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FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1921.

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 6th day of December, 1921 (C.E. 6390/21), 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 His late Majesty was graciously pleased by His Order in Council bearing date the 12th day of August, 1907, to sanction the grant of increased retired pay on scales and subject to regulations set forth therein to Officers of the Royal Navy who were placed on the Retired List while serving on the Staff of the Inspection and Experimental Departments or in posts at the Admiralty connected with those Departments:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date

the 23th day of November, 1910, to sanction, subject to certain conditions, the grant of similar increases of retired pay to Officers of the Royal Marines who were seconded for service, and retired while serving, in any of the aforesaid posts:

"And whereas Your Majesty was further graciously pleased by Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 11th day of June, 1910, the 10th day of February, 1919, and the 25th day of June, 1919, to extend the benefits of the Order in Council dated the 12th day of August, 1907, to Officers of the Royal Navy who were placed on the retired list while holding certain other appointments specified therein:

"And whereas under Schedule V of Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, fresh regulations regarding the ages for compulsory retirement and rates of retired pay of Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines were approved with a view to assimilating as far as practicable the conditions of service and rates of retired pay of Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines:

"And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to amend the provisions of the aforesaid Orders in Council bearing dates the 12th day of August, 1907, the 28th day of November, 1910, the 11th day of June, 1910, the 10th day of February, 1919, and the 25th day of June, 1919, with a view to—

(a) assimilating the conditions of service of Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal