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TUESDAY, 30 DECEMBER, 1930.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 18th day of *December*, 1930.

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 15th day of December, 1930 (N.P. (2) 2094/30), 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 Majesty's Orders in Council bearing dates the 13th August, 1920, the 26th May, 1925, the 1st February, 1926, and the 5th November, 1929, sanction was given to the payment of Marriage Allowance for the legal wives and legitimate children, step-children or children adopted under the provisions of the Adoption of Children Act, 1926, of married Seamen, Marines and Reservists borne on the books of Your Majesty's Ships, and of Marines on shore strength, and of

ratings of the Shore Signal Service and Shore Wireless Service:

“And whereas we consider it desirable that Marriage Allowance should be paid for all statutorily adopted children, to or in respect of adoptors who are otherwise eligible for the Allowance:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the issue of Marriage Allowance in respect of all children who may be statutorily adopted under the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Act, 1930, on or after 1st October, 1930, i.e. the date on which that Act became operative, or under any like Act which may thereafter be passed in and be applicable to any other part of the British Empire, such Allowance to be paid at the rates and under the conditions applicable to the children of men of Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force.

“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.