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FRIDAY, 3 JUNE, 1921.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May, 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 2nd day of May, 1921 (C.W. 12462/20), 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 Schedule III of Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, to approve a new constitution for the Schoolmaster Branch, and regulations are laid down in Section XI of that Schedule, and in Schedule V, Section IX, Clause X of the aforesaid Order in Council for the retired pay or gratuities to be granted to Schoolmasters, R.N., on retirement:

"And whereas the recommendations embodying these regulations which were submitted for Your Majesty's approval were based on a misconception of the decisions arrived at by Your Majesty's Government regarding the retirement of Officers of the Royal Navy in their application to the Schoolmaster Branch:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by