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TUESDAY, 1 JANUARY, 1918.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 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 7th day of December, 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 the responsibilities devolving on certain Engine Room Ranks and Artificers in charge of the machinery of Vessels in Your Majesty's Fleet are recognised in some instances by the grant of allowances:

“And whereas the necessity has arisen for placing Engine Room Ratings, other than Artificers, in charge of the machinery in Small

Craft, and we are of opinion that the responsibilities and duties of such Engine Room Ratings are deserving of similar recognition:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize us to grant, at our discretion, an allowance of 6d. a day to Engine Room Ratings (including Motor Mechanic and Motor Boat Ratings) who are placed in charge of the machinery of Small Craft, whether steam or motor driven, the horse power of which exceeds 100, such Allowance not to be payable in respect of boats forming part of the equipment of H.M. Ships or of Vessels maintained in reserve.

“We would further submit that this proposal may take effect as from the 3rd day of October, 1917.

“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.