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FRIDAY, 16 MARCH, 1917.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 13th day of *March*, 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 1st day of March, 1917, 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 5th day of December, 1916, to establish a special scale of retired pay or gratuities on retirement for Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines, who are promoted to permanent combatant Commissions in the Royal Marines during the period of Hostilities:

“And whereas certain Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines who had been discharged to pension prior to Hostilities, or who have since completed their time for pension, have been granted temporary Commissions, and we consider that these Officers should also receive, on retirement, retired pay or gratuities on the same scale:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of these Officers being retired, on the conclusion of Hostilities, with retired pay or gratuities on the scale laid down for Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers promoted to permanent combatant Commissions in the above-mentioned Order in Council.

“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.

Almeric FitzRoy.