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TUESDAY, 28 JULY, 1931.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *July*, 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 8th day of July, 1931 (C.W. 4162/31), in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas by Section 3 of the Officers of Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1863, it is enacted *inter alia*, that Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve shall be entitled to receive such pay and allowances as we, with the consent of Your Majesty in Council, may from time to time appoint:

“And whereas by Section 1 of the Naval Reserve (Officers) Act, 1926, it is enacted *inter alia*, that where any Officer of the Reserve shall sustain any disability of mind or body which is attributable to the conditions of Naval Service, he may be granted an allowance or pension in respect thereof at such rate and subject to such conditions as we, with the consent of Your Majesty in Council, may appoint:

“And whereas new conditions have been introduced by Your Majesty's Board of Trade for the examinations for Officers' Certificates in the Mercantile Marine, which materially affect the recruitment of Executive Officers, R.N.R.:

“And whereas we consider that the situation necessitates provision for the entry of Officers holding Board of Trade Second Mate's Certificates by the institution of an appropriate new rank in the R.N.R.:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve the establishment of a new rank entitled 'Probationary Acting Sub Lieutenant, R.N.R.' subject to such regulations as we may deem advisable and to the following conditions:—

(1) Full pay while under training or during service in the Royal Navy to be at the rates from time to time current for Acting Sub Lieutenants, R.N.R., and

(2) Until promoted to the confirmed rank of Sub Lieutenant, R.N.R., disability retired pay to be at the rates provided from time to time for Midshipmen, R.N.R., and to be governed generally by the regulations applicable to such retired pay.

“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.

Colin Smith.