

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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Royal Warrant bearing date the 28th day of January, 1915, to create a new rank of Warrant Officer, designated Warrant Officer, Class II., in the Regular Army, Special Reserve, and Territorial Force, and to provide that all Warrant Officers then serving should form Class I.:

“ And whereas we consider it desirable that similar arrangements should be introduced in regard to the Royal Marines:

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve the following proposals for the Royal Marines, with effect, so far as Widows' Pensions and Children's Compassionate Allowances are concerned, from the beginning of the present War, and in all other respects from the 27th August, 1915, viz.:—

1. Warrant Officers of the undermentioned ranks to become Warrant Officers, Class I.:—

Sergeant Majors.
Bandmasters.
Superintending Clerks.
Schoolmasters.

2. Non-commissioned Officers of the following grades to become Warrant Officers, Class II.:—

Staff Clerks, London.
Quartermaster Sergeants.
Barrack Quartermaster Sergeants.
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Gunnery.
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Musketry.
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Physical Training.
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Infantry.
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Swimming.
School Masters (Non-Commissioned Officers).

3. Colour Sergeants appointed as Company Sergeants to be included under Warrant Officers, Class II., with the title of Company Sergeant Majors.

4. Warrant Officers of both Classes to receive the Royal Marine Pay and Allowances and Pensions at present authorized for the appointments which they hold, together with Lodging Money, and Fuel and Light Allowances as provided under Army Regulations, but Colour Sergeants who become Company Sergeant Majors (Warrant Officers, Class II.) to be advanced from Class IV. (a) to Class II. for pension purposes (Article 1, 196, King's Regulations). The scale and conditions as to Widows' Pensions to be the same as for corresponding Army Rank.

“ 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.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *November*, 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 29th day of October, 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 by Your Majesty's Order in Council, bearing date the 26th day of October, 1914, authority was given for the payment of certain allowances to Lieutenant-Commanders and Lieutenants qualified in Gunnery, Torpedo, or Signalling, when actually borne for the performance of their specialist duties:

“ And whereas we consider that a Mate who is qualified for the performance of these specialist duties and is appointed to perform such duties in lieu of a Lieutenant-Commander or Lieutenant should also receive an allowance:

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of an allowance of 1s. a day being paid to duly qualified Mates (acting or confirmed) when performing the duties of Gunnery, Torpedo, or Signal Lieutenant, in any one of Your Majesty's Ships in which a Gunnery, Torpedo, or Signal Lieutenant is allowed but not borne, such allowance to take effect from the 21st September, 1915.

“ 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 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.