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FRIDAY, 29 JUNE, 1923.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *June*, 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 16th day of June, 1923 (C.W. 11173/22), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Clause V of Section IX of Schedule V of Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, to establish, *inter alia*, a scale of Retiring Allowances for Officers of all Branches of the rank or relative rank of Lieutenant or Lieutenant-Commander if

invalided under 40 years of age, except Officers on the Supplementary List and Officers promoted from Mate and Officers formerly of Warrant rank promoted for long and zealous service :

“And whereas Your Majesty was further graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 9th day of November, 1920, to establish revised regulations governing the eligibility of Officers of the Medical, Dental, Instructor and Chaplains' Branches, who are entered subsequently to the 17th July, 1920, for retired pay on the scale laid down in Clause IV of Section IX of Schedule V of Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, and to make complementary provision for the Retiring Allowance of such Officers when invalided over the age of 40 years before they have completed sufficient service to render them eligible for retired pay on the ordinary scale :

“And whereas we are of opinion that Officers of these Branches who are entered on or after the 1st day of October, 1921, and who are invalided before they have completed four years' service should not be eligible for the Retiring Allowances provided in Clause V of Section IX of Schedule V of Your Order in Council of the 22nd day of January, 1920, and