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FRIDAY, 5 APRIL, 1935

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *March*, 1935.

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 March, 1935 (C.W. 2161/35), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 29th day of June, 1934, to provide, *inter alia*, for the payment of gratuities of £1,000 to Medical Officers of Your Majesty's Naval Service on completion of five years' full pay service from date of entry, and to provide also for the payment of a revised scale of gratuities on the retirement or withdrawal of these Officers:

“And whereas arrangements have been made with the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund for the grant of scholarships in aid of

the cost of the medical education of the sons of Officers and men, and ex-Officers and men of Your Majesty's Forces, on the condition that holders of these scholarships undertake to enter the Royal Navy as Medical Officers, when qualified to practise medicine and surgery:

“And whereas the cost of these scholarships is borne by Naval Funds, and we consider, therefore, that we should be authorised to deduct, at our discretion, and in such manner as may seem to us to be desirable, the value of the scholarship, either in whole or in part, from any gratuity which may be payable under the provisions of Your Order in Council bearing date the 29th day of June, 1934, to a Medical Officer who has entered the Royal Navy in accordance with his undertaking as the holder of one of these scholarships, and who fails to complete fifteen years' service in the Royal Navy:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorise us to make deductions accordingly, at our discretion, from the gratuities of such Medical Officers who fail for any reason to complete the qualifying service of fifteen years mentioned above, including as qualifying service for this purpose any period of ante-dated seniority which may have been granted under the provisions of Part IA, Clause 3, of the Schedule to Your Majesty's aforesaid Order in Council, except that no deduction shall be made from the gratuity of a Medical Officer who is invalided from Your Majesty's Naval Service for a cause