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FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1925.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of December, 1925.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day Sir Beilby Francis Alston, K.C.M.G., C.B., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of December, 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 2nd day of November, 1925 (C.(2)8333/25), in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas by Section 5 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 5th July, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that it shall be lawful for Your Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to appoint such pensions as seem fit to Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, for the time being entitled to the benefits of

Greenwich Hospital, and to prescribe the conditions on which such pensions are to be held :

“And whereas by Orders in Council bearing date the 9th September, 1865, and 4th February, 1875, provision was made for the grant, under certain conditions, of an extra pension of 5d. a day to certain Naval life pensioners over 55 years of age, and an extra pension of 9d. a day to certain Naval life pensioners over 65 years of age; the same to be called ‘Greenwich Pensions’ :

“And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 7th February, 1921, to sanction, *inter alia*, the funds of Greenwich Hospital being supplemented from Naval Funds so as to provide that every eligible life pensioner of good character should be granted the aforesaid Pensions on reaching the qualifying ages :

“And whereas the increase of the said Pensions at the age of 65 was intended to meet the increasing infirmities of age, and we are of opinion that in view of the better provision now made for this purpose by the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, it will not be necessary to grant this increase in future :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to authorize us to discontinue the award of the Greenwich Pension at the increased rate of 9d. a day at the age of 65, in the case of men joining or re-entering the Naval Service on or after the 4th October, 1925, provided nevertheless that men serving