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TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1931.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 12th day of *February*, 1931.

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 5th day of February, 1931, (N.P. (1) 100/31) 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, or to the widow or relative of a deceased Officer, Seaman or Marine, 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 under the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924, provision was made subject to certain conditions and restrictions for the increase of certain pensions granted before the 4th day of August, 1914, and, subject to certain further limitations, for the increase of similar pensions granted subsequently to that date to certain pensioners therein referred to:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 13th day of August, 1920, the 8th day of December, 1924, and the 25th day of June, 1925, to sanction certain Regulations regarding the increase of pensions to certain pensioners therein specified under conditions corresponding generally to those laid down in the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924:

"And whereas by Your Order in Council bearing date the 17th day of December, 1929, sanction was given to the amendment of the aforesaid Regulations so as to provide for the recognition for Pensions Increase purposes of children adopted under the provisions of the Adoption of Children Act, 1926:

"And whereas we consider that all children, who may be statutorily adopted under the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Act, 1930, or under any like Act which may hereafter be passed in, and be applicable to, any other part of the British Empire, should also be recognised for Pensions Increase purposes:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the further amendment of the aforesaid Regulations accordingly.

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