

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 the regulations for Your Majesty's Navy provide that an allowance shall be payable to the person, other than a Cook rating, performing the duty of cook in certain vessels not carrying a Cook rating:

"And whereas owing to the expansion of Your Majesty's Fleet there are insufficient Cook ratings to meet requirements, and it is therefore necessary in the Fleet generally to employ ratings of the Seaman and Stoker branches of the Royal Navy, and men of the Royal Marines, on the duties of a Cook rating:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of an allowance of 6d. a day, at our discretion, whenever the duties of a Cook are carried out by a Seaman, Stoker or a Royal Marine.

"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 22nd day of *October*, 1937.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty has been pleased to approve a change in the Constitution of the Army Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Army Council. All business other than business which the Secretary of State specially reserves to himself is to be transacted in the following principal subdivisions:—

(a) The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting War Department Lands, and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(b) The First Military Member of the Army Council (the Chief of the Imperial General Staff), the Second Military Member of the Army Council (the Adjutant-General to the Forces), the Third Military Member of the Army Council (the Quarter-Master-General to the Forces), and the Fourth Military Member of the Army Council (the Master-General of the Ordnance) shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of

so much of the business relating to the organisation, disposition, personnel, armament, and maintenance of the Army, as may be assigned to them, or each of them, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(c) The Finance Member of the Army Council (Financial Secretary of the War Office) shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the finance of the Army and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(d) The Director-General of Munitions Production shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting the production of munitions and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(e) The Director-General of the Territorial Army shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting the Territorial Army Associations, and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(f) The Permanent Under-Secretary of State shall be a Member, and Secretary, of the Army Council and responsible to the Secretary of State for the preparation of all official communications of the Council and for the interior economy of the War Office: he shall also be responsible, on his appointment as Accounting Officer of Army Votes, Funds and Accounts, for the control of expenditure, and for advising the Secretary of State and the Administrative Officers at the War Office and in Commands on all questions of Army expenditure.

He shall further be charged with such other duties as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

2. This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Order in Council dated 26th September, 1936.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *October*, 1937.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 659 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (which is a Section in Part XI of that Act) it is (among other things) enacted that His Majesty may by Order in Council fix the establishments to be maintained by each of the General Lighthouse Authorities, on account of the services of lighthouses, buoys and beacons, or the annual or other sums to be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund in respect of those establishments and that an increase of any establishment or part of an establishment so fixed shall not be made without the consent of the Board of Trade:

And whereas by Section 738 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is (among other things) enacted that where His Majesty has power under that Act or any Act thereafter to be passed amending the same, to make an Order in