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FRIDAY, 29 MAY, 1931.

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 30th day of April, 1931, 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 Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Section VI of Schedule V to Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, to sanction, *inter alia*, the payment of various allowances under specified conditions:

“And whereas we consider that the rules governing the payment of Navigating Allowance, Surveying pay and the Allowance to Non-specialists for performing Specialist duties require revision in certain respects:

“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 Schedule annexed hereto, with retrospective effect to the 18th August, 1930.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

“ SCHEDULE.

“(1) Lieutenant Commanders and Lieutenants (other than those promoted from warrant rank) qualified as (N) Specialists, when appointed to a Surveying Ship for training in surveying duties, but not specifically for navigating duties, to be given the option of drawing either surveying pay at the appropriate rate, or (N) allowance, whichever is the greater, but not both.

“(2) A non-specialist officer actually performing navigating duties in a Surveying Ship in the complement of which an (N) specialist is allowed but not borne specifically for (N) duties, to be paid non-specialist allowance of 1s. a day, if the officer is within the ranks ordinarily eligible for that allowance, notwithstanding that (N) specialists are borne in the ship for training as in rule (1) above.”

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