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FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1929.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 17th day of *December*, 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 29th day of November, 1929 (C.W. 10421/29), 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, and 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 Section VII of Schedule V to Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, to make provision for the grant of Unemployed Pay to Officers of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces of certain ranks when unemployed except at their own request or in consequence of misconduct:

“And whereas we may nevertheless from time to time desire to relegate an Officer to the unemployed list for reasons not amounting to misconduct, but of such a nature as to

render the grant of Unemployed Pay unjustifiable:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to empower us, at our discretion, to discharge an Officer forthwith to half-pay, without an intervening period on Unemployed Pay, otherwise than on account of misconduct or at the Officer's own request.

“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.

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