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TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *October* 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 15th day of October, 1940 (P.M. 3872/40), 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 service 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 Orders in Council bearing dates the 6th February, 1922, and the 9th March, 1939 sanction was given, *inter alia*, to certain scales of pensions and gratuities to Seamen and Marines who consequent on wounds, hurts, or disability, are invalided from Your Majesty's Naval Service before completing time for Long Service Pension:

“And whereas by Order in Council dated the 21st September, 1939, it was provided that the gratuities payable under Order in Council of the 6th February, 1922, Schedule I (Service element) (b), and Schedule II (b), and under the Schedule to Order in Council of the 9th March, 1939, should not be paid to Seamen and Marines who may be entered only for a period of hostilities:

“And whereas we are of opinion that the provisions of Order in Council dated the 21st September, 1939, should not apply to mobilised members of the Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer (Wireless) Reserve, who, essentially in the interest of the Service, are discharged from their respective Reserve engagements and execute ‘Hostilities Only’ engagements to serve in other branches of the Naval Service not allowed in the Reserve; and that in such circumstances the time spent under a ‘Hostilities Only’ engagement should be allowed to reckon as mobilised service in the Reserve for the purposes of the award of compensation in the event of invaliding or death during the currency of such engagement, and for the purpose of qualifying for the full Reserve gratuity in the case of Royal Fleet and Royal Naval Reservists.

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the amendment of Order in Council dated 21st September, 1939 accordingly.

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

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.*