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FRIDAY, 17 MARCH, 1939

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *March*, 1939.

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 3rd day of March, 1939 (C.W. 2585/39) 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 Your Order in Council dated the 18th of March, 1937, Your Majesty was pleased to provide for the transfer to the Royal Navy of officers from the Mercantile Marine who are members of the Royal Naval Reserves:

"And whereas we consider that the growing needs of Your Majesty's Fleet render it necessary that provision should be made for the transfer of officers of the Mercantile Marine who are not members of the Royal Naval Reserve:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the entry of such officers under the conditions set forth in the annexed Schedule.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"*Conditions for the transfer to the Royal Navy of Officers of the Mercantile Marine, who are not members of the Royal Naval Reserve.*

"Officers must hold a Board of Trade certificate as 2nd Mate, or a higher certificate, and fulfil such other conditions as may be, from time to time, laid down by the Admiralty.

"2. Officers to be appointed in the probationary rank of Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant at the discretion of the Admiralty.

"3. Such officers to be eligible for promotion as laid down in paragraphs 2 B, 3 and 4 of Schedule I to Order in Council of the 18th March 1937 (No. 140/C.W.) subject to their being required to serve on probation for a period of 12 months instead of 9 months. Confirmation in their rank and promotion will in all cases be subject to recommendation by their Commanding Officer and at the discretion of the Admiralty.

"4. Rates of full pay, retired pay, gratuities, pensions for widows and compassionate allowances for children and other conditions to be as laid down in Order in Council of 18th March, 1937 (No. 140/C.W.) for Officers transferred from the Royal Naval Reserve."

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.

Rupert B. Howorth