

Marines in any of the appointments therein referred to in accordance with the principle prescribed in the Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, quoted above;

(b) extending the provisions of the several Orders regarding increases of retired pay, so that they may apply to Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines who may be appointed from the Retired List to any of the posts referred to, as well as to those retired while serving in any such posts; and

(c) extending the provisions of the said Orders as thus amended to Officers serving on the Staff of the Compass Department of the Admiralty.

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the cancellation, without prejudice however to the validity of any increases of retired pay already granted thereunder, of all the aforesaid Orders in Council, except that dated the 22nd day of January, 1920, and the substitution therefor of the regulations set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE RETIRED PAY OF RETIRED OFFICERS OF THE R.N. AND R.M. SERVING IN THE INSPECTION, EXPERIMENTAL AND COMPASS DEPARTMENT AND IN CERTAIN SIMILAR POSTS.

"1. These regulations have effect from the 1st February, 1919, and apply to all Officers of the R.N. and R.M. who were serving on that date in any of the posts (except those on the Staff of the Compass Department) referred to in rule 2 as well as to all Officers appointed to any of them thereafter. As regards Officers on the Staff of the Compass Department they have effect from the 1st April, 1920, and apply to all Officers then serving as well as those subsequently appointed.

"2. The posts to which these regulations apply are:—

(a) All posts on the Staff of the Inspection and Experimental Departments and all posts at the Admiralty connected with those Departments;

(b) The posts of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the R.N. Torpedo Factory at Greenock;

(c) The posts of Superintendent of Torpedo Experiments and First Technical Assistant to the said Superintendent at Stokes Bay;

(d) The post of Technical Assistant to the Director of Armament Supply for Duty as Ordnance Inspector of Depôts and Factories; and

(e) All posts on the Staff of the Compass Department at the Admiralty.

"3. Service in any of the aforesaid appointments before retirement from the R.N. or R.M. will count for increase of retired pay under the ordinary regulations from time to time in force for Officers on the active lists of the R.N. and R.M. and increased retired pay under these regulations will accrue only in respect of service rendered in any of the appointments after retirement from the R.N. and R.M.

"4. The retired pay of all retired Officers of the R.N. and R.M. serving in any of these appointments will be suspended during such

service and their service will count for increase of retired pay on the scales and subject to the conditions set forth hereunder, subject, however, to the proviso that an Officer of the R.M. who at the date of his retirement from the R.M. had earned retired pay in excess of the maximum at that date permissible in the case of a Lieutenant Commander, R.N., shall not count his further service for increase of retired pay.

"5. All Officers in any of the appointments referred to in these regulations who have not previously been discharged to retired pay at their own request or for some other reason, will be liable to such discharge on attaining 60 years of age.

"6. An Officer who is discharged to retired pay at his own request, or on completion of any period for which he may have been appointed or as unfit for further employment from any cause other than those specified in rule 7 may have the retired pay earned by his service before retirement from the R.N. or R.M. increased by one-sixtieth of the pay and allowances of the appointment held on discharge for each complete year of service after retirement in any of the appointments to which these regulations relate.

"7. An Officer who is discharged to retired pay on account of age, or medical unfitness, or abolition of office, or reduction or re-organisation of establishment, may have the retired pay earned by his service before retirement from the R.N. or R.M. increased:—

(a) if with ten or more years' service after retirement in any post to which these regulations relate, by one-sixtieth of the pay and allowances of the appointment held on discharge for each complete year of service after retirement;

(b) if with less than ten years' service after retirement in any post to which these regulations relate, by one-fiftieth of the pay and allowances of the appointment held on discharge for each complete year of service after retirement, provided that the total addition shall not exceed ten-sixtieths of such pay and allowances.

"8. For the purposes of rules 6 and 7 service on the retired list before the 1st February, 1919, in any post to which these regulations relate may reckon for increase of retired pay in the case of any Officer who was then so serving.

"9. Officers on the Active List of the R.M. who are appointed to any of the posts to which these regulations relate shall be seconded from the Corps of the R.M. until they reach the rank of Lieutenant Colonel when they will become supernumerary. They will be subject to the same rules as regards qualifications for promotion and retirement for age in any rank as other Officers of the R.M."

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.

Americ FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of December, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Children Act, 1908, it was, amongst other things, enacted that His Majesty may, by Order in Council