"(2) Qualified Naval Observers who may be appointed to undergo the Senior Officers' Technical Course, to receive a special allowance of 2s. 6d. a day during the period of the course, in lieu of the Observer's Allowance which they would receive if engaged on their specialist duties, with effect from 17th October, 1927.

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"(3) Payment of both special allowances during periods of leave or sickness to be at

Admiralty discretion.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals."

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.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of June, 1928.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 15th day of May, 1928 (C.W. 3893/28), 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 in the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Navy, and in sundry Orders in Council, provision is made for the grant of leave on full pay to Royal Naval and Royal Marine Officers, subject to certain conditions:
- "And whereas under these Regulations and Orders in Council this privilege is not granted to Officers who are permitted to vacate appointments abroad at their own request:
- "And whereas we consider that we should be empowered, at our discretion, to grant to any such Officers who are allowed prematurely to vacate their appointments for reasons which appear satisfactory to us, foreign service leave on full pay according to the authorized scale from time to time in force, subject, however, to the proviso that such leave shall be calculated in the case of each Officer as from the day following the date of vacating his appointment abroad, any time during which he may be employed on naval duties during passage home being excluded:
- "We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by

Your Order in Council, to approve of this proposal, with effect from 1st November, 1927.

"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.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of June, 1928.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 17th day of May, 1928 (C.W. 4361/28), in the words following, viz.:—

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- "And whereas under the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 16th day of July, 1895, no increase of retired pay may be granted to any Executive Officer of the Royal Navy on account of time on half-pay in excess of 2 years subsequent to his last employment, whether retired pay is assessed on the half-pay scale or otherwise:

"And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 26th day of May, 1925, this rule was extended to apply to all Officers of Your Majesty's Navy and Marine Force and to time on unemployed pay as well as half-pay:

"And whereas we consider that the rule requires amendment to cover cases of officers promoted while unemployed and not sub-

sequently given an appointment:

." We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the amendment of the regulation in accordance with the proposal set forth in the annexed Schedule, with retrospective effect to cover cases dealt with under the proposed rule since 1904.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified Their concurrence in this proposal.

" SCHEDULE.

"No increase of retired pay to be granted to any Officer R.N. or R.M. on account of time on unemployed or half-pay in excess of