

Public Seal appoint any person or persons to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part or parts of the Protectorate during such absence, and in that capacity to exercise, perform, and execute for and on behalf of the Governor during such absence, but no longer, all such powers and authorities by this Order in Council or otherwise vested in the Governor as shall in and by such instrument be specified and limited, but no others. Every such Deputy shall conform to and observe all such instructions as the Governor shall from time to time address to him for his guidance. Provided nevertheless that by the appointment of a Deputy or Deputies as aforesaid the power and authority of the Governor shall not be abridged, altered or in any way affected otherwise than His Majesty may at any time hereafter think proper to direct."

"XII. Whenever the Office of Governor is vacant, or if the Governor is absent from the Protectorate, or becomes incapable, or is from any cause prevented from acting in the duties of his Office, then such person as may be appointed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, or if there be no such person so appointed, or if such person be absent from Nigeria or unable to act, then the senior Member of the Executive Council present for the time being in Nigeria shall, during His Majesty's pleasure, administer the government of the Protectorate, first taking the Oaths hereinbefore directed to be taken by the Governor, and in the manner herein prescribed, which being done, the acting Governor is hereby authorised, empowered, and commanded to do and execute, during His Majesty's pleasure, all things that belong to the Office of Governor according to the tenour of this Order and according to His Majesty's Instructions and the Laws of the Protectorate; provided that the Governor, whenever and so often as he is in the Colony, or on a passage between any places in Nigeria, or is in any of the territories adjacent to or near to Nigeria in the exercise or discharge of any powers or duties conferred or imposed upon him by Us, shall not be considered to be absent from the Protectorate within the meaning of this Order in Council."

III. This Order shall come into operation on the First day of June, 1917, and shall be published in the Government Gazette, and the Governor shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places, and in such a manner, and for such time or times as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within the Protectorate of Nigeria.

IV. His Majesty may from time to time revoke, alter, add to, or amend this Order.

And the Right Honourable Walter Hume Long, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

J. C. Ledlie.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *July*, 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 30th day of June, 1917, 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, or 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 under existing Regulations the pensions payable to Warrant Officers, Class 2, and Non-commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines are restricted by maximum rates fixed with reference to the normal period of service of 21 years:

"And whereas in the present emergency a large number of such Warrant Officers and Non-commissioned Officers are being retained for further service beyond the completion of the term of 21 years under the provisions of the Royal Marine Acts of 1914 and 1916, Cap. 16, 5 George V., and Cap. 23, 6 and 7 George V.:

"And whereas the existence of the maximum rates will, in many cases, preclude such Warrant Officers and Non-commissioned Officers from obtaining any increase of pension in respect of such additional service:

"And whereas we consider it desirable that the maximum rates should be increased to enable additional time served in consequence of the present War, amounting to at least one year, to carry with it the benefit of increase of pension:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the following increases in the existing maxima as shown in Article 1198 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, such increases to be applicable to all cases in which the period of 21 years' service has been completed since the 4th August, 1914, and in which the total service is at least 22 years:—

	Present Maximum a day.	Proposed Maximum a day.
	s. d.	s. d.
Class 1 ... ..	3 0	3 9
Class 2 ... ..	2 9	3 3
Class 3 ... ..	2 9	3 3
Class 4 (a) ... ..	2 6	2 9
Class 4 (b) ... ..	2 3	2 6
Class 5 ... ..	1 8	1 10

the classification of the Marine Ranks affected being as shown in the accompanying Schedule.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS 2.

CLASS 1.

Staff Clerk, London.

CLASS 2.

Quartermaster Sergeant.

Barrack Quartermaster Sergeant.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Gunnery.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Musketry.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Infantry.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Physical Training.