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FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1924.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 8th day of December, 1924.

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 1st day of December, 1924 (N. 5017/24), 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 by Section B of the Schedule attached to Your Order in Council of the 11th day of October, 1921, and by Order in Council of the 20th day of June, 1922, non-substantive pay is payable continuously to Sick Berth ratings qualified as Operating Room, Labora-

tory, or X-Ray Assistants, or as Masseurs, provided, inter alia, that arrangements are made for such men to be regularly employed on their specialist duty :

“And whereas these ratings are retained on separate rosters for drafting purposes so as to be employed to the maximum on their special duties :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize us to continue payment of the said non-substantive pay to qualified Sick Berth ratings when the exigencies of Your Majesty's Naval Service require that they shall serve in Ships or Naval Establishments in which they cannot be regularly employed on their specialist duties.

“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.

M. P. A. Hankey.