half pay, Officers entered on the same day being placed in the order in which they applied for entry;

(ii) to reckon service for retired pay as from the same date, but to reckon service for gratuity on withdrawal or retirement if retired before becoming eligible for retired pay as from the date of their transfer to the permanent list;

to the permanent list; (iii) to lose all rights and privileges as temporary Medical Officers as from the date of transfer to the permanent service. "(b) Medical Officers transferred from

the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

(i) To reckon seniority as from the date of their commissions in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, or from the 2nd August, 1914, whichever is the later date, for purposes of promotion and full, unemployed and half pay, Officers entered on the same day being placed in the order in which they applied for entry;

(ii) to reckon service for retired pay as from the same date, but to reckon service for gratuity on withdrawal or retirement, if retired before becoming eligible for retired pay, as from the date of transfer to the Royal Navy;

(iii) to lose all rights and privileges as Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve as from the date of transfer to the permanent list of the Royal Navy.

"(c) Instructor Officers entered during the war.

(i) To reckon seniority as from the date of entry for temporary service for purposes of promotion and full, unemployed and half pay;

(ii) to reckon service for retired pay from the same date;

(iii) to reckon service from the same date for the purpose of withdrawal or retirement with gratuity, if retired before becoming eligible for retired pay and further to be eligible, subject to deduction of the war gratuities paid to them, for gratuities of £200 after two years' total service, £300 after three years' total service, or £400 after four years' total service as provided in Order in Council of the 13th April, 1918, if permitted to withdraw before completing 12 years' total service.

"(d) Instructor Officers entered after the war.

(i) To reckon seniority as from date of entry for temporary service for purposes of promotion and full, unemployed and half pay;

(ii) to reckon service from the same date for retired pay and for retirement with gratuity after 12 or 16 years' service, but to cease on transfer to the permanent list to be eligible for the gratuities of $\pounds 200$, $\pounds 300$ and $\pounds 400$ authorized for temporary Officers after two, three and four years' service respectively.

"(e) Chaplains, Church of England.

(i) To reckon seniority as from the date of entry for temporary service for the purposes of full, unemployed and half pay and allowances, Officers entered on the same day being placed in the order in which they applied for entry; (ii) to reckon service for retired pay as from the same date, but to reckon service for withdrawal or retirement with gratuity if retired before becoming eligible for retired pay as from the date of their transfer to the permanent service;

(iii) to lose all rights and privileges as temporary Chaplains as from the date of transfer to the permanent service.

(f) Officers, Royal Marines.

(i) To reckon seniority for promotion as from dates to be determined by the Admiralty with due regard to the seniority of Officers whose first entry was for permanent service;

(ii) to reckon seniority for purposes of full, unemployed and half pay in the rank of Lieutenant as from the date of entry for temporary service;

(iii) to reckon service for purposes of retired pay or retirement with gratuity as from the date of entry for temporary service;

(iv) to lose all rights and privileges as temporary Marine Officers as from the date of transfer to the permanent service."

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.

Colin Smith.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of October, 1922.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

W HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 7th day of October, 1922, N.P. (2) 2786/22, in the words following, viz.:—

ing, 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, owing to the increased number of Stoker ratings employed during the late war, and the reduced requirements of Your Majesty's Fleet under post-war conditions a large surplus of Stoker Petty Officers and Leading Stokers resulted:

"And whereas it has been considered desirable to reduce the number of ratings to the establishment estimated to be necessary for the year 1921-22 and to effect such reduction by discharging surplus ratings with bonus at the undermentioned scales, viz.:—

Stoker Petty Officers £130.

Leading Stokers £100.

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that