

continue the appointment of a Captain in each of the combined establishments for the purpose of conducting the gunnery training of the Port Division :

"And whereas these Captains, not being in command of separate establishments, will under existing Regulations be only entitled to receive command money at the rate of five shillings per diem :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of command money to these Officers at the rate of twelve shillings per diem, as heretofore :

"We further beg leave to recommend that the special allowance of one shilling and sixpence per diem payable under Orders in Council of the sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, to the chief or senior gunners at the gunnery schools at Devonport and Sheerness when separate establishments, may be continued on the amalgamation of the schools with the respective Royal Naval Barracks :

"We would submit that the above proposals take effect from the fifth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seven, so far as they affect the gunnery school at Devonport.

"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 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.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *February*, 1908.

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 twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by section three 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 Royal Marine Forces 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 we have had under consideration certain questions affecting the Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers of Your Majesty's Navy, with a view to effecting some improvement in their pay and position :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the following proposals :—

"I.—The pay of Warrant Officers of the Military Branch to be increased to six shillings a day

on completion of one year's service, subject to confirmation in rank.

"II.—Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers specially promoted to a higher rank for war or distinguished service, to remain supernumerary in the rank or ranks above until the time arrives when they would have received promotion in the ordinary course, provided that the number of special promotions made under these conditions shall not exceed five per cent., in excess of the establishment, of the higher rank or ranks combined.

"III.—In the event of a Commissioned Warrant Officer of three years' seniority dying while on the Active List after attaining the age for optional retirement, his widow and children to be eligible, at the discretion of the Admiralty, for pension and compassionate allowances on the scale applicable to junior Lieutenants.

"IV.—The following scale of pensions for Chief and Head Schoolmasters to be substituted for that at present laid down in the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, to take effect as from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and three :—

	Per diem.	
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After twenty years' service, with less than five years as Warrant Officer	3	6
After twenty years' service, five of which to be as Warrant Officer ..	4	0
After twenty-five years' service, five of which to be as Warrant Officer	4	9
After thirty years' service, five of which to be as Warrant Officer ..	5	6

"An addition of sixpence a day to be granted to Chief Schoolmasters for each year's service in that rank up to a maximum of one hundred and twenty pounds a year.

"We would further submit that we be empowered to extend the proposal made in Section II of the above to cover the cases of certain Officers who have already received special promotion for war service.

"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 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.

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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *February*, 1908.

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 thirty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by section three of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*; that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having