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TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1914.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *August*, 1914.

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 26th day of August, 1914, in the words following, viz.:—

“Whereas Her late Majesty Queen Victoria was graciously pleased by Her Royal Proclamation of the 17th day of September, 1900, to regulate, according to the Scheme set forth therein or recognized thereby, the distribution of the net proceeds of Prizes captured from the enemy, of captures and seizures under the several Acts of Parliament passed relating to the Revenues of Customs, and to Trade and Navigation, for the abolition of the Slave Trade, for the capture and destruction of Pirates and Piratical Vessels, and of the rewards conferred for the same, as also, of the awards for all salvage granted to the crews of Your Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, when not otherwise specially apportioned by the terms of the respective awards and allowances.

“And Whereas we are of opinion that the conditions governing the distribution of the proceeds of Prizes captured from the enemy when such proceeds are granted by Your Majesty to the Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Fleet, require modification to bring them into accord with modern conditions.

“And Whereas it is intended that in lieu of the system of distribution of Prize Money described in the above-mentioned Proclamation there should be substituted, under regulations and conditions to be hereafter announced, a system of Prize Bounties or Gratuities for more general distribution to the Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval Forces.

“We humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to cancel so much of the above-mentioned Proclamation as relates to the distribution of the net proceeds of Prizes captured from the enemy.”

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.

Almeric FitzRoy.