

2. The date upon which the powers and duties as aforesaid of the Board of Trade are transferred to the Minister of Transport shall be the 23rd day of January, 1920.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *January*, 1920.

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 19th day of December, 1919, 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 conditions of employment of Naval Ratings and Royal Marines employed on Searchlight Control and Manipulation:

"And whereas we are of opinion that the duties involved warrant the grant of an allowance to be paid to Naval ratings and Royal Marines so employed upon the attainment of a satisfactory standard of efficiency:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the payment of the following Allowances with effect from 9th August, 1918, viz. :—

Searchlight Operator ... 4d. per diem.
Searchlight Manipulator 2d. per diem.

"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 22nd day of *January*, 1920.

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 17th day of January, 1920, 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 consider that in order to make better provision for the care and maintenance of the gun armament of Your Majesty's Fleet it is desirable that a new branch should be established, to be called the Ordnance Artificer Branch:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction as from the 1st March, 1919, the proposals set forth in the annexed schedule:

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

"Schedule.

"ORDNANCE ARTIFICER BRANCH.

"1. The following ranks to be established, viz. :—

Ordnance Lieutenant-Commander;
Ordnance Lieutenant;
Commissioned Ordnance Officer;
Warrant Ordnance Officer.

"2. The total number of Officers of this branch to be fixed for the present at 46, viz. :—

3 Ordnance Lieutenants or Lieutenant-Commanders;
14 Commissioned Ordnance Officers;
29 Warrant Ordnance Officers,

the number of Commissioned Ordnance Officers being temporary pending the operation of the rule under which deserving Warrant Officers are promoted to Commissioned Warrant Rank after 10 years' service as Warrant Officer.

"3. These appointments to be filled in the first place by the transfer to the corresponding rank in the Ordnance Artificer Branch of selected volunteers from Commissioned Armourers, Warrant Armourers, and Artificer Engineers, and the Armourer Branch to be closed.

"4. Ordnance Lieutenants to be eligible for promotion to Ordnance Lieutenant-Commander on attaining 8 years' seniority as Ordnance Lieutenant.

"5. In other respects Officers of this Branch to come under the general rules for promotion applicable to other Warrant Officer branches, subject to the proviso that the sea service qualification for promotion may be waived at our discretion in the case of Commissioned Armourers transferred to the Ordnance Branch.

"6. Pay, retired pay, and pensions to be generally as for Officers of similar classes in the Mechanical Branches."

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.