

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the Regulations set forth in the annexed Schedule.

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

#### " SCHEDULE.

" I.—(1) The following scale of retired pay for Quartermasters, Royal Marines, to be substituted for that provided by Order in Council dated 22nd January, 1920, Schedule V, Section IX:—

	Max.	Min.	Addition.
	£	£	
" Major ...	400	350	} £10 for each year's service in the rank.
" Captain ...	350	300	
" Lieutenant ...	300	250	} £6 for each year's service up to seven years; £8 for the eighth year's service.

" (2) The above scale of retired pay to be also applicable according to rank, to:—

Directors of Music			
Musical Director ...	...	...	} Royal Naval School of Music.
Assistant Musical Director ...	...	...	
Company Officers ...	...	...	
Quartermaster ...	...	...	

subject in the case of Directors of Music and the Musical Director, Royal Naval School of Music, to the special conditions regarding length of service prescribed by Order in Council dated 10th June, 1921.

" II. Officers promoted from Royal Marine Gunner and Commissioned Royal Marine Gunner, except those promoted under the provisions of Order in Council of 11th February, 1913, to receive retired pay on the following scale:—

	Max.	Min.	Addition.
	£	£	
" Captain ...	350	300	} £10 for each year's service in the rank.
" Lieutenant ...	300	250	
			} £6 for each year's service in the rank up to seven years; £8 for the eighth year's service.

" III. Chief Schoolmasters, Royal Marines, to receive retired pay on the following scale:—

	Max.	Min.	Addition.
	£	£	
" Chief School- masters with over eight years' service as such.	350	300	} £10 for each year's service in the rank over eight.
" Chief School- master with eight years' or less service as such.	300	250	
			} £6 for each year's service in the rank up to seven years; £8 for the eighth year's service.

" Service in the rank of Chief Schoolmaster not to be reckoned from a date earlier than 1st February, 1919.

" IV. Officers promoted to the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant, Royal Navy, for acts of gallantry or daring, under the provisions of Orders in Council of 17th December, 1888, and 16th May, 1904, Officers promoted to Lieutenant, Royal Marines, for specially

meritorious service or distinguished war service under the provisions of Order in Council of 11th February, 1913, Clause 7, and any other Officers who may similarly be promoted for gallantry to be subject to the following Regulations:—

(i) Officers retired over the age of 40 to receive retired pay based on age and service on the scale in force applicable to Officers entered as Naval Cadets or Probationary Second Lieutenants, Royal Marines, respectively, and to count service in Warrant rank and above in full, and service from the age of 18 in any lower rank or rating as one half.

(ii) Officers invalided under the age of 40 either—

(a) to receive retired pay on the scale applicable to Lieutenants, Royal Navy, entered as Naval Cadets similarly invalided, and to count service in the same manner as Officers retired over the age of 40; such scale to continue to apply to Officers promoted to the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy, on the Active List, irrespective of the minimum of £180 a year laid down for that rank; or

(b) to receive retired pay on the scale applicable to Warrant Officers, if promoted from Warrant rank and if that scale would be more advantageous to them; for this purpose service above Warrant rank to count as service in Warrant rank, and service below Warrant rank not to count.

" V.—(i) Majors, Royal Marines, promoted from Warrant rank or from the ranks to commissioned rank under the provisions of Orders in Council dated 8th October, 1914, and 22nd December, 1915, and absorbed in the Establishment of Majors, to receive retired pay on the scale applicable to Officers entered direct as Probationary Second Lieutenant, Royal Marines, all service subsequent to promotion to permanent commissioned rank (including service prior to absorption in the Establishment) being counted for this purpose, but not service prior to such promotion.

" (ii) Majors, Royal Marines, so promoted and absorbed in the Establishment to be retired at the age of 50 years."

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.

Colin Smith.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of August, 1924.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act, 1918, it is provided that His Majesty in Council may declare what date is to be treated as the date of the termination of the present war, and that the date so declared shall be as nearly as may be the date of the exchange or deposit of rati-