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TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1916.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *January*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 18th day of January, 1916, 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 services that Special Service Seamen and Stokers in Your Majesty's Navy are called upon to perform during the War are such as to warrant a revision of their pay and prospects:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by

Your Order in Council, to sanction the following proposals for the duration of the War, to take effect from the 5th November, 1915 :—

“(1) That the pay of Leading Seaman (Special Service) be increased to 1s. 11d. per diem;

“(2) That Stokers (Special Service) may be considered eligible for advancement to the Acting and confirmed rate of Leading Stoker (Special Service) with pay at the rate of 2s. 5d. per diem.

“We further beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the grant of an increase of pay of 3d. per diem to Special Service Seamen and Stokers who have over 6 years man's service, as from the 2nd August, 1914.

“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.*