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TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1939

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *October*, 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 25th day of September, 1939 (N. 8692/39), 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 Majesty's Order in Council dated the 25th July, 1939, sanction was given for the payment of Marriage Allowance in respect of Seamen, Marines and Reservists of the age of 20 years and over:

“And whereas by Order in Council dated the 13th August, 1920, sanction was given to the continuance of Marriage Allowance, together with an amount equal to the appropriate qualifying allotment, for four weeks following the notification of the death of the man concerned:

“And whereas we are of opinion that during the period of present hostilities Marriage Allowance should be issuable whatever the age of the husband:

“And whereas we are further of opinion that during the period of hostilities Marriage Allowance, with the appropriate qualifying allotment, should be continuable for a longer period than four weeks after the death of the man:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction, with effect from the 7th September, 1939, the payment of Marriage Allowance in respect of Seamen, Marines and Reservists of any age, and the payment of Marriage Allowance, with a payment equal to the appropriate qualifying allotment, for thirteen weeks following the notification of the death of the man concerned, subject to any adjustments that may be necessary to avoid an overlap with pension should one be payable.

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

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.