

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the establishment of a new non-substantive rate of Harbour Defence Layer, to be sub-divided into three classes with pay at 1s., 8d. and 3d. a day respectively, with effect from the date on which the personnel concerned qualify at the approved course of instruction.

" 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.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *June*, 1940.

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 19th day of June, 1940 (N. 4494/40) 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 Orders in Council dated 29th July, 1937 and 30th April, 1940, special conditions of service and consolidated rates of pay were established for naval ratings entered for certain duties connected with controlled minefields and kindred work:

" And whereas by Order in Council dated 21st September, 1939, the non-substantive rate of Harbour Defence Operator in three grades, with pay at 1s., 8d. and 4d. a day respectively, was instituted for trained ratings of Your Majesty's Naval Volunteer Reserve who are required to augment the personnel of such fixed anti-submarine defences in an emergency:

" And whereas we have found it expedient to train and employ on such duties ratings of Your Majesty's Naval Forces other than members of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and those entered under the conditions of Orders in Council of 29th July, 1937 and 30th April, 1940, and we are of the opinion that they should be eligible for the award of the paid non-substantive rate of Harbour Defence Operator equally with qualified ratings of Your Majesty's Naval Volunteer Reserve:

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction payment accordingly to those naval ratings and members of Your Majesty's Naval Reserve Forces generally, other than men who are in receipt

of consolidated rates of pay, who are qualified and have been or may be so employed.

" 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.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *June*, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 20th day of June, 1940, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

" We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the Church and Cure (hereinafter called 'the said Benefice') of Lufton in the County of Somerset and in the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

" Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Lufton is vested for an estate in fee simple without incumbrances in Bridget Evelyn Phelps Batten of Stone Bridge, Blackboys, in the County of Sussex, Spinster:

" And whereas the said Bridget Evelyn Phelps Batten is desirous that the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Lufton now vested in her as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being:

" And whereas the Right Reverend Francis now Bishop of Bath and Wells is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness and also in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the Diocese which by the hereinbefore mentioned Acts or by some or one of them is made necessary he, the said Francis, Bishop of Bath and Wells has executed this Scheme as herein-after mentioned: