At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of March, 1917.

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 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 forces 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 consider it desirable that a new Rating of Electrical Artificer below those sanctioned by Order in Council bearing date the 13th May, 1901, should be established:

"We humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of the establishment of a new Continuous Service Rating of Electrical Artificer, 5th Class, with the relative Rating of Leading Seaman, and pay at the rate of 3s. a day.

"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.

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 9th 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 by Your Majesty's Orders in Council bearing date the 29th October, 1914, and the 10th January, 1917, sanction was given to the payment of Separation Allowance to the Wives, and in respect of the Children, of Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, and Royal Naval Reserves, of Royal Marine Gunners, and of Seamen, Marines and Reservists, borne on the books of Your Majesty's Ships:

"And whereas we consider it desirable that additions should be made to the Rates of Allowance therein specified for Children until they attain 14 years of age:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction additional payments, not exceeding those set forth in the Schedule hereto, to take effect from the 18th January, 1917.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

"SCHEDULE.

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| Seamen | Ordinary Seaman, A.B., Leading Seaman, 2nd Class P.O., and equivalent Ratings. | Petty Officer, P.O. 1st Class, and equivalent Ratings. | Chief Petty Officer, and equivalent Ratings. | , | Warrant Officer, R.N. |
| Marines on Ships' Books | Private, Corporal, Sergeant, and equivalent Ranks. | Colour Sergeant, and equivalent Ranks. | Warrant Officer Class II. (Q. Mstr. Sgt., Coy. Sgt., Major), and Staff Sgt. | Warrant Officer Class I, (except R.M. Gunners). | R.M. Gunners. |