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FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1916.

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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *November*, 1916.

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 26th day of October, 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 pay and allowances at special rates should be paid to certain classes of men, and to men performing special duties, in the Royal Naval Division :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction payment to such men of pay and allowances set forth in the accompanying Schedule, with retrospective effect to cover payments already made.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the several items covered by this proposal.”

“SCHEDULE.

“PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF SPECIAL RATINGS IN THE ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION.

Men compulsorily transferred from the Army to the Royal Naval Division.  
 Military Mounted Police in the Royal Naval Division.  
 Chief Petty Officers performing the duties of Warrant Officer in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Battalions of the Royal Naval Division, with the title of Chief Petty Officer (Sergeant-Major).

To have the option of retaining Army Pay and Allowances.  
 To receive pay at the rates provided for in the Army Pay Warrant, Section 85.  
 To receive the pay of Sergeant-Majors in the Royal Marines. viz., 6s. 3½d. a day.