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TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1915.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 12th day of *August*, 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 8th day of August, 1915, 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 His late Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Order in Council bearing date the 18th day of October, 1909, to extend the opportunity of attaining Warrant Rank to the Writer and Ship's Steward Classes by establishing the Warrant Ranks of Warrant Writer and Head Steward:

“And whereas we consider it desirable that these two Classes should be enabled to attain

Commissioned Warrant Rank, and that the initial rate of pay for Warrant Writers and Head Stewards should be improved, and the number of posts allowed increased:

“And whereas we further consider that the title of Head Steward should be changed to Warrant Steward:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the proposals contained in the annexed schedule.

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

“SCHEDULE.

“WRITER CLASS.

“Commissioned Warrant Rank to be established with the title of Commissioned Writer.

“The scale of pay to be as follows:—

On promotion 11s. a day, with subsequent biennial increments of 6d. a day to a maximum of 13s.

“Pension, pensions for hurts and wounds, widows' pensions, and compassionate allowances to children, to be granted on the scales laid down for and under the conditions applicable to Chief Artificer Engineers.

“The pay of Warrant Writers for the first five years of service to be increased from 7s. to 7s. 6d. a day.