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FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER, 1932.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of December, 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 5th day of December, 1932 (P.M. 549/32), 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 His late Majesty's Orders in Council bearing date the 16th day of February, 1903, and the 7th day of August, 1905, Chief Petty Officers of Your Majesty's Navy are eligible for an allowance of one halfpenny a day for every year served in the rating of Chief Petty Officer subsequent to the completion of the first period of their Continuous Service engagement or, if transferred from Your Majesty's Marine Force, subsequent to the completion of twelve years' combined service from the age of 18:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 7th day of February, 1921, to sanction the same scale of pensions for men of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces:

"And whereas we consider it desirable that a man should not be debarred from receiving the aforesaid allowance because he has not completed, owing to a break in service, the actual period of twelve calendar years for which he first engaged to serve:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to direct that the service qualifying for the allowance shall be that rendered subsequent to the date of completing 12 years' actual service from the commencing date of first continuous service or Royal Marine engagement and that this rule shall apply to all men to whom the aforesaid Orders in Council relate pensioned from Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces on or after the 1st day of January, 1932.

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"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.