

pence a day to the Warrant Officer performing the duties of Mail Officer at Hong Kong :

"And whereas it has been found necessary to appoint Mail Officers at other places abroad :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of an allowance of Sixpence a day to any Warrant Officer appointed to perform the duties of Mail Officer at places abroad where in our opinion the responsibilities and onerous nature of the duties justify such payment.

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

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at St. James', the 7th day of November 1910.

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 4th day of November 1910, 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 and 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 the increased requirements of large modern ships have made it desirable in our opinion, to create a Class of Marine Warrant Officers qualified to perform duties analogous to those performed by Gunners in Your Majesty's Navy.

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

"(a) The creation of a new rank of Warrant Officer of Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines, distinct from the Regimental Sergeant-Major, to be designated Gunnery Sergeant-Major with status and training, so far as possible, assimilated to that of Gunner in Your Majesty's Navy :

"(b) The numbers of these Warrant Officers to be 20, and to be in addition to the authorised establishment of Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines :

"(c) The pay of these Warrant Officers while on the Active List to be the same as that of a Gunner in Your Majesty's Navy, Gunnery Allowance of one shilling and sixpence, or of one shilling a day, according to

the class of certificate obtained in qualifying for promotion, being paid when appointed for Gunnery duties :

"If subsequently selected for the post of Regimental Sergeant-Major, to receive the pay attaching to that appointment :

"(d) An addition of sixpence a day to their pension calculated on the existing Marine Warrant Officers' scale, provided they have 15 years' service as Warrant Officers, 30 years' total service, and at least five years' service in a ship of war at sea as Gunnery Sergeant-Major :

"(e) Pensions to widows to be on the scale of other Warrant Officers in Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines.

"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.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at St. James', the 7th day of November 1910.

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 1910, 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, and 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 in Article 1484, Clause 4, of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service provision is made for the repayment of travelling expenses, in excess of four pounds ten shillings, incurred by Officers in returning to their homes when discharged to retired pay at distant ports in the United Kingdom :

"And whereas we consider it desirable that some further relief should be afforded to Chief Officers of Your Majesty's Coast Guard Service when discharged to pension, owing to the heavy expenses incurred by these Officers in transferring their families and effects from the Coast Guard Station where they have made their home :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of the following expenses to Chief Officers of Coast Guard when discharged :—