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TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of August, 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 7th day of August, 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 21st day of January, 1914, to sanction the promotion of selected Artificer Engineers,

Chief Engine Room Artificers, and Engine Room Artificers, to Commissioned Rank :

“And whereas we are of opinion that this avenue of advancement to Commissioned Rank should be extended to the Stoker Branch of Your Majesty's Navy :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the promotion of selected Warrant Mechanics and Mechanics to the Rank of Mate (E), and subsequently to higher Rank, under the conditions applicable to Artificer Engineers, Chief Engine Room Artificers, and Engine Room Artificers.

“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.