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FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1956

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of October, 1956.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'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 26th day of October, 1956 (N.P. 5175/56) 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 we deem it expedient to revise and to improve the provision for the grant of pensions to the widows and children of officers and seamen and marines in respect of service in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and to provide gratuities for the widows and children of officers and seamen and marines who die in the course of such service:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to award pensions and gratuities at the rates and subject to the conditions specified in the Schedule annexed hereto:

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

“SCHEDULE.

“SECTION I.

“Pensions for Widows and Children of Regular Naval and Marine Officers.

“1. The provisions in this section relate to the widows and children of Officers who held permanent regular commissions in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines while serving on the Active List on or after 31st August, 1950.

“They shall be effective from 1st December, 1952, and for those to whom they apply shall be in place, with effect from that date, of the corresponding provisions of earlier Orders in Council.

“2. Pensions at the rates set out below may be granted to the widow and children of a permanent regular officer who dies while on the Active List or after retirement, provided the officer was granted or was eligible for half pay or service retired pay, or, in the case of death while serving, would have been so eligible had he been invalided, under the provisions of sections I and II of Order in Council of the 28th July, 1949, as amended by sections I and II of Order in Council of the 30th January, 1952.

“Rank of Husband.

Rate of widow's pension.

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Admiral of the Fleet ... ..	500 a year
Admiral, General, R.M. ... ..	425 a year
Vice Admiral, Lieutenant General, R.M. ... ..	350 a year
Rear Admiral, Major General, R.M. ... ..	300 a year
Captain, R.N., after 6 years, Colonel, R. M. ... ..	250 a year
Captain, R.N. with less than 6 years	} 220 a year
Lieutenant-Colonel, R.M. ... ..	
Commander, R.N., Major, R.M. ... ..	180 a year
Lieutenant-Commander, R.N., Captain, R.M. ... ..	140 a year
Lieutenant, R.N. and R.M. ... ..	110 a year
Senior Commissioned Officer (Branch List) ... ..	110 a year
Commissioned Officer (Branch List)	80 a year

“Chaplains

Chaplain of the Fleet ... ..	300 a year
Chaplains—	
with 10 but less than 14 years service ... ..	140 a year
with 14 but less than 22 years service ... ..	180 a year
with service of 22 years and over	
(i) below age 50 on retirement	180 a year
(ii) aged 50 and over on retirement ... ..	220 a year

“Children of

“Officers (all ranks including Senior Commissioned Officer, Branch List) ... ..	each 32 a year
If motherless ... ..	each 50 a year
“Commissioned Officer (Branch List) ... ..	each 26 a year
If motherless ... ..	each 45 a year

“3. Rank for the above purpose will be as set out in Clause 21 of Order in Council of the 28th July, 1949. Higher paid acting or temporary rank, and rank held during further service after retirement, will be taken into account to the same extent as for retired pay purposes.

“4. Where a permanent officer with previous service as a regular rating or other rank is invalided or dies while serving, with less than 10 years reckonable service but with 15 or more years total service, a widow's pension at the appropriate full rate may, nevertheless, be awarded at the discretion of the Admiralty. If, however, less than 15 years and more than 12 years total service has been rendered, a widow's pension at the rate of £60 a year may be awarded subject to two of the last five years service having been performed in commissioned rank or as Regimental Sergeant Major, R.M.