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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *March*, 1911.

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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 16th day of March, 1911, 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, and 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 Orders in Council bearing dates the 3rd day of March, 1900, and the 11th day of August, 1902, four positions of Warrant rank were established for the Sick Berth Staff of Your Majesty's Fleet, namely, one each at the Royal Naval Hospitals at Haslar, Plymouth, Chatham, and Malta, with the title of Head Wardmaster.

"And whereas the requirements of Your Majesty's Fleet necessitate an increase in the number of Head Wardmasters.

"And whereas we are of opinion that in view of the later age at which Warrant rank is attainable by members of the Sick Berth Staff the existing scale of pensions is inadequate.

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize (a) the establishment of four additional posts of Head Wardmaster, for duty at the Royal Naval Hospitals at Portland and Gibraltar and on board two Hospital Ships, under the same conditions as to pay, &c., as those already in existence, and (b) the application to Head Wardmasters of the scale of pensions in force for Artificer Engineers.

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"And whereas we consider it desirable that provision should be made for the grant of compensation to members of the Royal Naval Auxiliary Sick Berth Reserve who fall sick or sustain injury, while under training, and of pensions or gratuities to the widows or children of members of the Reserve who may be killed or drowned on duty while under such training:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the regulations shown in the accompanying schedule:

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"SCHEDULE.

"ROYAL NAVAL AUXILIARY SICK BERTH RESERVE.

"1. Members of the Reserve, if injured, killed, or drowned on duty, while under training in His Majesty's Ships or Royal Naval Hospitals, to come under the same Regulations as regards compensation for themselves, or pensions and allowances for their widows and children, as if they belonged to the Royal Navy.

"2. A sum not exceeding 3s. 6d. a day may be granted at the discretion of the Admiralty for a period not exceeding six months to a Member of the Reserve who may be injured while under training in His Majesty's Ships or Establishments, and rendered incapable of resuming his civil employment and thereby caused to suffer pecuniary loss.

"3. A similar allowance may be paid to a Member of the Reserve who is incapacitated by illness proved to have been contracted in or by the performance of training, but no claim will be allowed which is not preferred within twelve months of the training in question.

"4. The allowance in the foregoing cases to be limited to the period during which the man is shown to have been unable to follow his occupation and not to be granted for any period during which he may be treated in a Naval Hospital or Sick Quarters."

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