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TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1916.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 7th day of September, 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 3rd day of September, 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 have had under consideration the Regulations governing the award of pensions and compassionate allowances to the Widows and Children of Officers of Your Majesty's Navy, Naval Reserve, and Naval Volunteer Reserve:

"And whereas under existing Regulations the Widows and Children of Officers on the Reserved and Retired Lists are, except in certain specified cases, eligible only for the pensions and compassionate allowances applicable to the Rank and Seniority of their Husbands or Fathers at the date they were last on the Active List:

"And whereas we have had under consideration cases, arising out of the present War, in which Officers, recalled from the Retired List, have served in a Rank superior to that held by them before retirement:

"And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to recognise such service for the purposes of the award of Widows' pensions and Children's compassionate allowances:

"We, therefore, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the award to Widows, Children and Dependent Relatives of pensions and compassionate allowances according to the highest permanent Rank held by the deceased fficers while on full pay, whether before retirement or during re-employment.

"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