

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *November*, 1915.

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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 5th day of November, 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 we are of opinion that the institution, for the period of Hostilities, of a Rating to be known as ‘Wireman’ would tend to further the efficiency of Your Majesty's Fleet :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the establishment, for the period of the present War, of the Ratings of Wireman, 1st Class, (leading rate), and Wireman, 2nd Class, (A.B. rate), in Your Majesty's Navy, with pay of 3s. a day and 2s. 6d. a day respectively, subject to such qualifications for advancement from the 2nd to the 1st Class as we may deem expedient.

“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.

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“And whereas we are of opinion that the Officers and Men attached to the Cameroons Expeditionary Force should be granted an allowance in consideration of the climatic conditions under which they are serving, similar to that authorized in respect of service in the China Rivers and the Persian Gulf :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the payment of climate pay accordingly to such Officers and Men, as from the 5th day of September, 1914, subject to such conditions as may be laid down by us with the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

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Commissioned Officers ...	3	0	per day.
Subordinate Commissioned Warrant and Warrant Officers ...	1	0	„
Remainder of Ship's Company ...	6	0	„

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Lord President.

Lord Stamfordham.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby.

WHEREAS the Islands in the Pacific Ocean specified in the Schedule to this Order were proclaimed as British Protectorates on the dates mentioned in the said Schedule :

And whereas the Native Governments of the said Islands have expressed their desire that these Islands should be annexed to, and should henceforth form part of, His Majesty's Dominions :

And whereas it has seemed expedient to His Majesty to accede to this desire, and to direct that provision should be made for the peace, order, and good government of the said Islands in manner hereinafter provided :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Title of Order.

I. This Order may be cited as “The Gilbert and Ellice Islands Order in Council, 1915.”

Boundaries.

II. Until further provision shall be made in respect thereof the limits of this Order shall include the Islands specified in the Schedule to this Order, together with all small islands, islets, rocks, and reefs depending on them.