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 by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 22nd January 1920, Schedule V., Section VII., it is provided, *inter alia*, that Majors, Royal Marines, shall under certain conditions be granted unemployed pay when unemployed through causes other than at their own request or in consequence of misconduct:

"And whereas we consider that senior Majors, Royal Marines, who have been permanently passed over for promotion to higher rank should be relegated to half pay forthwith without being granted unemployed pay:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorise us to place these officers on the half pay list on being permanently passed over for promotion, such authority to become effective from a date six months subsequent to that of the announcement by us of the provisions of this Order.

"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.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

 $\cdot$  At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 5th day of November 1929.

## 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 30th day of August 1929 (N.P. (1) 2538/1929), 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 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 by Orders in Council bearing dates the 6th day of February 1922, the 11th

day of October 1923, and the 3rd day of November 1927, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to empower us at our discretion to award additional retired pay, disability retired pay or disability pensions to Officers. Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces and to Officers of Your Majesty's Naval Reserve Forces who might be disabled from causes attributable to the conditions of the Service:

"And whereas by Your Majesty's Orders in Council bearing dates the 7th day of November 1924, the 25th day of June 1925, and the 3rd day of November 1927, we were empowered to make awards to the widows and certain dependent relatives of such Officers and Men who might die from causes attributable to the conditions of the Service:

"And whereas by further Orders in Conncil bearing dates the 31st day of May 1923, the 7th day of February 1927, and the 3rd day of November 1927, we were empowered to make awards to members of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve in respect of disablement attributable to the conditions of the Service, or, in the event of their death from causes attributable to the Service, to certain of their dependants:

"And whereas we are authorised in assessing any grant which may be made under the aforesaid Orders in Council to take into consideration any compensation which the person, to whom the additional retired pay, disability retired pay, pension or other grant is payable, may receive from or on behalf of any third party who is responsible for the act, omission or circumstances which caused the disablement or death:

"And whereas we desire, although possessing general powers in such matters as representing Your Majesty, to be empowered at our discretion to withhold or to reduce the award of any additional retired pay, disability retired pay, pension or other grant where the person to whom it is payable in our opinion either unreasonably refuses to prefer a claim for compensation against a third party or unreasonably accepts an inadequate amount of compensation from such party:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us in such circumstances and at our discretion to withhold or to reduce the additional retired pay, disability retired pay, pension or other grant which we are empowered to grant under any of the Orders in Council aforesaid.

"The 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 the 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.