

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of November, 1919.

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 8th day of November, 1919, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas it is provided by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1866, 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, 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 from time to time the rates of pay of the Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of Your Majesty's Navy and Marines, including the Coast Guard and Reserve Forces, and found it desirable that the rates of pay should be generally increased as indicated in the subjoined Schedules :

"And whereas we further considered it desirable that the increment of 3*d.* a day in the pay of certain classes and Afloat Allowance to Royal Marines should as from 1st day of October, 1917, be granted after three, instead of after six, years' man's time :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the increments of pay and general provisions set forth in the annexed Schedules, with retrospective effect from the dates specified, power being reserved to us to vary the rates of pay within the Scales laid down or to associate payment with such conditions as may be deemed necessary.

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

"SCHEDULE I.

SEAMEN.		a day.
Able Seamen and corresponding ranks and ratings	...	2 <i>d.</i>
Leading Seamen and corresponding ranks and ratings	...	3 <i>d.</i>
Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers and corresponding ranks and ratings	...	5 <i>d.</i>

NOTE.—The increase is applicable to Acting Warrant Schoolmasters (old scheme), Riggers (Royal Yacht Service), paid at 4*s.* a day and Masters-at-Arms of Detention Quarters in receipt of the special inclusive rate.

MARINES.		a day.
Gunner	} On completion of six months' service	2 <i>d.</i>
Private		
Musician	} ...	3 <i>d.</i>
Bugler		
Bombardier	} ...	3 <i>d.</i>
Corporal		
Band Corporal	} ...	5 <i>d.</i>
Sergeant		
Bandmaster, Class II.	...	5 <i>d.</i>

As from 1st day of October, 1917.

SCHEDULE I.—continued.

M.A.		a day.
Colour-Sergeant	} s, including Warrant Officer, Class I. (except R.M. Gunner), and Warrant Officer, Class II., including Bandmaster, Class I. ...	5 <i>d.</i>
R.M. Submarine Miners and others paid at Army rates.		

As from 1st day of October, 1917.

NOTES :—

1. Paid Lance ranks to receive the increase approved for their substantive ranks.
2. Petty Officers, 2nd Class (old system) and equivalent ratings in other branches to receive an increase of 3*d.* a day.
3. Kroomen and Seedies to be ineligible for these increases.

"SCHEDULE II.

The increment of 3*d.* a day in the pay of Able Seamen, Stokers, 1st Class, Signalmen and Telegraphists, and Afloat Allowance to Royal Marines, to be payable on completing three years' man's service instead of on completing six years' man's service as heretofore, and to be applicable to all men (including Reservists) of the ratings specified in receipt of continuous service rates of pay.

Special Service Able Seamen and Stokers, 1st Class, to be eligible for the lowest continuous service pay of their ratings on completing three years' service.

As from the 1st day of October, 1917.

"SCHEDULE III.

SEAMEN.

All Chief Petty Officers and equivalent ranks and ratings in the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Division, Coast Guard and Reserves in receipt of ordinary Naval rates of pay to receive an increment of 2*d.* a day.

NOTE.—The increase is applicable to Acting Warrant Schoolmasters (old scheme) and Masters-at-Arms of Detention Quarters in receipt of the special inclusive rate.

With effect as from 1st October, 1918.

MARINES.

Warrant Officers, Class I., (except R.M. Gunners), Warrant Officers, Class II., Colour-Sergeants, Drum-Majors, Bugle-Majors, Armourer-Sergeants, Bandmasters, Class I., and Hospital Staff-Sergeants, including those of the Royal Naval Division, to receive an increase of 2*d.* a day under similar conditions.

"SCHEDULE IV.

Cooks' Mates to be granted an increment of 3*d.* a day on completing three years' man's service under conditions similar to those laid down for Seamen.

With effect as from the 21st day of November, 1918."

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.