

" And whereas we consider it desirable to abolish the title of Air Rigger and to institute a new branch of personnel to be entitled the Air Fitter branch, to include all personnel at present serving in the Air Fitter and Air Rigger branch:

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty by Your Order in Council may be graciously pleased to sanction the institution, with effect from a date to be determined by us, of the Air Fitter branch, with grades of Air Fitter, Leading Air Fitter, Petty Officer Air Fitter and Chief Petty Officer Air Fitter; the rates of pay and allowances, transfer arrangements, and conditions of service to be as at present laid down for corresponding ratings of the Air Fitter and Air Rigger branch; service in the latter branch to be allowed to reckon towards progressive pay and for all other naval purposes as if it had been served in the Air Fitter branch."

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.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *July*, 1939.

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 7th day of July, 1939 (C.W. 3517/39), 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 the status and remuneration of Master Tailors at Royal Marine Establishments is as laid down in Order in Council bearing date the 3rd day of March, 1936:

" And whereas we consider it desirable that the conditions of service of the aforesaid Master Tailors should be amended:

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the revised conditions of service set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto.

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

" SCHEDULE.

" *Rank*.—Master Tailors to be given Acting Warrant Rank on appointment, remaining on probation for two years when they would be confirmed as Warrant Master Tailors, if satisfactory in all respects, with their original

seniority. Promotion to Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank to be at 10 years' seniority as Warrant Officer and subject to the usual recommendations. Master Tailors at present holding such appointments to be granted seniority from their date of entry as Master Tailor.

" *Pay*.—Pay and allowances to be on the scale for Warrant Officers, Royal Marines (and Officers promoted therefrom).

" In addition to service pay and allowances, Master Tailors at present holding such appointments to receive a fixed and non-pensionable salary of £310 per annum, and a variable bonus not exceeding £50 per annum, as an incentive to minimising cutting and other expenses.

" For future entrants, the fixed and non-pensionable salary to be at the rate of £160 per annum only, in addition to service pay and allowances and the variable bonus not exceeding £50 per annum.

" *Non-effective pay*.—Retired pay, widows' pensions and allowances to children and other relatives to be at the rates and subject to the conditions laid down in respect of other Warrant Officers and Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank. Master Tailors at present holding such appointments to be eligible for retired pay on the scale for Warrant Officers or Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank but service for this purpose to count only from the date of this Order in Council.

" *Retirement*.—Compulsory retirement to be at 60 years.

" *Uniform Allowance*.—As for other Warrant Officers.

" *Title*.—Warrant Master Tailor.

Commissioned Master Tailor."

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.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *July*, 1939.

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 10th day of July, 1939 (C.W. 11304/39), 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 under Order in Council bearing the date the 2nd day of February, 1937, it was provided that the junior Sergeant Major at each Royal Marine Division and the Depot,