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FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1917.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 6th day of February, 1917.

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 3rd day of February, 1917, in the words following, viz.:—

“Whereas by the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that the several shares of any money distributable among the Officers and Crew of any of His Majesty's Ships of War in the several cases enumerated in the said Act shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto in such manner, and subject and according to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions, as may from time to time be directed by Order in Council:

“And whereas it is by the said Act also enacted that His Majesty in Council may, from time to time, make such Orders as may seem meet for the better execution of the said Act:

“And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, certain Regulations as to the manner and incidence of payment of such shares as aforesaid were made by Order in Council dated the 5th December, 1865:

“And whereas we consider it desirable that

amendments should be made in such Regulations:

“We beg leave humbly to submit that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to repeal the said Order in Council of the 5th December, 1865, and the Regulations thereby made, and in lieu thereof to make and establish the following Regulations, to come into operation forthwith, and to be effective as regards all moneys now awaiting distribution or hereafter to become distributable:—

“1. Terms used in this Order have the same respective meanings as in the said Act.

“2. All money distributable among the Officers and Crew of any of His Majesty's Ships of War, within the meaning of the said Act (all which money is comprehended under the term ‘prize money’ where hereafter used in this Order) shall be forthwith paid to the account of His Majesty's Paymaster-General at the Bank of England, on account of Naval Prize, or to the Accountant-General of the Navy, in order that it may be transferred to the said account.

“3. Before any money distributable as aforesaid is actually distributed, notification shall be given by advertisement inserted in the London Gazette, under the direction of the Admiralty, unless in any case the Admiralty