

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 in the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Navy provision is made for the payment of an allowance of 1d. a day to the person appointed to manage the issue and return of the books of the Ship's library only in Ships not bearing a Schoolmaster or Acting Schoolmaster:

"And whereas we are of the opinion that this restriction should be removed in certain cases where it is impracticable for the Schoolmaster or Acting Schoolmaster to carry out these duties in the Ship in which he is borne:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council, to empower us, at our discretion, to authorise payment of this allowance in Your Majesty's Ships notwithstanding that a Schoolmaster or Acting Schoolmaster is therein borne.

"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.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *October*, 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 9th day of September, 1931 (C.W. 7556/31), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 22nd day of January, 1920, the 28th day of June, 1920, and the 25th day of July, 1927, to sanction, *inter alia*, and subject to certain conditions, the payment of specialist allowances not exceeding 60 in number to Medical Officers of Your Majesty's Navy below

the rank of Surgeon Captain who have qualified as specialists in certain specified professional subjects:

"And whereas it may be desirable from time to time to vary the subjects in respect of which such specialist allowances are payable and to alter the maximum permissible number of such allowances:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to vary, at our discretion but subject to the prior approval of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury on each occasion, either the professional subjects for which such specialist allowances are payable or the maximum number of such allowances.

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

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.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *October*, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Marquess of Londonderry.

Lord Amulree.

Secretary Sir A. Sinclair.

WHEREAS by Section 284 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57-8 V. c. 60) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) it is enacted that, where the legislature of any British Possession provides for the survey of, and grant of certificates for, passenger steamers, and the Board of Trade report to His Majesty The King that they are satisfied that the certificates are to the like effect, and are granted after a like survey, and in such manner as to be equally efficient with the certificates granted for the same purpose in the United Kingdom under that Act, His Majesty in Council may—

(1) declare that the certificates granted in the said British possession shall be of the same force as if granted under that Act; and

(2) declare that all or any of the provisions of Part III of that Act which relate to passenger steamers' certificates shall, either without modification or with such modifications as to His Majesty may seem necessary, apply to the certificates granted in the said British possession; and

(3) impose such conditions and make such regulations with respect to the certificates, and to the use, delivery, and cancellation thereof, as to His Majesty may seem fit, and impose fines not exceeding fifty pounds for the breach of those conditions and regulations.

And whereas by the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, as amended by the Indian Mer-