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TUESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1921.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of March, 1921.

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 15th day of February, 1921 (No. 10 N.P. (4) 107), 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 Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service authorize the grant of Hard Lying Money to Officers and men serving in Torpedo Boats and Torpedo Boat Destroyers in or out of Commission, and in other ships in Commission only when temporarily commissioned for steam trials, etc.:

." And whereas by Order in Council bearing date the 28th day of November, 1914, sanction was given for the payment of Hard Lying Money to Officers and men serving in various other small craft employed during the present war period:

"And whereas we have found it necessary to retain for future service certain of the above-mentioned small craft:

"And whereas the arduous conditions of service in such small craft, and in others which it may be necessary to employ from time to time, and in captured and escorted vessels, may render payment of Hard Lying Money equally justifiable: "We beg leave humbly to recommend that

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the continued payment of Hard Lying Money, at our discretion, at the rates authorized for service in Torpedo Boats or Torpedo Boat Destroyers respectively, to Officers and men employed in Tugs, Trawlers, Drifters, China Gunboats, Patrol Gunboats, 'P' and 'P.C.' Boats, Sloops, Motor Launches, Small Monitors, Salvage Vessels, Whalers, Minesweepers, Motor Lighters, Surveying Ships, Captured and Escorted Vessels, and in such other small vessels as we may from time to time deem ad-