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TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 2nd day of January, 1918.

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 28th day of December, 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 by Order in Council of the 26th day of April, 1916, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of the payment under certain conditions of extra pay to Officers and Men employed as Observers in the Royal Naval Air Service:

“And whereas it is now necessary to make further provision for the pay and emoluments of the Observer Branch:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the proposals set forth in the annexed Schedule, with effect as from the 2nd day of April, 1917, except as shown in Paragraph 4.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

“SCHEDULE.

“1. Observer Officers in the Royal Naval Air Service to be graded in the following ranks:—

OBSERVER BRANCH.

- Probationary Observer Officer.
- Observer Sub-Lieutenant.
- Observer Lieutenant.
- Flight Observer.
- Squadron Observer.
- Wing Observer.
- Observer Captain.

FLIGHT OFFICERS.

(Corresponding Rank.)

- Probationary Flight Officer.
- Flight Sub-Lieutenant.
- Flight Lieutenant.
- Flight Commander.