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TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of October, 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 21st day of October, 1918, in the words following, viz.:—

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"And whereas the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service provide that an Officer holding Acting Rank shall be entitled only to the lowest rate of full pay applicable to the Rank in which he is acting: "And whereas a number of Pensioner and Royal Fleet Reserve Men have been granted Temporary Acting Warrant Rank during the period of Hostilities, and we consider that these Officers should be granted the same increments of pay, according to the length of their service in Warrant Rank, as are granted to the Confirmed Officers of similar Rank on the Permanent List of Your Majesty's Navy:

"And whereas the Regulations further provide that the grant of widow's pension to the widow of a Warrant Officer, and of compassionate allowances to his children, can only be authorized in cases where the Officer has completed one year's satisfactory service as Warrant Officer, and has been confirmed in Rank, unless his death was attributable to the service:

"And whereas we consider that the widows of Temporary Acting Warrant Officers should be granted widow's pensions, and their children compassionate allowances, under the conditions applicable to other Warrant Officers, provided the Officer has completed one year's satisfactory service as Temporary Acting Warrant Officer, notwithstanding the fact that Temporary Acting Warrant Officers do not receive confirmation in Rank: