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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of October 1918.

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 21st day of October 1918, 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 the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service provide that an Officer holding Acting Rank shall be entitled only to the lowest rate of full pay applicable to the Rank in which he is acting: "And whereas a number of Pensioner and

"And whereas a number of Pensioner and Royal Fleet Reserve Men have been granted Temporary Acting Warrant Rank during the period of Hostilities, and we consider that these Officers should be granted the same increments of pay, according to the length of their service in Warrant Rank, as are granted to the Confirmed Officers of similar Rank on the Permanent List of Your Majesty's Navy :

"And whereas the Regulations further provide

that the grant of widow's pension to the widow of a Warrant Officer, and of compassionate allowances to his children, can only be authorised in cases where the Officer has completed one year's satisfactory service as Warrant Officer, and has been confirmed in Rank, unless his death was attributable to the service :

"And whereas we consider that the widows of Temporary Acting Warrant Officers should be granted widow's pensions, and their children compassionate allowances, under the conditions applicable to other Warrant Officers, provided the Officer has completed one year's satisfactory service as Temporary Acting Warrant Officer, notwithstanding the fact that Temporary Acting Warrant Officers do not receive confirmation in Rank :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the grant to these Officers of the increments of full pay authorised for Confirmed Warrant Officers, Royal Navy, and of pensions and allowances to their widows and children as proposed above.

their widows and children as proposed above. "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.

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