

or times as from which the several powers and duties are to be transferred to him:

"And whereas provision was made in Your Majesty's Order in Council of 30th March, 1917, for pensions to certain seamen and marines disabled by service in consequence of the present war and to the widows, children, and dependants of such seamen and marines, whose death was due to or occurred during service in the present war:

"And whereas I am of opinion that it is desirable to make further provision concerning the pensions of seamen and marines disabled, and of the families and dependants of seamen and marines deceased, whose claims arise in respect of service during the present war:

"I beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant of pensions to the aforesaid persons on the scales and subject to the conditions prescribed in the Regulations annexed hereto, in substitution for those laid down in Your Order in Council of 30th March, 1917, with effect from the 1st day of May, 1918, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything which may have been done by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty under Your Majesty's Order in Council of 12th August, 1915, or by me under Your Order in Council of 30th March, 1917, and, further, to empower me to make or revise grants under the said previous Orders in respect of any claims which may have arisen between the outbreak of the war and the aforesaid 1st day of May, 1918. Provided always, that if more favourable to the seaman or marine, the pension, allowance, or gratuity payable under existing Regulations shall be granted, and no grant to a seaman or marine, or to the family or dependants of a seaman or marine, shall be re-assessed to his or their disadvantage.

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

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 Minister of Pensions for the time being is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

REGULATIONS FOR PENSIONS OF BRITISH SEAMEN AND MARINES, THEIR WIDOWS, RELATIVES AND DEPENDANTS.

PART I.—SEAMEN AND MARINES.

1.—(1) A seaman or marine discharged as medically unfit for further service, or while suffering impairment, such unfitness or impairment being certified as either attributable to or aggravated by naval or military service during the present war and not being due to the serious negligence or misconduct of the discharged man, may, if he is disabled in any of the manners set forth in the Schedule to these Regulations, be granted a pension at the weekly rates therein shown as corresponding to the degree of his disablement. In the case of injuries not shown therein, and in the case of disease, the pen-

sion may be assessed at the degree in the Schedule which is held most closely to represent the disablement corresponding to the injury or disease.

(2) Except in those cases where the disablement has reached its final condition a disablement pension shall be temporary, at the rate appropriate to the temporary disablement, and the grant shall be reviewed from time to time until a permanent assessment can be made or the grant ceases. Where a temporary disablement pension, including renewals, does not run beyond one year a supplementary gratuity of £5 may be granted at the termination of such pension.

(3) In any case where the degree of disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent., or where it is considered more in the interests of the seaman or marine, a gratuity or temporary allowance may be granted in place of any pension. The grant will be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine, and its amount will not exceed £200 and will depend on the extent of the disablement and on the other circumstances of the case.

(4) Men in possession of good conduct badges or medals, and men who have completed time for long-service pension with very good characters throughout their service, shall receive the same addition to their pension in respect thereof as under existing Regulations. Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Leading Rates of the Royal Navy shall also receive the same additions in respect of petty time as under existing Regulations. Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines shall receive the additions laid down in the existing Regulations for long-service pensions in respect of service above the rank of private.

A further addition will be made to the pension in respect of service at the following rates:—

	Weekly. s. d.
Men of 6 years' service and under 12 years'	1 0
Men of 12 years' service and under 18 years'	2 0
Men of 18 years' service and under 21 years'	3 0
Men of 21 years' service and under 25 years'	4 0
Men of 25 years' service and over	5 0

(5) The disablement pension granted to a seaman or marine who held paid acting rank at the time he was wounded, injured or removed from duty in consequence of disablement may be at the rate appropriate to that rank.

2.—(1) A disabled man pensioned under Article 1 of these Regulations may be granted during the continuance of the pension an allowance for each child under the age of 16 at such proportion of the following weekly rates as corresponds to the degree of disablement at which the man is assessed for pension:—

	s. d.
For a first child	6 8
For a second child	5 0
For each child after the second	4 2

(2) The allowance may (subject to the continuance of the pension) be granted or continued beyond the age of 16 in the case