

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the regulations contained in the annexed Schedule, which have been framed for that purpose.

" The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have expressed their concurrence therein.

" SCHEDULE.

" TEMPORARY SPECIAL RETIREMENT SCHEME (1923) FOR ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS.

" Except where otherwise expressly provided hereunder, the Regulations contained in this Schedule shall have effect from the 24th August, 1923, until the 31st March, 1924; but the Admiralty shall have discretionary power to terminate the operation of each Section or part of a Section, other than Section VII, at such date earlier than the 31st March, 1924, as they may consider desirable.

" Section I.

" Colonels 2nd Commandant, R.N.:

" Colonels 2nd Commandant may be allowed, at Admiralty discretion, to retire on the rates of retired pay for which they would be eligible under Order in Council of the 22nd January, 1920, Schedule V, Section IX, Sub-Section XIV, if they retired on the 24th November, 1923, together with an addition of £100 per annum, subject to a maximum of £900 per annum.

" Section II.

" Lieutenant-Colonels, R.M.

" Lieutenant-Colonels may be allowed, at Admiralty discretion, to retire on the rates of retired pay for which they would be eligible under Order in Council of the 22nd January, 1920, Schedule V, Section IX, Sub-Section XIV, if they retired on the 24th November, 1923, together with an addition of £100 per annum, subject to a maximum of £750 per annum.

" Section III.

" Majors, R.M.

" 1. Majors who have qualified or will have qualified by age and service on the 24th November, 1923, under Order in Council of the 22nd January, 1920, Schedule V, Section IX, Sub-Section XIV for the maximum rate of retired pay of their rank, may be allowed, at Admiralty discretion, to retire on this rate of

retired pay, and may be granted in addition a gratuity on retirement of £62 10s. 0d. for each complete period of three months intervening between the day preceding the commencement of retired pay and the date on which they would reach the age of compulsory retirement, subject to a maximum gratuity of £750 in each case.

" 2. Majors who are not so qualified under Order in Council of the 22nd January, 1920, Schedule V, Section IX, Sub-Section XIV, for the maximum rate of retired pay of their rank may be allowed, at Admiralty discretion, to retire on the rate of retired pay for which they would be eligible under the Sub-Section if they retired on the 24th November, 1923, together with an addition of £100 per annum, subject to a maximum of £600 per annum.

" Section IV.

" Paymasters and Barrack Masters, R.M.

" 1. Lieutenant-Colonels may be allowed, at Admiralty discretion, to retire on the rates of retired pay for which they would be eligible under Order in Council of the 22nd January, 1920, Schedule V, Section IX, Sub-Section XIV, as amended by Order in Council of the 11th June, 1920, if they retired on the 24th November, 1923, together with an addition of £100 per annum, subject to a maximum of £750 per annum, and provided that the total retired pay awarded in each case shall not exceed the rate for which the Officer would be eligible by age and service, under the regulations quoted, if he had continued to serve on full pay until he attained the age of compulsory retirement.

" 2. Majors may be allowed, at Admiralty discretion, to retire on the terms provided in Section III of this Schedule for other Majors, R.M.

" Section V.

" Captains, R.M. and Lieutenants, R.M. other than Quartermasters, Officers promoted under Order in Council of the 11th February, 1913, and Officers formerly of Warrant rank promoted for long and zealous service or after examination.

" 1. Captains, R.M., of seniority the 1st September, 1914, to the 30th January, 1917, ranking with Lieutenant Commanders, R.N., afloat of the same seniority, may be allowed at Admiralty discretion, to retire on the following rates of retired pay and gratuities:—

Seniority of Officer on the 24th November, 1923.	Rate of Retired Pay per annum.
6 years, but less than 7 years ... ..	£ 232 s. 10 d. 0
7 " " " " 8 " ... ..	245 0 0
8 " " " " 9 " ... ..	257 10 0
9 " and above ... ..	270 0 0

Plus a gratuity of £500, with an addition of £50 for each of the first three complete years since the date of first joining a sea-going ship or being drafted to a Brigade for service ashore, with a further addition

of £100 for each complete subsequent year, and with a further addition of £25 for each complete three months of an uncompleted year up to the 24th November, 1923.