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FRIDAY, 29 MAY, 1925.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *May*, 1925.

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 9th day of *May*, 1925 (C.W. 1941/25), 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 provision has been made from time to time by Order in Council for the retire-

ment of Officers of Your Majesty's Navy and Marine Force after specified periods of non-service :

“ And whereas we are of opinion that the rules governing retirement for non-service should be revised in such manner as to provide that Officers of the several branches of the Naval Service of equivalent rank shall be retired after the same period of non-service, and that consequent thereon certain regulations should be adopted for the purpose of ensuring uniformity of treatment of Officers of the various branches :

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the regulations set forth in the annexed Schedule.

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

“ SCHEDULE.

“ 1. Officers, R.N., of all branches of the rank or equivalent rank specified to be retired on account of non-service as follows :—

Rank or equivalent rank.	Period of non-service necessitating retirement.
*Rear Admiral	2½ years from date of last 'service' in the rank of Rear Admiral, or if they have not served in the rank of Rear Admiral, 2½ years from date of promotion to that rank, or 3 years from date of last 'service' in the rank of Captain, whichever period expires first.