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TUESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1928.

Whitehall, April 2, 1928.

Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 31st March, 1928, granting unto His Majesty's Son, His Royal Highness Prince Henry William Frederick Albert, K.G., G.C.V.O., Captain, 10th Royal Hussars, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, the dignities of Baron Culloden, Earl of Ulster and Duke of Gloucester.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of March, 1928.

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 20th day of March, 1928 (N. 2807/27), 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 Section 6 of the Royal Naval Reserve Volunteer Act, 1859, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that the Volunteers under that Act shall for such time as they shall be in actual service thereunder be entitled when on shore or afloat to the pay and other advantages of Petty Officers or Seamen in the Royal Navy according to the ratings which they may be found qualified to fill:

“And whereas we consider that Seamen Petty Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve belonging to the Patrol Service should when called into actual service under the said Act be known and rank as Second Hands:

“And whereas for this purpose it is necessary to establish in Your Majesty's Royal Navy a rating to be known as Second Hand and to provide for the counting of certain mobilised service for progressive increases of pay:

“We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may, by Your Order in Council, be graciously pleased

“(1) To sanction the establishment in Your Majesty's Royal Navy of the rating of Second Hand who shall when borne for service in any commissioned trawler, drifter or other small vessel, rank immediately before any Petty Officer borne for service in the same or a similar vessel but save as aforesaid shall rank with Seamen Petty Officers of the Royal Navy.

“(2) To authorize the payment to persons holding the rating of Second Hand of pay and allowances at the same rates as