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FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1921.

BY THE KING.
A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS by the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, it is enacted that if it appears to Us that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any persons or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel, light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, We may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists:

AND WHEREAS the present immediate threat of cessation of work in Coal Mines does, in Our opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act:

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the said Act, We do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists.

GIVEN at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and in the Eleventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of March, 1921.

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 11th day of March, 1921 (N.P. (4)1742/20), 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 during the war it was frequently found necessary to place ratings in charge of small vessels, and an allowance of Nine pence per diem was payable temporarily to ratings assuming command in such circumstances:

"And whereas we are of opinion that payment of this allowance should now be perpetuated: