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FRIDAY, 5 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 20th day of May, 1925 (N. 1352/25), 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 we considered it desirable to reconstitute the Coastguard as a pensioner force under the designation of the Coastguard New Force as from the 1st May, 1919, with rates of pay as set forth in the accompanying Schedule I and conditions of service as set forth in the accompanying Schedule II :

“And whereas certain of the duties hitherto performed by Your Majesty's Coastguard under the Board of Admiralty have, since the first day of April, 1923, been carried out by employes of the Board of Trade and Board of Customs at all Stations other than certain

Admiralty Shore Signal Stations where the duties are performed by the Admiralty on behalf of the Board of Trade :

“And whereas it is desirable to alter the designation of and to specify the conditions of service of the Force now remaining under the Admiralty for duty at Admiralty Shore Signal Stations, the officers of which will in future be officers of Your Majesty's Navy and the men of which will in future be entered in Your Majesty's Navy :

“And whereas the full pay and retiring allowances of Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines are subject to revision periodically, and we are of opinion that the pay and discharge gratuities of Officers of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service should be subject to revision in the same manner and at the same dates :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that the Force performing at Admiralty Shore Signal Stations certain of the duties hitherto carried out by the Coastguard New Force shall in future be designated The Royal Naval Shore Signal Service and that the titles of the various ranks and ratings of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service shall be as follows, viz. :—Senior Chief Officers, Chief Officers, Petty Officers and Signalmen.

“We beg leave further to recommend that the officers and men of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service shall serve from time to time with the rates of pay as set forth in Schedule I