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FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1923.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of July, 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 26th day of July, 1923 (N. 2391), 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, grants, 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 a 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 Order in Council dated the 13th October, 1922, Your Majesty was pleased to sanction the payment of pensions, gratuities, and bonuses to men selected for discharge in consequence of the reduction of Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force subsequently to the 12th May, 1922, the time to count for pension purposes being reckoned up to 3 months after that date, viz., 11th August, 1922, or to the date of discharge in the case

of men detained beyond that date through causes not under their own control:

“And whereas in consequence of the amalgamation of the Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry, involving a further reduction in the Royal Marine Force, we have found it necessary to invite applications from Royal Marines for discharge from that force:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to direct that men of the Royal Marine forces applying for discharge with a view to reducing the surplus ranks borne, and duly selected for discharge, shall be eligible for pensions, gratuities and bonuses subject to the general restrictions, conditions and provisions directed by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 13th October, 1922, with the exception that the service of such men shall be reckoned up to three months from the date on which the order for the discharge of surplus Marine ranks is issued, or to the date of discharge in the case of men detained beyond that date through causes not under their own control.

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

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.