

Part I of the Schedule to the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, and that Rule 9 of the Regulations sanctioned by Your Majesty's Order in Council aforesaid should be amended so as to conform with the corresponding Regulation laid down in the Royal Warrant for the pay of the Army :

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to cancel Clause (b) of Rule 4 and Rule 9 of the Regulations sanctioned by Your Order in Council dated the 13th day of August, 1920, without prejudice, however, to the validity of any action that may have been taken thereunder prior to the date of this Order and to approve, without prejudice to the rights of any pensioner under the Order in Council aforesaid, the Regulations in the Schedule annexed hereto.

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

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" SCHEDULE.

" REGULATIONS REGARDING THE INCREASE OF PENSIONS.

" *Limitations on the amount of increase of pensions.*

" (1) Subject to the conditions, restrictions and limitations prescribed in the Regulations sanctioned by the Order in Council dated the 13th day of August, 1920, as amended in Rule (2) hereunder:—

" (a) When the existing pension does not exceed £25 a year.	} It may be increased by 70%.
When the existing pension exceeds £25 a year, but does not exceed £50 a year.	
When the existing pension exceeds £50, but does not exceed £100 a year.	

" Provided that no pension shall be increased by virtue of the increased percentages authorised by this rule:—

" (1) In the case of a pensioner other than a Rigger or a Yardcraft man by an amount greater than may be sufficient to make the increased pension equal to the pension of which such pensioner would from time to time have been in receipt had the pension been awarded on the 1st day of July, 1923, in respect of the same rank or rating, the same age and the same period of service as premised in the actual award.

" (2) In the case of a Rigger or Yardcraft man by an amount greater than may be sufficient to increase his pension to the pension of which he would have been in receipt on the 2nd day of July, 1923, had the additional remuneration by way of bonus payable on the 1st day of July, 1923, been included amongst the salary and emoluments on which his pension was awarded in lieu of the bonus, if any, which was actually so included.

" (b) For the purpose of this Rule ' existing pension ' means a pension granted with effect from a date not later than the 13th day of August, 1920.

" (2) The Regulations sanctioned by the Order in Council dated the 13th day of August, 1920, shall be amended as follows:—

" (a) The condition laid down in Clause (a) of Rule 3 that the pensioner must reside in the British Islands shall cease to have effect as from the 7th day of August, 1924, and shall be cancelled accordingly.

" (b) The Regulations shall be read as though Clause (b) of Rule 4 were cancelled and a fresh Rule 5A substituted in lieu thereof in the following terms:—

" 5A. The following further limitations shall apply to Naval Pensioners in receipt of more than one pension.

" When a Naval pensioner is in receipt of a pension to which these Regulations apply and also in receipt of another or other pensions the pension to which these Regulations apply shall for the purposes of Rules (4) and (5) be deemed to be one pension of an amount equal to the aggregate amount of the said pensions, subject to the proviso that the Admiralty in determining the percentage increase permissible under Rule (4) in respect of the pension to which these Regulations apply, may ignore any other pension which

" (i) Although no larger than a pre-war pension cannot be increased either under the Pensions Increase Acts, 1920, and 1924, or under these Regulations or under any Order in Council or Royal Warrant or other Regulations providing for the grant of corresponding benefits, or

" (ii) is of a type to which none of the Acts, Orders in Council, Royal Warrants or Regulations aforesaid applies.

" (c) For the purposes of this Order in Council and of the Order in Council of 13th August, 1920, already referred to an age pension or an increased age pension granted to a Seaman or Marine Pensioner on attaining 55 or 65 years of age respectively shall be treated as part of his original pension.

" (d) Rule 5b shall be cancelled and the following substituted:—

" 5 (b). No pension granted with effect from a date later than the 3rd day of August, 1914, shall be increased under these Regulations by an amount greater than is sufficient to make the increased pension equal to the amount which might be granted under existing Regulations, or any amended Regulations which may be promulgated with effect from a date not later than the 1st day of October, 1921.

" (e) Rule 9 shall be cancelled and the following substituted:—

" (i) These Regulations shall not apply to any pension, the total amount of which has been commuted.

" (ii) Any pension of which a part has been commuted since the 13th August, 1920, or may hereafter be commuted, shall be deemed to be a pension of the amount in issue at the above date for all purposes