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FRIDAY, 25 MAY, 1956

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“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;

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“And whereas by Order in Council dated the 29th September, 1949, revised scales and conditions of service pensions and gratuities were laid down for Chinese and Malayan Petty Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval Forces;

“And whereas by Order in Council dated 30th June, 1955, sanction was given, *inter alia*, to revised scales of pensions and gratuities to Native Petty Officers and Men other than Europeans (whether or not British Subjects) who consequent on wounds, hurts or disability, are invalidated from Your Majesty's Naval Service, and to the grant at our discretion of certain scales of compensation in respect of the death of such Native ratings:

“And whereas we deem it expedient to make provision for the grant of service gratuities to those Chinese and Malayan Petty Officers and Men who are invalidated from Your Majesty's Naval Forces without entitlement to service pension and who have completed six or more years reckonable service prior to discharge;

“And whereas we deem it expedient that the Special Scheme for Ceylonese Ratings which was introduced, with effect from 3rd July, 1945, should be discontinued for such ratings invalidated after 31st January, 1955, and that they should receive the same scales of compensation as other Native Petty Officers and Men:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction an addition to Section “B” of the Schedule to Order in Council dated 29th September, 1949, in accordance with the proposals set out below, with effect from 19th December, 1945.

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve by Your Order in Council that, with effect from 1st February, 1955,

“A Chinese or Malayan R.N. rating who is invalidated without entitlement to service pension and who has six or more years reckonable service prior to his discharge may be granted a service gratuity assessed as follows:—

“(a) Ceylonese Native Petty Officers and Men who, consequent on wounds, hurts or disability, are invalidated from Your Majesty's Naval Service, shall be granted at our discretion the scales of compensation appropriate to other Non-European Native ratings: and

	£	s.	d.
“For each complete year in excess of five years but less than ten years ...	3	10	0
“For each complete year in excess of ten years	8	15	0
“Subject to a maximum gratuity of £70 Os. 0d.			

“(b) Widows and dependants of Ceylonese Native Petty Officers and Men whose deaths are certified as having been caused by the conditions of service of Your Majesty's Naval Service shall receive the same non-effective benefits as the widows and dependants of other Non-European Native ratings in similar circumstances.

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

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