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FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1943

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 10th day of *December*, 1943.

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 29th day of November, 1943 (N.28535/43), 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 Order in Council bearing date the 5th July, 1929, provision is made for payment of allowances to the Senior Cook or Cook (S) rating employed under the General Mess system in ships and establishments, other than R.N. Barracks, with 250 or more in the General Mess:

"And whereas there are a number of establishments having messes where the victualling allowance is pooled, and the food is obtained, prepared in the raw state and cooked in bulk:

"And whereas we consider that in such messes precisely the same work is required of the Senior Cook rating as would be required in a General Mess correctly so described:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction payment to the Senior Cook rating employed in a ship or establishment victualling 250 or more where, although the Ship's Company is messed on the victualling allowance system, the victualling allowance is pooled and the responsibilities of the Senior Cook rating are similar to those in a General Mess, as follows:—

| | Per diem. |
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| | s. d. |
| " (a) When a Commissioned Instructor in Cookery or a Warrant Instructor in Cookery is not borne | 1 0 |
| " (b) When a Commissioned Instructor in Cookery or a Warrant Instructor in Cookery is borne | 6 |
| " Note.—In Establishments where the Mess is divided into Blocks with separate galleys, the allowances may be paid in respect of each block providing for 250 or more ratings. | |

"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.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

Westminster, 16th December, 1943.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, do declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—*

- Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1943.
- Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1943.
- Mining Industry (Welfare Fund), Act, 1943.

Crown Office, House of Lords.
14th December, 1943.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Rev. Cecil Vaughan Lawson B.A. to the Vicarage of St. James Watford in the county of Hertford and Diocese of St. Albans void by the resignation of the last Incumbent and His Majesty's Gift for this turn only by reason of lapse.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.
15th December, 1943.

MEMBER elected to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.
County of Middlesex, Acton Division.
Captain Henry Carpenter Longhurst, in the place of Captain Hubert John Duggan, deceased.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 24th December, 1943, at 1 p.m., for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Acts, 1939 to 1943, to the amount of £90,000,000.