

fifteen shillings and sixpence (£97 15s. 6d.) per annum, re-assessed quarterly in accordance with the variation in the Civil Service Bonus cost of living figure and subject to an overriding maximum of One hundred and eleven pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence (£111 14s. 6d.) per annum; and a gratuity of One thousand four hundred and seven pounds, seven shillings and fourpence (£1,407 7s. 4d.)."

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.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *November*, 1926.

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 11th day of August, 1926, (N.P. (2) 2165/26), in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that the several shares of any money distributable among the Officers and Crew of any of Your Majesty's Ships of War in the several cases enumerated in the said Act shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto in such manner, and subject and according to such restrictions, conditions and provisions, as may from time to time be directed by Order in Council :

"And whereas it is by the said Act also enacted that Your Majesty in Council may, from time to time, make such Orders as may seem meet for the better execution of the said Act :

"And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, certain Regulations as to the manner and incidence of payment of such shares as aforesaid were made by Order in Council, dated the 6th February, 1917 :

"And whereas we consider it no longer necessary to keep Prize Money accounts open so long as forty years from the date of distribution as provided by Clause 9 of the aforesaid Order in Council :

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the reduction of the period to ten years from the date of distribution, awards still open at this date, which will have been over 10 years in distribution on 31st December, 1926, being finally closed as from that date.

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

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.

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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 4th day of September, 1926 (C.W. 7451/25), 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 8th day of August, 1911, the 11th day of October, 1912, and the 11th day of March, 1920, to approve of Royal Marine Officers of certain ranks being accorded special relative rank when embarked, and by Your Order in Council bearing date the 25th day of July, 1924, to provide that certain allowances payable to Royal Marine Officers, the rates of which vary according to rank, shall be regulated according to their relative rank afloat, and not necessarily by their actual relative rank, subject to certain specified exceptions :

"And whereas Your Majesty was further graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 6th day of February, 1925, to sanction revised regulations governing the relative rank of Naval, Military and Air Force Officers, which provide *inter alia*, that Royal Marine Officers shall in future rank at all times in accordance with their rank in the Royal Marines ashore :

"And whereas we consider that the allowances of Royal Marine Officers should not be adversely affected by Your Majesty's Order in Council last mentioned :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to direct that the allowances payable to Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines prior to the 6th day of February, 1925, shall remain unaffected by the changes in their relative rank made by Your Order in Council of that date.

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

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.