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FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *February*, 1940.

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 1st day of February, 1940 (N.990/40), 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 Order in Council of 21st July, 1932, sanctioned the grant of extra pay of one shilling a day to Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers of the Writer and Supply Branches who are qualified in cypher duties and who are employed regularly in peace time on these duties in sloops and similar vessels on detached service on foreign stations, where not more than one Accountant Officer is borne, payment being confined to the days on which the ratings actually perform cyphering duties which entail a considerable amount of work outside their normal working hours:

“And whereas Order in Council of 8th August, 1933, extended payment of the allowance to ratings employed at Your Majesty's Naval Wireless Stations abroad subject to the conditions applicable to ratings serving afloat:

“And whereas we consider it necessary that ratings of the Writer or Supply Branches below the rank of Petty Officer should be employed exceptionally on full cypher duties in war time at small shore stations other than Naval Wireless Stations abroad and in small ships both at home and abroad, and that other ratings not necessarily of the Writer and Supply Branches should be employed as Cypher Assistants:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorise payment of allowances as follows:—

(1) An allowance of one shilling a day to ratings of the Writer and Supply Branches when specially employed on full cyphering duties at small Bases, and in appointments where not more than one Accountant Officer is borne; payment of the allowance to be confined to days on which the duties entail considerable work outside normal working hours.

(2) An allowance of six pence a day to ratings employed to a considerable extent as Cypher Assistants in addition to the work upon which they would otherwise be engaged.

“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.