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 12th day of February, 1931.

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 December, 1930 (C.W. 10868/29), in the words following,

"Whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, Schedule II, to sanction Regulations governing the promotion of Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy and Officers promoted therefrom:

"And whereas certain amendments in those Regulations were approved by Order in Council

dated 29th January, 1929:

"And whereas we are of opinion that the

said Regulations require further amendment:
"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve the revised Regulations set forth in the annexed Schedule.

"SCHEDULE.

"The Regulations in Clause 5 of Schedule II of Order in Council dated 22nd January, 1920, as amended by Order in Council dated 29th January, 1929, providing for the accelerated promotion by selection of Commissioned Warrant Officers in certain branches, viz., Gunner and Gunner (T), Boatswain, and Engineer, to the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant, to be abolished, subject to the proviso that this decision shall not apply to Commissioned Warrant Officers of these branches who may have qualified apart from sea service for accelerated promotion before the 1st January, 1934.

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 12th day of February, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 22nd day of January, 1931 (C. (3) 10195/30), in the words following, viz. :-

"Whereas it is provided by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, 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 dated the 7th day of November, 1924, to empower us at our discretion to award pensions and gratuities to widows and allowances to children and certain other dependent relatives of Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Marines and of the Reserve Forces on the Scales and under the conditions contained in the Schedule annexed

thereto:

"And whereas, by the terms of the said Schedule, compassionate allowances may only be granted to the legitimate children under the age of 16 of a deceased Seaman or Marine whose widow herself is awarded a pension under the Regulations or would, if she had been living at the time of the Seaman's or Marine's death, have been eligible for such pension:

"And whereas we are of opinion that, in exceptional circumstances, compassionate allowances should be granted to such children even though the widow herself is ineligible for the award of a pension under the Regula-

"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 make such awards.

"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.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of February, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 16th and 17th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 50, and of the Act of the 23rd and 24th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 124, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 27th day of November,