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TUESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1923.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *March*, 1923.

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 23rd day of March, 1923. (No. 17 N.P. (4)645/22), 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 by Your Majesty's Order in Council dated the 13th August, 1920, provision was made, subject to certain conditions and restrictions, for the increase on a percentage basis of certain pensions granted before the 4th August, 1914, and, subject to certain further limitations, for the increase of similar pensions granted subsequently to that date with effect from a date not later than the 13th August, 1920, to men of the Royal Navy,

Royal Marines and Naval Reserve Forces and others:

“And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 6th February, 1922, approval was given to the introduction of improved scales of pensions and gratuities for petty and non-commissioned Officers, seamen, marines and boys invalided from Your Majesty's Naval Service on or after the 1st day of October, 1921, for causes which do not bring them within the scope of the War Pensions Acts; and; subject to the provisos therein laid down, to the application of the said scales, as from 1st April, 1919, to those pre-war disability pensioners who had served during the war, or who, being under the age of 55 on the outbreak of hostilities, and, therefore, liable for service, were exempted from mobilisation for the purpose of continuing in their civilian employment under the Government:

“And whereas we are of opinion that the improved scales of pensions sanctioned by Your Majesty's Order in Council of 6th February, 1922, should also be allowable, subject to certain conditions and restrictions, to pre-war disability pensioners disabled by peace time injuries:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize us to award, at our discretion, and with effect as