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FRIDAY, 5 JUNE, 1931.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *May*, 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 1st day of May, 1931 (C.W. 10736/30), 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 Orders in Council bearing dates the 9th day of March, 1921, and the 16th day of December, 1925, we were empowered to grant special rates of pay to certain married and widower Warrant Officers whose promotion to Warrant rank would otherwise involve pecuniary loss:

"And whereas we are of opinion that in fixing such special rates of pay we should be

permitted to take into account the mess subscription of 1s. a day for which, on promotion, Warrant Officers become liable:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us to grant to any such married and widower Warrant Officers special rates of pay in accordance with the regulations set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto.

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

" SCHEDULE.

"REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF SPECIAL RATES OF PAY TO WARRANT OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES WHO BEFORE PROMOTION TO WARRANT RANK WERE MARRIED OR WIDOWERS ELIGIBLE FOR MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE.

"1. Subject to Rule 6 below, any Warrant Officer to whom a special rate of pay may have been granted under the Orders in Council of the 9th March, 1921, or the 16th December, 1925, may be granted, whenever it would be more advantageous to him than the normal rate of full pay appropriate to his rank and seniority, a special rate of pay greater by 1s. a day than the special rate previously granted to him.