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TUESDAY, 2 JUNE, 1925.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of May, 1925.

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 9th day of May, 1925 (C.W. 1185/25), 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 Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to sanction, *inter alia*, a new constitution for the Schoolmaster branch, Royal Navy, certain of the provisions of which as regards rank, retired pay and retiring gratuities were intended to be applicable to Officers of the Schoolmaster branch, Royal Marines:

“And whereas it is necessary that the regulations applicable to the Schoolmaster branch, Royal Marines, in these respects should be more clearly defined:

“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.

“1. *Entry and Rank.*—Schoolmasters, Royal Marines, to be as a general rule appointed by direct entry. On entry to have the title of Probationary Schoolmaster, with the acting rank of Warrant Officer, for the first year of their service; at the expiration of this period, if recommended as likely to prove efficient Schoolmasters, to be confirmed in Warrant Rank, seniority to reckon as from six months from date of entry.

Headmasters, Royal Marines, to rank as Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank, Royal Marines.

Chief Schoolmasters, Royal Marines, under 8 years' seniority to rank with Lieutenants, Royal Marines, and with Captains, Royal Marines, on attaining 8 years' seniority.

These rules not to apply to Chief Schoolmasters, Royal Marines, serving on the Active List at the date of this Order.

“ 2. *Retired Pay*—

Chief Schoolmasters.—As provided by Order in Council of 12th August, 1924.

Headmasters and Schoolmasters.

(A) Officers entered in the ranks under the old system to be granted retired pay according to their ranks on the scale for Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank and Warrant