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FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1944

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *August*, 1944.

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 14th day of July, 1944 (C.W. 13733/44), 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 of the 19th day of May, 1899, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to sanction certain regulations as to the periods of service qualifying various officers of Your Majesty's Navy for promotion to higher ranks:

"And whereas it was then enacted that to qualify for promotion to the rank of Commander on the Active List, a Lieutenant should be required to perform four years' service as such, of which three years must have been in a 'Ship of War at Sea':

"And whereas this rule bears hardly in the case of Warrant Officers promoted direct to the rank of Lieutenant under Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 25th day of May, 1939, in that the ante-dating of their seniority as Lieutenant by half their Warrant Officer's time, has the effect of curtailing the time available in which they can obtain their sea time as Lieutenant or Lieutenant Commander, which curtailment is increased in the case of those officers who also receive a grant of additional seniority:

"We are of the opinion that it is desirable in the interests of Your Majesty's Naval Service that Warrant Officers who have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant under the provisions of Your Majesty's Order in Council, of 25th day of May, 1939, should be allowed to count all their sea service in Officer's rank (i.e. as Warrant Officer, Lieutenant and Lieutenant Commander) for the purposes of promotion to the rank of Commander on the Active List.

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction 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.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *August*, 1944.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
Lord Templemore.
Mr. Butler.
Mr. Lyttelton.
Sir Geoffrey Lawrence.

WHEREAS the Foreign Marriages (China) Order in Council, 1938 (S.R. & O. No. 1364), prohibits the solemnization by marriage officers in China of marriages between parties either of whom is serving in China in H.M. Naval or Military Forces or the R.A.F.:

And whereas it appears that without the exercise of their powers under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892 (55 & 56 Vict. c. 23), by marriage officers in China sufficient facilities for such marriages do not exist in China under the forms of marriage referred to in Sections 12 and 22 of the said Act:

And whereas the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893 (56 & 57 Vict. c. 66), have been complied with in respect of the regulation hereinafter set forth:

Now, therefore, His Majesty by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred by the Foreign Marriage Act, 1892, or otherwise enabling Him in this behalf is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Foreign Marriages (China) (Repeal) Order in Council, 1944.
2. The Foreign Marriages (China) Order in Council, 1938, is hereby repealed.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *August*, 1944.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 1 of the Education Act, 1944 (7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31) (hereinafter called "the Act") it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty to appoint a Minister whose duty it shall be to promote the education of the people of England and Wales and the progressive development of institutions devoted to that purpose, and to secure the effective execution by local authorities, under his control and direction, of the national policy for providing a varied and comprehensive educational service in every area:

And whereas by subsection (2) of the said section it is enacted that the said Minister shall for all purposes be a corporation sole under the name of the Minister of Education:

And whereas by section 2 of the Act provision is made for a declaration by His Majesty in Council