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TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1931.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 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 7th day of August, 1931 (C.W. 2009/31), 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 by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 19th July, 1912, the rank of Mate was instituted to enable Warrant Officers and Petty Officers to attain Commissioned rank at an age earlier than was possible under existing regulations:

“And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 21st January, 1914, the rank of Mate (E) was instituted to enable Artificer Engineers, Chief Engine Room Artificers, and Engine Room Artificers to attain Commissioned rank at an age earlier than was possible under existing regulations:

“And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 28th June, 1920, certain additions to and modifications in this system of promotion to Commissioned rank through the ranks of Mate and Mate (E) were approved:

“And whereas we are of opinion that further revisions in this system are desirable in order that Commissioned Officers promoted thereunder may enjoy opportunities equal in all ways with those of Officers who enter Your Majesty's Navy as Cadets, and that they should cease to be designated Mate or Mate (E):

“And whereas the revision in the system of promotion from the lower deck cannot be wholly introduced until 1933, and we are of opinion that Officers promoted under the system prior to the first day of January, 1933, should be treated for all purposes connected with their emoluments both on the Active and on the Retired List under present regulations:

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

(i) The titles of Mate and Mate (E) to be abolished forthwith, existing Officers of those ranks being given the ranks of Sub-Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenant (E), and candidates selected for promotion to Commissioned rank hereafter the ranks of Acting Sub-Lieutenant and Acting Sub-Lieutenant (E.) respectively.

(ii) Existing Mates and Mates (E) and Officers promoted therefrom, as well as Officers promoted to the ranks of Acting Sub-