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FRIDAY, 20 APRIL, 1923.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 16th day of April, 1923.

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 12th day of April, 1923 (C.W. 6728/22), 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 by Order in Council bearing date the 3rd day of August, 1897, it was provided that Charles Herbert McKay, Pensioned Chief Writer, retained on the books of Your Majesty's Ship ‘Vernon’ in the special rating of Confidential Clerk and Keeper of Torpedo Records, should receive his Chief Writer's pen-

sion in addition to pay on a special scale, and by His late Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 21st day of December, 1906, his scale of pay was extended to a maximum of 13s. a day by annual increments of 6d. a day, the first such increment accruing to his former maximum of 10s. a day as from the 9th day of March, 1907 :

“And whereas it was further provided by Order in Council bearing date the 3rd day of August, 1897, that Mr. McKay's service after being pensioned should not reckon for Civil Pension or for any increase of Naval Pension, and by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 13th day of February, 1912, which granted him the relative rank of Lieutenant, it was also provided that the bestowal of such rank should not entitle him to any increase of pay or pension but only to the usual advantages as regards widow's pension and compassionate allowances, which would be at the rates applicable in the case of Lieutenants :

“And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of December, 1915, to approve of Mr. McKay being granted, on retirement, an addition at the rate of £10 per annum for each year's service from the 1st day of November, 1915, to his existing pension of £40 6s. 0d. per annum, subject to the proviso that he should