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TUESDAY, 25 DECEMBER, 1934

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *December*, 1934.

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 13th day of November, 1934, (C.W. 7999/34), 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 by Your Orders in Council bearing dates the 9th day of March, 1921, the 16th day of December, 1925, and the 19th day of May, 1931, Your Majesty was pleased to empower us, subject to certain conditions, to grant special rates of full pay to married and widower Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines whose promotion to warrant rank would otherwise involve them in pecuniary loss:

“And whereas such special rates of full pay are based upon the emoluments of the rating

held immediately prior to promotion to warrant rank and are therefore not variable on account of subsequent changes in the pay of ratings:

“And whereas in consequence of the urgent need of economy in public expenditure, the pay of certain men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines was reduced with effect from the 1st day of October, 1931, and Your Majesty was pleased accordingly by Your Order in Council bearing date the 7th day of February, 1933, to approve of revised scales of pay for such men:

“And whereas certain of the men whose pay was thus reduced have in consequence on subsequent promotion to Warrant rank either been rendered ineligible for special rates of pay as Warrant Officer or been rendered eligible for special rates of pay as such lower than would otherwise have been granted to them:

“And whereas we are of opinion that such Warrant Officers should, like the ratings from whom they were promoted, derive benefit from any improved scales of pay which may from time to time be granted to the men concerned on account of an improvement in the state of the national finances:

“And whereas improved conditions have rendered it possible, in the opinion of Your Majesty's Government, to increase the scales of pay of the men whose pay was thus reduced and Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council bearing date the 29th