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FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1931.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th 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 15th day of *October*, 1931, (C.W. 8708/31), 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 from time to time by Orders in Council provision has been made for the payment of Extra Pay under various conditions to Officers of Your Majesty's Navy :

“And whereas we are of opinion that the service of Officers in Tugs employed in the Fleet Target Service merits extra remuneration in consideration of the arduous nature of their work and the fact that it entails abnormal wear and tear of clothing :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by

Your Order in Council, to sanction the regulations contained in the annexed Schedule.

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

“*Schedule.*

“Payment of Extra Pay at one half the daily rates authorised from time to time may be made under the following conditions to Officers of H.M. Tugs while commissioned for service in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleet Target Services, and while the conditions of service in the vessels remain as at present.

“1. H.M. Tugs in the Atlantic Fleet Target Service.

During all periods except those when the Tugs are lying at *Portsmouth*, *Devonport*, *Chatham* or *Sheerness*; with effect from the 20th *May*, 1931.

“2. H.M. Tug in the Mediterranean Fleet Target Service.

During all periods while the Fleet is at *Malta* and while cruising with the Fleet; with effect from the 16th *September*, 1931.”

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.*