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FRIDAY, 2 JANUARY, 1931.

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

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 12th day of December, 1930 (C.W. 6108/30), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 11th day of February, 1913, to provide, *inter alia*, for the grant of combatant commissions as Lieutenant, Royal Marines, at our discretion, to any Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man who may perform some specially meritorious service or distinguished War Service:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 28th day of March, 1930, to provide for a reduction in the age of retirement from 55 to 50 for Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank and Warrant Officers of Your Majesty's Navy who were especially promoted to the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant on account of acts of gallantry or daring in the Service, and also for their exemption from passing any qualifying examination for promotion to the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant-Commander:

"And whereas we are of opinion that similar conditions should be attached to the grant of commissions in future as Lieutenant, Royal Marines, under clause 7 of Your Order in Council bearing date the 11th day of February, 1913:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following regulations:—

(i) The age for compulsory retirement of Officers specially promoted who in future obtain commissions in the Royal Marines under the provisions of clause 7 of Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 11th day of February, 1913, to be 50 years, unless then holding a rank or appointment