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TUESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1923.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 16th day of April, 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 5th day of April, 1923 (C.W.11741/21), in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 26th day of October, 1914, and the 29th day of January, 1923, to provide that the rank of Lieutenant-Commander or its equivalent should be extended to Officers of certain classes on the Retired and Emergency Lists who were retired from the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant and have attained or may attain eight years' seniority therein, these classes including certain of the Warrant Officer classes in Your Majesty's Navy:

“And whereas we are of opinion that advancement to the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant-Commander on the Retired List

should be extended to all Warrant Officer classes under similar conditions:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to give authority for all Officers retired from the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant in Warrant Officer Branches which are not provided for in Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 26th day of October, 1914, and the 29th day of January, 1923, or in which the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant on the Active List may be established in future, to be advanced at our discretion to the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant-Commander on attaining eight years' seniority in the rank of Lieutenant or its equivalent.

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

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.