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TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1918.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *February*, 1918.

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 16th day of January, 1918, 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 we consider that the emoluments of Naval General Staff Officers, who are serving at Ports where Military General

Staff Officers are also stationed, should be not less than the consolidated rates laid down for General Staff Officers of Your Majesty's Army :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of these Officers being granted Pay, at the Consolidated Rates applicable to Army General Staff Officers, together with Colonial Allowance at the Army Rate where such is payable, with effect as from the 30th June, 1917, unless it would be to their advantage to receive the Pay and Allowances of their Rank.

“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.