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FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1924.

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

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 1st day of August, 1924 (N.P. (1) 414/1924), 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 following the practice in the Army, it has been customary to charge the sum of 2s. 6d. a day against the full pay of Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines when maintained in Hospitals at the expense of the Crown:

“And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council, bearing date the 11th day of October, 1912, to direct that such charge should not be made for the first 42 days following the admission of a Royal Marine Officer to hospital:

“And whereas Your Majesty was further graciously pleased by Your Orders in Council, dated the 22nd day of January, 1920, and the 7th day of February, 1921, to direct that in regard to their emoluments during active service and on retirement, and in regard to the rules governing full pay sick leave, Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Force should be treated in the same manner as Officers in Your Majesty's Navy:

“And whereas Officers of Your Majesty's Navy who may be admitted to hospital at the expense of the Crown are not subject to any charge for treatment or maintenance therein while they remain on full pay:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that no charge shall be made against an Officer of Your Majesty's Royal Marines who may be maintained in hospital at the expense of the Crown so long as he remains on full pay, and that this rule shall have effect from the 7th day of February, 1921.

“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.

Colin Smith