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FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1925.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of October, 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 17th day of August, 1925 (C.W. 6308/25), 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 by Your Order in Council bearing date the sixth day of February, 1925, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to direct that the rate of half pay for Warrant Officers, Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank and Officers promoted therefrom for long and zealous service or after examination both in the Royal Navy and in the Royal Marines should be half the rate of full pay applicable to their rank and seniority, subject to the proviso in the case of Officers of the Royal Navy whose

full pay is on the Mechanical scale, that the rate of half pay should be half the rate of full pay applicable to their rank and seniority on the Non-Mechanical scale:

“And whereas Officers of the Royal Navy promoted for acts of gallantry or daring and Officers of the Royal Marines promoted for specially meritorious service or distinguished war service are under existing regulations entitled to full pay at the same rates as Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, promoted for long and zealous service:

“And whereas we are of opinion that their rates of half pay should likewise be assimilated to those of Officers promoted from Warrant rank or from Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank for long and zealous service, subject to the same proviso as regards Naval Officers whose full pay is on the Mechanical scale:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction this proposal which has received the assent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury.”

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.