

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 9th day of September, 1926 (C.W. 1297/26), 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 owing to the reduction of certain posts a number of Quartermasters, Commissioned Sergeants-Major, Sergeants-Major, and Superintending Clerks, on the Active List of Your Majesty's Marine Force became surplus to requirements and have been retired:

“And whereas we consider it desirable that special provision should be made for the retiring allowances of the Officers whose careers have been thus curtailed:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to signify Your approval of the retirement of such Officers under the regulations contained in the annexed Schedule, which have been framed for that purpose.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence therein.

“ SCHEDULE.

“Temporary Special Retirement Scheme (1926) for Quartermasters, Sergeants-Major, and Superintending Clerks, Royal Marines, retired between the 3rd March, 1926 and the 3rd September, 1926, for the purpose of reducing the lists.

“1. Quartermasters over the age of 50 and Warrant Officers over the age of 45 on the 3rd June, 1926, retired under these regulations to be granted the rates of retired pay for which they would have been eligible under the regulations ordinarily applicable to them on attaining the age of 55 or 50 respectively, had they continued to serve until reaching that age, but in assessing such rates no promotions other than automatic promotions to be taken into account. For this purpose, promotion from Warrant Officer to Commissioned Officer from Warrant rank to be regarded as automatic on the attainment of ten years' seniority as Warrant Officer, provided the Officer's record is satisfactory.

“These Officers to be granted in addition to these rates of retired pay a gratuity on retirement at the rate of £37 10s. Od. for each complete three months intervening between the day preceding the commencement of retired pay and the day on which they would attain the age of 55 and 50 respectively sub-

ject to a maximum gratuity of £500 in each case.

“2. Officers of these ranks or classes who had not reached the age of 50 or 45 respectively on the 3rd June, 1926, to be granted the rates of retired pay for which they would have been eligible by rank and service had they continued to serve on full pay until the 3rd June, 1928, subject, in each case, to the maximum rate of retired pay laid down for the rank held on the 3rd March, 1926, a gratuity of £500 to be granted in each case in addition.

“3. All rates of retired pay granted under the provisions of this Schedule to be subject to revision on the 1st July, 1927, and subsequently.

“4. Nothing in these regulations shall confer upon any Officer retired during the currency of the scheme under any other regulations which may have been applicable to his case, a right to retired pay or gratuity under these regulations.”

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.

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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 21st day of September, 1926 (C.W. 8373/26), 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 Order in Council bearing date the 2nd day of August, 1918, to sanction the grant, at our discretion, of Temporary Commissions as Acting Chaplains to Ministers of Religious Bodies, not in conformity with the Church of England, who rendered full time service in the Royal Navy during the period of the late war:

“And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 13th day of October, 1922, to sanction the continuance of the grant of temporary commissions to such Ministers under the same conditions in time of peace, subject to their being designated ‘Temporary Chaplains’ and not ‘Acting Chaplains’: