

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize the grant to Mr. Rees from the funds of Greenwich Hospital of a pension at the rate of Thirty-one pounds, nine shillings and ninepence (£31 9s. 9d.) a year as from the date of his retirement, and a gratuity of Eighty-three pounds, nineteen shillings and fivepence (£83 19s. 5d.):

" And whereas by Section I of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1921, the restriction contained in Section 4 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1872 (which empowers the Admiralty to provide for the education and maintenance of daughters of seamen and marines), with respect to the amount that may be expended on the education and maintenance of any girl, shall cease to have effect:

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize the removal of the restriction contained in Her late Majesty's Order in Council dated the 16th January, 1873, under which the amount to be expended on the education and maintenance of any girl shall not exceed the rate of Twenty pounds a year."

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 December, 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 21st day of November, 1921 (N. 22518/1920), 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 experience of Engine Room Artificers of Your Majesty's Navy trained in Hydraulics would be specially valuable in the new Ordnance Artificer Branch instituted by Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd January and 13th October, 1920, and that such Engine Room Artificers who volunteer when required to transfer to Ordnance Artificer should be compensated for loss of the Engine Room Artificer Certificate Allowances referred to in Section C of your 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 sanction the scheme described in the attached Schedule.

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

" SCHEDULE.

" 1. A lump sum to be paid at the outset to each Hydraulic Engine Room Artificer transferring to the Ordnance Artificer Branch who was in receipt of the Watchkeeping Allowance of 1s. per diem before transfer.

" 2. An Engine Room Artificer transferring to the new Branch who would probably have obtained the Watchkeeping Certificate in due course to be considered eligible for the compensation, but where the certificate would probably not have been secured the compensation to be withheld.

" 3. The sum payable to men in their first engagement to be the present value of the amount of the allowance payable in respect of the remaining period of their first engagement (the rate of interest being taken at 5 per cent. per annum) subject to the deduction specified at (4).

" 4. From the amount due under (3) a deduction of 5 per cent. to be made (to allow for possible loss to the Crown due to the death, &c., of men who have received capitalised sums paid in advance). A similar deduction also to be made from the amount to be paid on re-engagement.

" 5. On completing his first engagement and re-engaging a man to become entitled to the present value of the allowance of £18 5s. per annum for 10 years, the amount to be paid on re-engaging in every case to be £75, less a deduction of 5 per cent., the balance with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, being paid on completion of the engagement.

" 6. Hydraulic Engine Room Artificers serving under a second engagement to be paid on transfer the full amount payable in respect of the remaining period of the engagement, subject to a maximum of £75 (less deduction of 5 per cent.), the balance, with interest, at 5 per cent. per annum being paid on completion of the engagement. Hydraulic Engine Room Artificers serving under a third engagement to receive on transfer the amount payable in respect of the remaining period of their engagement, less a deduction of 5 per cent.

" 7. Compensation also to be allowed for the additional allowance of 1s. a day for which Chief Engine Room Artificers are eligible and to be calculated from the estimated date on which advancement to Chief Engine Room Artificer would have occurred had the man remained in the Engine Room Artificer Branch. The whole of the compensation in this respect to be paid when the man completes time for pension, with the exception specified under (8).

" 8. If the date of advancement to Chief Engine Room Artificer would have been prior to completion of first engagement, the compensation in respect of the additional Chief Engine Room Artificer allowance for the remaining period of the first engagement to be paid on completing that engagement.

" 9. A proportionate amount of the compensation for any unexpired period to be recovered in full or in part at the discretion of