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FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1931.

23rd day of July, 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 July, 1931 (N.P. (2) 943/31), in the words following,

"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

"And whereas by Your Majesty's Orders in Council dated the 9th October, 1919, the 11th October, 1921, the 30th July 1923, and the 15th June, 1928, an allowance of 3d. a day was granted to Band ranks of the Royal Marines and Regulating, Writer and Supply ratings

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the | whilst employed on the more important duties in the fire control system which call for special knowledge and ability, e.g. Plotters, Range Corrector, Dumaresq Worker, Clock Operator, Deflection Keeper, etc.:

"And whereas we are of opinion that Officers' Stewards, Officers' Cooks and Cook ratings should in future be rendered eligible to receive this allowance under similar conditions:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us to grant the higher fire control allowance to ratings of the additional branches cited.

" The Lords Commissioners 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.

Colin Smith.