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TUESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1929.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 8th day of June, 1929.

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 15th day of May, 1929, (C.W. 4810/29). 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, or to the widow or any relative of a deceased Officer, Seaman or Marine, 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 25th day of June, 1925, to approve regulations for the grant of pensions and allowances to the widows, children and other dependent relatives of Officers of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces:

"And whereas under the aforesaid regulations pensions and children's allowances may

be awarded to the widows of pensioners from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines who were granted temporary acting Warrant rank during the Great War, provided, *inter alia*, that their husbands had twelve months' service in such rank:

"And whereas certain ratings of the Royal Navy and non-commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Marines, who were serving on long service engagements, and certain pensioners, were promoted during the Great War either direct or after less than twelve months' service as Warrant Officer, to Temporary Commissions in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, or attained Warrant or higher rank in the Naval Forces of Your Majesty's Dominion and Colonial Governments, during that period, but no provision exists for the award of pensions to their widows and allowances to their children:

"And whereas we consider that the widows and children of such Officers should be eligible, at our discretion, for pensions and allowances under similar conditions to the widows and children of Temporary Acting Warrant Officers promoted during the Great War:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the proposals contained in the annexed Schedule.

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

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