

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 1933.

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 18th day of December, 1933 (N. 5334), 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 in consequence of the urgent need of economy in public expenditure it was in the opinion of Your Majesty's Government essential that a substantial reduction in the cost of pay of officers and men of Your Majesty's Fighting Forces should be effected as from the 1st day of October, 1931:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 7th day of February, 1933, to approve of the revised scales of pay and revised regulations regarding the pay and pensions of Naval ratings and ranks of the Royal Marines necessary to effect the desired economy so far as personnel below the rank of officer in the Naval Forces of the Crown were concerned:

"And whereas we are of opinion that the said regulations should be so amended as to provide that no Naval rating or rank of the Royal Marines on entering into a fresh engagement subsequently to the 30th day of September, 1931, should suffer immediate loss of substantive pay, and similarly that no Naval rating or rank of the Royal Marines should on being pensioned be subject to a reduced scale of pension except in respect of service in an engagement entered into subsequently to the 30th day of September, 1931:

"And whereas we are of opinion that the regulations approved by Your Order in Council bearing date the 7th day of February, 1933, require modification in certain other respects:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve the cancellation of the Rules contained in paragraphs 1 to 12 of the second schedule to Your aforesaid Order in Council bearing date the 7th February, 1933, and their replacement by the rules detailed in the Schedule annexed hereto, such rules to have effect in all respects as though they had been incorporated in that Order.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"*Regulations relating to Re-engagement and Pensions.*

"1. Continuous Service ratings who, on or before the 30th September, 1931, re-engaged

to complete time for pension, Royal Marines who, on or before the 30th September, 1931, re-engaged for a second period, and non-continuous Service ratings who, on the 30th September, 1931, were serving under engagements which enable them to complete 22 years' pensionable service, will retain the rates of pay laid down in Schedule I of the Order in Council of the 7th February, 1933 (hereinafter called the 1931 scale) during the currency of such re-engagement or engagement.

"2. Similar ratings of the Royal Navy or ranks of the Royal Marines who, on or before the 30th September, 1931, had under existing regulations completed the necessary service to qualify for re-engagement to complete time for pension, or in the case of Royal Marines for re-engagement for a second period, and who so re-engaged before the 1st January, 1932, will be paid on the 1931 scale during the currency of such re-engagement.

"3. All ranks of the Royal Marines in receipt of pay on the 1931 scale who had completed, on or before the 30th September, 1931, 10 years' pensionable service, and who, not later than the 30th June, 1932, declared in writing their intention of re-engaging for a second period so soon as such re-engagement is open to them, will continue to receive pay on the 1931 scale during the period for which they ultimately re-engage.

"4. All other men in receipt of pay on the 1931 scale will continue to be paid on that scale until the normal dates of expiration of their engagements current on the 30th September, 1931. Thereafter, if they have re-engaged for further service, they will, except as provided in rule 5 of these regulations, receive pay at the rates laid down in Orders in Council of the 3rd November, 1927, the 1st February, 1926, and the 20th November, 1928 (hereinafter called the 1925 scale).

"5. After the normal dates of expiration of their engagements current on the 30th September, 1931, the men referred to in rule 4 will, except as provided in rule 9 below and so long as their service is continuous, be permitted to retain during any subsequent engagement the actual rate of substantive pay on the 1931 scale to which they were previously entitled, until by increment or advancement they become entitled to a higher rate on the 1925 scale. The provision in this rule is hereinafter referred to as payment on the mark-time basis.

"6. Members of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service and the Royal Marine Police in receipt of pay on the 1931 scale will be eligible to be paid on the mark-time basis on re-engagement, provided that there is no break in their service.

"7. Men reverted or disrated from a rating in which they are being paid on the mark-time basis will be paid, in the lower rating to which they are reverted or disrated, on the 1931 scale on the mark-time basis; and on subsequent re-advancement they will be paid on the 1925 scale.

"8. Men who have been advanced from a rating in which they were paid on the mark-time basis to a rating in which they are paid on the 1925 scale, and who are reverted or disrated, will be paid in the lower rating to which they are reverted or disrated on the 1931 scale on the mark-time basis; and on