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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1916.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December 1916.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 14th day of December 1916, 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 lishment of a Hunder the Regularity and the Payable in respect 1916. "The Lords Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be

paid in such manuer, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions; as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas we consider that certain changes should be made in the Regulations governing the conditions of service of Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet employed on Transport Duties:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the establishment of a Royal Naval Transport Service, under the Regulations set forth in the annexed Schedule, with effect as from the 1st December 1916.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"1. The following to be the grades, rank and scale of pay of Naval Transport Officers:-

Grade of Transport Officer.	Equivalent Rank.	Pay. Consolidated Rate.
Principal Naval Transport Officer. Divisional Naval Transport Officer.	If a Flag Officer, the Rank he holds Otherwise Commodore, 2nd Ciass Captain	£1700 £1100 £800
Transport Officer, 1st grade	Commander, unless already of higher Rank when he retains that Rank.	£550
,, ,, 2nd grade	Lientenant-Commander	$\pounds 450$
" 3rd grade	Lieutenant	£400
, 4th Grade	Sub-Lieutenant or Warrant Officer	£250