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FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1926.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of February, 1926.

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 22nd day of December, 1925 (N.P. (1) 3877/25), 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 and 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 Majesty's Orders in Council bearing dates the 13th day of August, 1920, the 8th day of December, 1924, and the 25th day of June, 1925, provision has been made, subject to certain conditions and restrictions, for the increase on a percentage basis of certain pensions granted before the 4th day of August, 1914 :

“ And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, and certain subsequent Orders, new scales of retired pay for service were instituted for all Officers retired on or after the 1st day of April, 1919, and approval has been given subject to certain conditions to the application

of the said scales as from the 1st day of April, 1919, to Officers previously retired, who had served during the late war in any service capacity :

“ And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 11th day of October, 1923, scales of additional retired pay and disability retired pay were introduced for Officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and certain of the Royal Naval Reserve Forces who are invalided out of the Service on or after the 1st day of October, 1921, on account of injury or sickness certified by the competent medical authority as attributable to the conditions of service :

“ And whereas we are of opinion that further provision should be made for the benefit of Officers who before the dates on which any of the aforesaid Orders came into operation were retired or discharged from the service on account of peace time injuries and granted injury pensions and whose total means are below the maximum limits prescribed by Your Order in Council bearing date the 13th day of August, 1920 :

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to empower us at our discretion and with effect from the 1st day of April, 1920, to increase the retired pay or pension of any such Officer by such sum as may be necessary to bring his total means up to the maximum limits prescribed for an unmarried person or for a married person, as the case may be, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 13th day of August, 1920, provided that

“ (a) the amount of the pension and