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FRIDAY, 31 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 27th day of June, 1931, (C.E. 1839/31), 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, 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 various Orders in Council, regulations have been laid down from time to time for the retirement, retired pay and disability retired pay of Officers of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Force, and scales of pensions and allowances for their widows, children and other dependent relatives:

“And whereas we are of opinion that the rules relating to these matters require amendment in certain respects to cover Officers of

Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Force who are employed on certain Inspection, Research, Design and Experimental Ordnance duties:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the Regulations set forth in the annexed Schedule with effect from the 21st November, 1929.

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

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“ SCHEDULE.

“ Naval and Royal Marine Officers employed on certain Inspection, Research, Design and Experimental Ordnance duties.

“ Conditions of Service.

“ 1. *To whom applicable*.—The conditions laid down in this Schedule shall apply to Naval and Royal Marine Officers employed in such posts of the nature indicated above as the Admiralty, with the concurrence of the Treasury, may decide to include in the scheme from time to time. Posts included in the scheme shall be divided into Higher posts, Senior posts and Junior posts respectively. Naval and Royal Marine Officers, whether on the Active or Retired Lists, shall be regarded as eligible for employment under the scheme subject to such qualifications as the Admiralty