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FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 1922.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *May*, 1922.

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 May, 1922, (C.W. 5080/22), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 19th day of July, 1912, and the 21st day of January, 1914, to sanction the institution of the ranks of Mate and Mate (E) respectively in Your Majesty's Naval Service:

“And whereas it is necessary that provision should be made for the retirement of Mates and Mates (E) from Your Majesty's Naval Service:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the following regulations:—

(1) Mates and Mates (E) to be retired at the age of 40 years, or at any age, at the discretion of the Admiralty, if found physically unfit to serve.

(2) Mates and Mates (E) to be retired at any age as soon as two years have elapsed since their last service as Mate or Mate (E).

“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.