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TUESDAY, 4 JANUARY, 1938

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 1937.

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 15th day of December, 1937 (C.W. 11257/37), 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 Section 3 of the Officers of Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1863, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that Officers of the Reserve shall be entitled to receive such pay and allowances as we, with the consent of Your Majesty in Council, may from time to time appoint:

"And whereas by the Naval Forces Act, 1903, it is enacted that the Admiralty shall have power to raise and maintain a Force to be called the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and that any Volunteer enrolling under this Act, when serving for training afloat or called out for actual service shall be deemed to be serving in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force within the meaning of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865:

"And whereas by Section X to Schedule V of Order in Council bearing date 22nd January, 1920, provision was made, *inter alia*, for the institution of a permanent Branch of Dental Surgeons, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve of the ranks of Surgeon Lieutenant (D), and Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D), with rates of pay as laid down for the Dental Branch, Royal Navy:

"And whereas we desire to institute the rank of Surgeon Commander (D), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the institution of the rank of Surgeon Commander (D), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, as set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto.

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

" SCHEDULE.

"(a) Promotion to Surgeon Commander (D) to be by selection and after 12 years total service in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

"(b) Full Pay to be at rates laid down from time to time for Surgeon Commander (D), Royal Navy, mobilised service only to count for increase in pay in rank.

"(c) *Retirement.*

"(1) Surgeon Commanders (D), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve to be retired compulsorily on reaching the age of 55.

"(2) Step in rank to be granted to

"(a) Those Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders (D) who are not promoted to the rank of Surgeon Commander (D), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and who retire on reaching the age of 45, provided they