

Admiralty, dated the 9th day of April, 1924 (N. 1/24.), 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 in view of the transfer of Coast Watching duties to a Force under the control of the Board of Trade, and of Coast Preventive duties to a Force under the control of the Commissioners for Customs and Excise, and in consequence of the evacuation of Coast Guard Stations in the Irish Free State, it has been necessary to reduce the personnel of Your Majesty's Coast Guard:

“And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 29th January, 1923, provision is made for the retirement of Divisional Chief Officers and Chief Officers of Your Majesty's Coast Guard (Old Force) with special rates of retired pay and gratuities:

“And whereas we are of opinion that compensation should similarly be paid to the other Officers and Men for the loss of advantages which would have accrued to them in Your Majesty's Coast Guard:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by your Order in Council to sanction the payment as from the date of their discharge of pensions, gratuities and bonuses, at the rates, and subject to the restrictions, conditions and provisions set forth in the annexed Schedules, to those Officers and men of the Coast Guard, other than those Officers provided for under Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 29th January, 1923, who have been selected for discharge from the Naval Service.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

“ SCHEDULE A.

“ REDUCTION OF COAST GUARD (OLD FORCE).

“The following compensation to be paid to ratings of the Coast Guard (Old Force) on reduction of that Force.

“ 1. PENSIONS.

Men who at the date of discharge had completed time for long-service pension to be

awarded pensions according to the ordinary regulations.

Men who at the date of discharge had not completed time for long-service pension to be granted pensions at the following basic rates:—

				A Day.	
				s.	d.
Over 10 Years' Pensionable Service	...			1	0
“ 11	“	“	“	1	1½
“ 12	“	“	“	1	3
“ 13	“	“	“	1	4½
“ 14	“	“	“	1	6
“ 15	“	“	“	1	7½
“ 16	“	“	“	1	9
“ 17	“	“	“	1	10½
“ 18	“	“	“	2	0
“ 19	“	“	“	2	3
“ 20	“	“	“	2	6
“ 21	“	“	“	2	7½

In addition to these basic rates, men to be eligible for the usual additions in respect of petty time, badges and Good Conduct Medal; but men who have not completed time for long-service pension will not be eligible for any addition in respect of character.

“ 2. GRATUITIES.

Ratings whose substantive pay at the date of discharge exceeded that of Boatmen to be paid a gratuity calculated at the rate appropriate to their rating and age at the date of discharge on the scale given below for each complete calendar month by which their services were curtailed through discharge prior to reaching the age of 50.

	(1) Men under 40 years of age.		(2) Men 40 yrs. of age and over.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Petty Officers over 4 year's service in that rating	1	18 0	2	10 0
Petty Officers <i>not</i> over 4 years' service in that rating	1	14 0	2	5 0
Leading Boatmen	14	0	18	6

Ratings actually in receipt of Marriage Allowance at the date of discharge to be paid additional compensation based on the number and ages of their children then under 14 years of age and on the period for which they would have been eligible for Marriage Allowance in respect of each such child, if the men had continued in the Service until the age of 50. This scale of compensation to be as follows:—

“ AMOUNT PAYABLE

“ Number of Children in Family.	(1) Men under 40 years of age.		(2) Men 40 years of age and over.	
	Per Year.	Per month or Part of Month.	Per Year.	Per Month or Part of Month.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	9 0 0	0 15 0	10 16 0	0 18 0
2	14 8 0	1 4 0	17 8 0	1 9 0
3	18 0 0	1 10 0	21 12 0	1 16 0
4	19 16 0	1 13 0	23 14 0	1 19 6
5	21 12 0	1 16 0	25 16 0	2 3 0
6	23 8 0	1 19 0	27 18 0	2 6 6
7	25 4 0	2 2 0	30 0 0	2 10 0
8	27 0 0	2 5 0	32 2 0	2 13 6