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**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 20th day of *November*, 1865.

PRESENT,

The *QUEEN'S* Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**I**T is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain do issue writs for further proroguing the Parliament, which was appointed to meet on Thursday, the twenty-third day of November instant, to Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of December next: and also for proroguing the convocations of the provinces of Canterbury and York, from Friday, the twenty-fourth day of November instant, to Friday, the twenty-ninth day of December next.

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 9th day of *September*, 1865.

PRESENT,

The *QUEEN'S* Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the eighth of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, in the words following; viz. —

“Whereas by the fifth section of an Act passed in the twenty-ninth year of your Majesty's reign, chapter eighty-nine, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the better government of Greenwich Hospital,’ it is, amongst other things, enacted it shall be lawful for your Majesty in Council, from time to time, by Order in Council, to appoint such pensions as seem fit to officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Royal Navy; and marines and seamen of the merchant service, for the time being entitled to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital, to be enjoyed by them so long only as they are not on the establishment or inmates of Greenwich Hospital, but in addition to any half-pay, pension, or other allowance coming to them otherwise than under any such Order in Council; and to prescribe the conditions on which such pensions are to be held.”

We beg leave to recommend that your Majesty may be pleased, by your Order in Council,

to sanction the undermentioned pensions being granted:—

An extra pension of *5d.* a-day may, at the discretion of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, be granted to seamen and marines now in receipt of pensions over 55 years of age, and who shall have been in receipt of the same for five years and upwards; and an extra pension of *9d.* a-day, at the discretion of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to seamen and marines now in receipt of pensions over 70 years of age, who shall have been in receipt of the same for ten years and upwards; the same to be called “Greenwich Pensions.”

The widows of petty officers and seamen of the Royal Navy, and of non-commissioned officers and privates of the Royal Marines, slain, killed, or drowned in the service of the Crown, to be allowed a gratuity equal to one year's full wages according to the rating of their late husbands at the time of their death, exclusive of any badge or other extra or additional pay.

And whereas by the twentieth section of the said Act it is enacted that “The government of Greenwich Hospital, and of the Schools of the Hospital, including the authority to establish from time to time regulations for the admission of inmates into the Hospital and of children into the Schools, shall be vested exclusively in the Admiralty; but any such regulations shall not have effect unless and until they are approved by your Majesty in Council; and the Admiralty shall from time to time continue or appoint such officers, clerks, and servants for the purposes of the Hospital and Schools as seem fit; and may (subject to the approval of your Majesty in Council) fix the salaries of such officers and clerks, and may regulate the wages of such servants, and may from time to time remove any of the officers, clerks, and servants, and appoint others in their stead.”

We have, therefore, to request that your Majesty will be pleased to sanction the establishment of the following rules and regulations; viz. —

- 1st. That the admission into Greenwich Hospital be restricted to such petty officers and seamen of the Royal Navy and non-commissioned officers and privates of the Royal Marines as may be infirm or helpless, and that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty be empowered to discharge all or any such petty officers and seamen