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FRIDAY, 29 JULY, 1932.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *July*, 1932.

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 12th day of July, 1932 (C.W. 5587/32), 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 Order in Council bearing date the 13th July, 1928, regulations were laid down to govern the qualification of Officers of Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines as Interpreters in certain modern foreign languages:

"And whereas we consider it desirable to supplement the above regulations:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of the regulations proposed in the attached Schedule.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"(1) Officers who have received compulsory instruction in French at the R.N. College, Greenwich, or at the R.N.E. College, Keyham, and who failed, or omitted to qualify as Interpreter in French on completing their course, will only be appointed for the study of French abroad in very special circumstances and the maximum period of such appointment will not exceed 3 months. If they subsequently qualify as Interpreter in French they will be entitled to gratuities on the reduced scale, viz.:—£15 for the higher or £7 10s. for the lower standard; any such cases to come out of the stipulated number allowed to study abroad.

"(2) Officers who attain the lower standard in French (Acting Interpreter) on completion of their course at the R.N. College, Greenwich, or at the R.N.E. College, Keyham, and who later attain the higher standard will be eligible for the difference between the lower and higher reduced gratuities, viz.:—£7 10s."

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.