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TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1939

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *September*, 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 21st day of August, 1939 (N. 6372/39), 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 Order in Council dated the 6th May, 1938, provision was made for serving ranks of the Royal Air Force to be

transferred to the Aircraft Maintenance branches of the Royal Navy:

“ And whereas, in order to increase the number of higher supervisory and technical ratings of the Air Artificer branch and of the Air Fitter branch, we now consider it necessary to enter into the Royal Navy qualified men who have been discharged from the Royal Air Force:

“ And whereas we are of opinion that an allowance of 1s. a day should be payable as Machinery Allowance to Chief and other Air Artificers when employed as the senior Air Artificer in a squadron:

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty by Your Order in Council may be graciously pleased to sanction the proposals for the pay and other conditions of service for men, late of the Royal Air Force, who are entered into the Royal Navy, and for the institution of Machinery Allowance for Air Artificer ratings as set out in the accompanying schedule.

“ The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the above proposals.