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TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1917.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *January*, 1917.

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 6th day of January, 1917, in the words following, viz.:—

“ 1. 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:

“ 2. And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 29th October, 1914, sanction was given for the payment of Separation Allowances during the period of the present War to the Wives, and in respect of the Children, of Seamen, Marines, and Reservists, borne on the books of Your Majesty's Ships, and to other Persons who are in fact dependent upon them:

“ 3. And whereas we consider it desirable that certain increases should be made in the rates therein sanctioned, and that these allowances should also be extended to the wives, children, and dependants, of Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, and Royal Naval Reserves, and of Royal Marine Gunners:

“ 4. We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction payment of such Allowances at rates not exceeding those set forth in the following Schedule, to take effect from the 15th April, 1915, so far as Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Naval Reserves, and Royal Marine Gunners, are concerned, and from the 1st March, 1915, so far as others are concerned:

“ 5. We beg leave further to recommend that any Separation Allowance, in force at the date of death of the person in respect of whose service it is paid, may be continued for a period of 26 weeks from that date (or from the date on which notification of the death is sent to the Relatives where such notification is made 28 or more days after the actual date of death) in addition to an amount equivalent to any Allotment of his pay in force at that date, and that in special circumstances this arrangement may be applied in the case of Widows, with retrospective effect to the beginning of the present