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TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1949

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *October*, 1949.

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 17th day of *October*, 1949, (C.W. 3524/49) in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-second day of *January*, 1920, Schedule B, the titles of certain Warrant Officers and Officers promoted from Warrant rank were revised:

"And whereas from time to time certain other alterations to Warrant Officer titles have been provided for by various subsequent Orders in Council:

"And whereas we are of the opinion that the title 'Warrant Officer' and the term 'Warrant List' in use in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines should no longer be used but be replaced by 'Branch Officer' and 'Branch List' respectively:

"And whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh of *April*, 1948, rates of pay were laid down for Warrant Officers and Officers promoted therefrom which we now wish to apply to Officers on the Branch List:

"And 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:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the proposals contained in the Schedule annexed hereto with effect from the 5th day of *April*, 1949, in substitution for the provisions previously authorised, which changes involve the appointment by commission of those Warrant Officers hitherto appointed by warrant but otherwise no change in rates of pay, uniform, or duties.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"TITLES OF WARRANT OFFICERS AND OFFICERS PROMOTED FROM WARRANT RANK.

"The term 'Warrant List' to be abolished and to be known in future as the 'Branch List'; the generic title for officers on this list to be 'Branch Officers'. All officers on the Branch List to be appointed by commission. Their rates of pay to be as laid down for corresponding Warrant Officers (Naval and Royal Marine) and officers promoted therefrom in Order in Council dated 27th *April*, 1948.

"2. The titles of Officers on the Branch List to be as in the right hand column following:—

"Old Title on the Warrant List

Gunner
Commissioned Gunner
Gunner (T)
Commissioned Gunner (T)
Gunner (T.A.S.)
Commissioned Gunner (T.A.S.)
Boatswain
Commissioned Boatswain
Boatswain (Q.D.D.)
Commissioned Boatswain (Q.D.D.)
Boatswain (A/S)
Commissioned Boatswain (A/S)
Boatswain (P.R.)
Commissioned Boatswain (P.R.)
Boatswain (P.T. & W.)
Commissioned Boatswain (P.T. & W.)
Warrant P.T. & W. Officer
Commissioned P.T. & W. Officer
Warrant Communication Officer
Commissioned Communication Officer
Warrant Master-at-Arms
Commissioned Master-at-Arms
Warrant Flying Officer (P)
Commissioned Flying Officer (P)
Warrant Flying Officer (AC)
Commissioned Flying Officer (AC)
Warrant Air Officer (O)
Commissioned Air Officer (O)
Warrant Air Officer (AG)

New Title on the Branch List

Commissioned Gunner
Senior Commissioned Gunner
Commissioned Gunner (T)
Senior Commissioned Gunner (T)
Commissioned Gunner (T.A.S.)
Senior Commissioned Gunner (T.A.S.)
Commissioned Boatswain
Senior Commissioned Boatswain
Commissioned Boatswain (Q.D.D.)
Senior Commissioned Boatswain (Q.D.D.)
Commissioned Boatswain (A/S)
Senior Commissioned Boatswain (A/S)
Commissioned Boatswain (P.R.)
Senior Commissioned Boatswain (P.R.)
Commissioned Boatswain (P.T. & W.)
Senior Commissioned Boatswain (P.T. & W.)
Commissioned P.T. & W. Officer
Senior Commissioned P.T. & W. Officer
Commissioned Communication Officer
Senior Commissioned Communication Officer
Commissioned Master-at-Arms
Senior Commissioned Master-at-Arms
Commissioned Pilot
Senior Commissioned Pilot
Commissioned Observer
Senior Commissioned Observer
Commissioned Air Officer (O)
Senior Commissioned Air Officer (O)
Commissioned Air Officer (AG)