists between Your Majesty and the German Empire, the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire:

" 3: We beg humbly to submit that Your Majesty may now be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to declare Your intention to grant Prize Bounty to the Officers and crews of Your Majesty's Ships of War.

" 4. We further beg humbly to submit that Prize Bounty as ascertained under the provisions of the Naval Prize Act, 1864, should be paid by the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury into the account of Your Majesty's Paymaster General at the Bank of England for distribution under our direction among the Officers and crews of Your Majesty's Ships of War entitled thereto in the shares in that behalf to be specified hereafter by Your Order in Council.

" 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 make a Declaration in the terms mentioned, and 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.

Almeric FitzRoy.