

day preceding that on which the officer may become due for compulsory retirement, and provided also that the option, once exercised, shall be final.

"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 19th day of *May*, 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 21st day of April, 1931 (N. 496/31), 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 we consider that for greater efficiency it is expedient to take steps to amalgamate, as regards future entrants, the Officers' Cook and Ship's Cook branches of the Royal Navy, which now have separate systems of entry, training and advancement, by the creation of a new Naval Cook Branch:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve the establishment as from the first day of April, 1931, of a new branch of the Royal Navy, with titles and rates of pay as shown in the attached Schedule, and the immediate substitution of the new Officer titles for those at present in use by the corresponding ranks of the existing establishment.

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

" SCHEDULE.

" NAVAL COOK BRANCH.

" Officers.

" 1. Officers who were immediately prior to promotion to Warrant rank in receipt of the

rates of Substantive Pay in force on 4th October, 1925.

	Pay per diem (a).	
	s.	d.
Paymaster Lieutenant - Commander (C)	31	0
After 3 years	35	0
Paymaster Lieutenant (C)	27	0
After 3 years	28	0
After 6 years	29	0
Commissioned Cook	19	0
After 3 years	21	0
After 6 years	23	0
After 9 years	25	0
Warrant Cook	14	0
After 3 years	15	0
After 6 years	16	0
After 9 years	17	0

" 2. Officers who were immediately prior to promotion to Warrant rank in receipt of the revised rates of Substantive Pay instituted for certain men with effect from 5th October, 1925.

	Pay per diem (a).	
	s.	d.
Paymaster Lieutenant - Commander (C)	31	0
After 3 years	35	0
Paymaster Lieutenant (C)	25	0
After 3 years	26	6
After 6 years	28	0
Commissioned Cook	18	0
After 3 years	19	6
After 6 years	21	0
After 9 years	22	6
Warrant Cook	14	0
After 3 years	15	0
After 6 years	16	0
After 9 years	17	0

" (a) The above rates of pay are to be regarded as standard rates comparable with those authorised by Order in Council dated the 22nd day of January, 1920, and are to be subject to revision at the same dates and in the same manner as the rates authorised by the Order in Council.

	Pay per diem.	
	s.	d.
Chief Petty Officer Cook (N.S.)	8	0
After 3 years as such	8	6
With subsequent triennial increments of 6d. a day.		
Petty Officer Cook (N.S.)	6	6
After 3 years as such	6	11
After 6 years as such	7	4
Leading Cook (N.S.)	4	10
After 3 years as such	5	2
Cook (N.S.)	3	3
After 3 years man's service	3	7
After 6 years man's service	3	11
Assistant Cook (N.S.)	2	0

" Note.

" (i) The new branch to consist of Continuous Service men.

" (ii) The entry of non-continuous service Officers' Cooks to continue as at present, when requisite."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with