

to the prosecution of the war or otherwise connected with the public safety or the defence of the Realm."

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of November 1917.

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 25th day of October 1917, 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 consider that the emoluments of Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors in the Royal Marines are inadequate.

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of the following allowances being granted to these Warrant Officers, with effect as from the 10th October 1917.

"Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Gunnery to receive, in addition to their pay, Gunnery Instructional Allowance of 6d. a day, and such gunlayer pay as they are qualified for.

"Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Musketry and Infantry to receive Instructional Allowance of 6d. a day.

"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 Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of November 1917.

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 28th day of October 1917, 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 allow-

ances 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 28th day of June, 1917, to institute the Commissioned Warrant Rank of Commissioned Master at Arms, and to provide that one Officer of this rank should be borne pending the operation of the rule under which deserving Warrant Officers belonging to Classes in which Commissioned Warrant Rank is attainable are promoted to Commissioned Warrant Rank after 15 years' service as Warrant Officer:

"And whereas we consider that, pending the operation of this rule, the number of Commissioned Masters at Arms allowed should be increased to three:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of such increase in the number of Commissioned Masters at Arms; the Officers of this rank to be included in the established number of Chief Masters at Arms.

"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.

Treasury Chambers,
17th November 1917.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

TREASURY (SECURITIES) ORDER, 1917 (No. 5).

Whereas the Treasury have power under Regulations 7c, 7d, and 7e of the Defence of the Realm Regulations (inserted in those regulations by an Order in Council dated the twenty-fourth day of January nineteen hundred and seventeen) to apply Regulation 7c to certain securities and to take possession or require delivery of the securities to which the regulation is for the time being applicable subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the regulation:—

And whereas the Treasury are of opinion that for the purpose of strengthening the financial position of the country it is expedient that Regulation 7c should be applied to ordinary shares (including sub-shares and provisional certificates) of the Royal Dutch Company for the Working of Petroleum Wells in Netherlands India, which securities are in this Order referred to as "the Royal Dutch securities."

Now, therefore, in pursuance of their powers under the said regulations, and of all other powers