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TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 7th day of *August*, 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 5th day of August, 1940 (C.W. 16329/40), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council dated 16th April, 1923, to sanction regulations governing the compulsory retirement of Officers of the Royal Marines after periods of non-service:

"And whereas a revised establishment of General Officers, Royal Marines, was sanctioned by Your Order in Council dated 3rd March, 1936:

"And whereas, under existing regulations, Officers of the Royal Marines for whom no further employment is intended may be promoted to General Officer and qualify for the scale of retired pay attaching to the higher rank:

"And whereas we consider it desirable to amend the existing regulations concerning the conditions of service and retirement of such Officers:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the introduction of the regulations in the annexed schedule.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"1. Not more than two of the officers who have been appointed as Colonels Commandant to be promoted to the rank of Major General at Admiralty discretion during the tenure of their appointments, without alteration to the total number of such appointments.

"2. Officers so promoted to receive the full pay of a Major General together with Entertaining Allowance of 10s. a day and Duty Allowance of 5s. a day. The Good Service Pension payable under present regulations to such officers to be in abeyance.

"3. An officer so promoted, when he relinquishes his command, if it is decided that he will not be further employed, to be placed on the Retired List in the rank of Major General with retired pay of £950 per annum. If, however, further employment, either as Adjutant General or otherwise, be probable, such an officer to be retained on the Active List as a Major General additional to establishment and to receive full pay while awaiting further employment.

"4. The officer selected to be Adjutant General to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General on appointment. The regulations as to his promotion to General to remain as at present.

"5. The foregoing regulations to apply to all officers promoted to the rank of Colonel Second Commandant on or after the 1st May,