

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 the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service an allowance is payable to the Senior Lieutenant-Commander or Lieutenant of a Ship in commission:

"And whereas we consider that the duties and responsibilities devolving upon the Senior Lieutenant of the Mining School at Portsmouth warrant the grant to him of similar extra remuneration:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize the payment of Senior Allowance, at the usual rates, to the Senior Lieutenant-Commander or Lieutenant of the Mining School, with effect from the 15th August, 1917.

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

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.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *September*, 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 1st day of September, 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 we have had under consideration the necessity of employing qualified men to carry out the responsible duties of Coxswain of Submarines:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the establishment, as from the 25th July, 1917, of the non-substantive Rating of Submarine Coxswain, with pay at the rate of 7d. per diem; the Rating to be open to the Chief Petty Officer or Petty Officer employed as Coxswain in each Submarine or Submarine Spare Crew at our discretion as considered necessary.

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"Whereas in the month of September, 1916, we adopted and proposed to present to Your Majesty a Memorial in the terms set forth in the Appendix hereto:

"And whereas it was represented to us that the presentation of the said Memorial should be postponed owing to certain impending alterations in the law with respect to Naval and Military pensions and grants, but that in the meantime pensions, allowances, and grants might be awarded by us in accordance with the recommendations contained in the said Memorial:

"And whereas with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury the presentation of the said Memorial was postponed, but pensions, allowances, and grants were made by us in accordance with the recommendations contained in such Memorial:

"And whereas by the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, there are transferred to the Minister of Pensions the powers and duties of the Admiralty, and other Authorities, with respect to certain pensions and grants as therein mentioned:

"And whereas it is further provided by the said Act that Your Majesty may, by Order in Council, make such adaptations in the enactments relating to such powers and duties as aforesaid as may be necessary to make exercisable by the said Minister and his Officers the powers and duties of the said Authorities and their Officers, and may fix the time or times as from which the several powers and duties are to be transferred to the said Minister:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 6th day of February, 1917, to order that the date as from which the said powers and duties were to be transferred to the said Minister should be the 15th day of February, 1917:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 30th day of March, 1917, on the Memorial of the Minister of Pensions, to sanction the grant of pensions, allowances and gratuities to certain Persons (including Seamen and Marines, their Widows, Children, other Relatives and Dependants) as therein provided, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything which might have been done by the