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FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1917.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *September*, 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 John Hodge, Minister of Pensions, dated the 27th day of September, 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, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants, 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, or to the widow or any relative of a deceased officer, seaman, or marine, 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 under section 2, sub-section (1), of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that there shall be transferred to the Ministry of Pensions the powers

and duties of the Admiralty with respect to pensions and grants to persons who have served as officers or men and to their widows, children, and other dependants, and to persons who have served in the nursing service of any of Your Majesty's Forces, other than service pensions, so far as such pensions and grants are payable out of moneys provided by Parliament and not provided exclusively for the purpose of Greenwich Hospital, and that Your Majesty may by Your Order in Council make such adaptations in the enactments relating to such powers and duties as aforesaid as may be necessary to make them exercisable by the Minister of Pensions and his officers, and may fix the time or times as from which the several powers and duties are to be transferred to him:

And whereas I am of the opinion that it is desirable in certain respects to amend the Regulations relating to pensions and grants which may be awarded to commissioned and subordinate officers of Your Majesty's Naval, Coast Guard, Marine, and Reserve Forces, disabled in consequence of service during the present War, and to the widows, children, and other relatives of such officers, and to members of Your Majesty's nursing services hereinafter specified: