

and whereas, further, Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 11th day of May, 1918, to authorize us during the period of hostilities, and for 12 months thereafter, to dispense with this examination:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, to approve, *inter alia*, of Surgeon-Lieutenants being eligible for promotion after 6 years instead of 8 as formerly:

"And whereas we consider that, in view of this reduction of qualifying service, it would be conducive to the efficiency of the Service to require Medical Officers to pass a Professional Examination after promotion to the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander, but before promotion to Surgeon-Commander, instead of prior to promotion to Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander, and also that it would be expedient to make certain consequential alterations in the regulations governing the promotion of Surgeon Lieutenant-Commanders and to provide for their retirement in the event of failure to qualify at this examination:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of the abolition of the examination for Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander laid down in Paragraph 5 (a) of the regulations sanctioned in Order in Council of the 1st April, 1881, together with the consequential regulations for accelerated promotion to Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander and compulsory retirement with a gratuity for failure to qualify for Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander, both conditional upon the result of that examination, which are provided in Order in Council of the 8th August, 1911, and to sanction the following regulations:—

"Surgeon Lieutenant-Commanders to be required to pass a qualifying examination for promotion to the rank of Surgeon-Commander, when they have attained between 2 and 6 years' seniority as a Surgeon-Lieutenant-Commander.

"Surgeon-Lieutenant-Commanders to be eligible for accelerated promotion to Surgeon-Commander according to the class of certificate obtained in the qualifying examination for promotion as follows:—

Special Certificate	... 18 months.
First Class Certificate	... 12 months.

The above accelerated promotion not to be granted on examination results alone, and an Officer also to be recommended as deserving advancement as a condition to such acceleration. The Admiralty to have power to reduce the several periods, if considered advisable, on the recommendation of the Director-General of the Medical Department.

"A Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander who fails to pass the examination to be allowed a second trial, but not to be granted accelerated promotion on the results of the second examination, whatever may be the class of certificate obtained.

"A Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander who fails to pass at this second trial to be compulsorily retired with such gratuity as the Admiralty may see fit to grant him, up to a maximum of £1,000, but not exceeding £100 for each complete year's full pay service.

"These regulations to apply to all Medical Officers entered on or after the 4th August, 1914.

"Officers entered before that date, who have been promoted to the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander without examination under the terms of Order in Council of the 11th May, 1918, to be allowed, if they wish, to take the examination for Surgeon-Commander, and should they obtain the requisite number of marks, to be eligible to receive an addition to their seniority calculated on the scale laid down in the foregoing regulations.

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

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 *August*, 1920.

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 29th day of July, 1920, in the words following, viz:—

"Whereas it is provided by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, 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 pleased by Your Order in Council of the 29th February, 1908, to authorize the payment of Prize Money for Torpedo Efficiency in Torpedo Boats and Torpedo Boat Destroyers:

"And whereas we consider that the extension of the use of Torpedo Armaments to vessels other than Torpedo Boats and Torpedo Boat Destroyers warrants the payment of Prize Money for Torpedo proficiency under conditions similar to those governing the payment of Prize Money for proficiency in Gunnery, authorized by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 17th May, 1920:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize with effect from the 9th June, 1920, the payment of Prize Money for Torpedo proficiency at the rates and under the conditions shown in the attached schedule.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their approval in these proposals."