pay being assessed on the appropriate scale for such rank, subject to the proviso that whether such retirement takes place at the age of 50 years or earlier, the deduction to be made in respect of each full year wanting to complete the period of service prescribed in the scale, according to age at the date of retirement, shall not be limited to five years; provided always that the rate of retired pay awarded on this basis shall not be less than the amount for which the Officer would have been eligible had he been retired in the rank of Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander at the age

of 45. 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.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 8th day of December 1924.

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 15th day of November 1924 (N. 3860/24), in the words following,

"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

And whereas the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service provide that a man holding an acting rating is to receive the lowest scale of pay of that rating, and further that, in certain cases, when an acting rating is confirmed, his confirmation in rating may be antedated, with the result that in some instances he then becomes entitled to payment of progressive pay in respect of a period during which he has actually served in an acting rating:

"And whereas we consider it desirable to dispense with the necessity for antedating con-

firmation in rating:
"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that, subject to such exceptions as may from time to time be provided for by the Regulations of Your Majesty's Naval Service, payment of progressive pay may be made in respect of a period during which an acting rating has been held,

until the man has been confirmed in his rating, when payment of progressive pay shall be made

as from the date of qualification.
"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their con-

currence in this proposal.

Majesty having taken the 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.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 8th day of December 1924.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in His Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an 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 by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, as amended by section 1 of the War Pensions Act, 1920, it is enacted that there shall be transferred to the Minister of Pensions (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") certain powers and duties of the Admiralty with respect to pensions and grants to persons who have served as officers or men:

And whereas provision was made in His Majesty's Order in Council of 11th June 1920, and by Regulations thereto annexed (herein-after referred to as "the Regulations of 1920") for pensions to certain seamen and marines disabled in consequence of the Great War (hereinafter referred to as "the war"):

And whereas it has been represented to His Majesty by the Minister that it is desirable to make further provision concerning the pensions of certain classes of such seamen and marines:

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken the said proposals into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and hereby sanctions the Regulations hereto annexed.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

REGULATIONS FOR PENSIONS OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF BRITISH SEAMEN AND MARINES.

1. A seaman or marine who was discharged as medically unfit for further service on the recommendation of a Board of Medical Officers during the War, or, if after the 30th day of provided that such payment shall not be made September 1921, in consequence of disability