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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1940.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 4th day of September 1940.

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 August 1940 (C.W. 13925/40), 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 by Schedule V., Section VI., of Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January 1920, sanction was given to the payment of an allowance of 5s. a day to a *symaster* Captain or *Paymaster* Commander in charge of the accounts of a Division at the

Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth, Devonport, or Chatham :

“And whereas by Order in Council bearing date the 5th day of July 1929, a similar allowance was sanctioned to the Accountant Officer in charge of the accounts of H.M.S. “Egmont II.” (now H.M.S. “St. Angelo”) when the total number of pay accounts appearing on the ledger during a quarter does not fall below 4000 :

“And whereas we consider that in certain other Establishments, Bases, and Depot Ships, when the number of accounts exceeds this figure, a similar allowance should be payable to the Accountant Officers :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize the payment, for the period of the war, of an allowance of 5s. a day to the Accountant Officer in any Training or other Naval Establishment, Base, or Depot Ship where the number of accounts for which he is responsible during a quarter is not less than 4000, with effect from 1st April 1940, payment not to be made whilst closing accounts.

“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