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TUESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1934

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *February*, 1934.

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 February, 1934 (C.W. 608/34), 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 dated the 13th day of August, 1920, it is provided, *inter alia*, that Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders of Your Majesty's Fleet must pass a prescribed Professional Examination to qualify for promotion to the rank of Surgeon Commander and certain regulations are laid down as to the advancement or retirement of these officers conditional upon the result of this examination:

“And whereas circumstances have arisen to prevent a number of Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders of Your Majesty's Fleet who are otherwise eligible for promotion to the rank of Surgeon Commander in 1934 from undergoing

the prescribed Professional Examination and similar circumstances may arise in the future:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to grant us discretionary power to promote Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders to the rank of Surgeon Commander without passing the prescribed professional examination when failure to do so is due to the exigencies of the service or to other causes beyond their own control, provided they are otherwise qualified for promotion.

“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 26th day of *February*, 1934.

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 22nd day of February,