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TUESDAY, 29 DECEMBER, 1925.

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 14th day of December, 1925, 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 25th day of March, 1920, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to approve the formation of the Special Reserve of Engineer Officers, Royal Navy, and to sanction Regulations for the Reserve :

“ And whereas by Your Order in Council bearing date the 25th day of June, 1925, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that Officers of the Special Reserve who fail to carry out the training prescribed by the aforesaid Regulations shall be liable to removal from the Reserve and to forfeiture of retaining fee :

“ And whereas we consider that the provisions in the Regulations established by Your Majesty's aforesaid Orders in Council requiring Officers of the Special Reserve to undergo periodical training and permitting them to perform voluntary training are no longer necessary and that payment of retaining fees should be discontinued :

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to cancel Your Order in Council bearing date the 25th day of June, 1925, and to approve of the Schedule to Your Order in Council bearing date the 25th day of March, 1920, being amended as follows, these alterations to take effect from the 1st day of January, 1926 :—

“ Paragraph 4. To be cancelled.

“ Paragraph 5. The words ‘ during training or ’ and ‘ while undergoing training or ’ to be omitted.

“ Paragraph 9 (3rd section). To be cancelled.

“ Paragraph 11. To be cancelled.”

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.