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TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1924.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 8th day of *December*, 1924.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Bt., K.B.E., M.P., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

M. P. A Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 8th day of *December*, 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 24th day of November, 1924 (C.W. 9308/24), 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 by Section VIII of Schedule V of Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, Your Majesty was graciously pleased, *inter alia*, to provide that Paymaster Lieutenant-Commanders of Your Majesty's Fleet shall be compulsorily retired on reaching the age of 45 years:

“And whereas Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Oswy Lonsdale Parsons, who was reinstated on the Active List of Your Majesty's Navy after a period of absence from the Naval Service and whose seniority was consequently reduced in respect of such absence, will become due for retirement in his present rank on account of age on the 21st day of June, 1925:

“And whereas we desire to exempt the said Oswy Lonsdale Parsons from the operation of the above regulation and to retain him on the Active List beyond the age of 45:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the following arrangements, namely:—

“(1) The Admiralty to have discretionary power to retain Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Oswy Lonsdale Parsons, on the Active List beyond the age of 45, until he attains the necessary seniority to qualify him for promotion to the rank of Paymaster Commander.