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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1912.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of March 1912.

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 16th day of March 1912, in the words following, viz. :--

"Whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted that all pay, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants 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, or to the widow or any relative of a deceased officer, seaman or marine, 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 have had under consideration the emoluments of the First Sea Lord of the Board of Admiralty, who receives in addition to the naval half-pay of his rank, a salary of fifteen hundred pounds a year, together with a house allowance of two hundred pounds a year or a house :

"And whereas by Order in Council of His late Majesty, bearing date the 8th day of January 1906, a special rate of half-pay of two thousand pounds a year was authorised for

the First Sea Lord in the event of the position being held by an officer of the rank of Admiral of the Fleet who has renderd exceptional and special service :

"And whereas, in view of the responsible nature of the duties, we consider it desirable that a special rate of half-pay should be authorised in the event of the position being held by an officer of the rank of Admiral:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us in such a case, as from the 5th day of December 1911, to grant half-pay at the special rate of fifteen hundred pounds a year, so long as the officer in question holds the office of First Sea Lord.

"We further beg leave humbly to recommend that, on retirement from the office of First Sea Lord or from the Active List of Your Majesty's Navy, the officer should be granted the same rate of non-effective pay as is ordinarily payable to Admirals of the Fleet, viz., three pounds seven shillings per diem.

"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.