

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 consider it desirable that the opportunity of attaining Warrant rank should be extended to several of the smaller classes of ratings in Your Majesty's Navy for which there is at present no higher grade than the rating of Chief Petty Officer and further that Commissioned Warrant and Commissioned rank should be open to the Telegraphist Branch:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by

Your Order in Council to sanction the proposals contained in the annexed Schedule:

"We further beg leave to recommend that we may be authorized to advance Writers at our discretion to a higher grade for special merit, independently of the Service qualification ordinarily required and that Writers of a lower grade doing duty in a vacancy for a Chief or First Writer be allowed to receive the lowest rate of pay of the higher rating:

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

" SCHEDULE.

" I.

" TELEGRAPHIST BRANCH.

"(i) The following ranks to be established, viz. :—

Warrant Telegraphist,
Commissioned Telegraphist,
Lieutenant promoted from Commissioned or Warrant Telegraphist.

"(ii) The numbers of Officers of the various ranks in the Telegraphist Branch to be included in the present authorized establishment of Lieutenants, Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers.

"(iii) The pay to be the same as that of Officers of corresponding rank in the Signal Branch, viz. :—

WARRANT TELEGRAPHIST.

	s.	d.
On promotion. (Acting) ..	5	6 a day
After one year's service .. (confirmed)..	6	0 "
After five years' service ..	7	0 "
After ten years' service ..	8	0 "
After fifteen years' service ..	9	0 "

COMMISSIONED TELEGRAPHIST.

On promotion.	10	0 "
After two years' service ..	10	6 "
After four years' service ..	11	0 "
After six years' service ..	11	6 "
After eight years' service ..	12	0 "

LIEUTENANT.

On promotion.	13	0 "
After two years' service ..	13	6 "
After four years' service ..	14	0 "
After six years' service ..	14	6 "
After eight years' service ..	15	0 "

"(iv) Allowances of 1s. 6d. or 1s. a day according to whether an Officer holds a First or Second Class Certificate to be payable under the same conditions as obtain in the case of Signal Boatswains and Commissioned Officers promoted from that rank.

"(v) A special allowance of 2s. a day to attach to appointments in charge of a power Wireless Telegraph Station.

"(vi) In all other respects Officers of the Telegraphist Branch to conform to the regulations for Lieutenants, Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers of the Military Branch.

" II.

" WRITER BRANCH.

"(i) A Warrant rank to be established with the title of Warrant Writer.

"(ii) The number of Warrant Writers to be fixed at 12.

"(iii) The scale of pay to be as follows :—

WARRANT WRITER.

	s.	d.
On promotion.	7	0 a day
After five years' service ..	8	6 "
After ten years' service ..	10	0 "