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FRIDAY, 4 JUNE, 1954

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 3rd day of June, 1954.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'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 May, 1954 (N.P./C.W. 4712/52), 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 Section IV of the Schedule to Order in Council dated the 9th day of November, 1934, and Schedule III to Order in Council dated the 10th day of August, 1944, certain rates of half pay were laid down for Officers of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces:

"And whereas we are of opinion that these rates of half pay require revision:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council to sanction, with effect from the 1st day of April, 1954, the payment of half pay at rates based on half the rates of full pay, marriage allowance and flying pay in issue to the officer on the day before commencement of half pay subject to the provision that where the officer is holding acting higher or temporary rank the half pay rate is to be based on the rates appropriate to his substantive rank:

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

Her Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her 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.

W. G. Agnew.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 3rd day of June, 1954.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'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 18th day of May, 1954 (N.P. 3011/54), 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 and 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, 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 the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920, 1924, 1944, 1947 and 1952, provision is made subject to certain conditions and restrictions, for the increase of certain civil pensions payable in respect of public service:

"And whereas by Orders in Council dated the 13th August, 1920, 8th December, 1924, 28th September, 1944, 24th January, 1945, 20th March, 1946, 2nd April, 1947, and 4th September, 1952, provision is made for the increase of certain Naval pensions and other awards, including awards administered by the Ministry of Pensions, to correspond as nearly as may be, with the benefits provided by the aforementioned Pensions (Increase) Acts:

"And whereas we now deem it expedient to make further provision for the increase of such awards to correspond, as nearly as may be, with the benefits provided, in the case of certain civil pensions, by the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1954:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the provision set out in the Schedule annexed hereto with effect from the 1st April, 1954.

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

" SCHEDULE.

"1. The following amendment shall be made to the Second Schedule to Order in Council of 28th September, 1944, as amended by Order in Council of 2nd April, 1947:—

"For Paragraph 2 substitute:—

'Such awards, excluding any increase admissible under the First Schedule hereto, may be increased by 10 per cent.

This increase shall be given without regard to the income or other circumstances of the pensioner, but where an increase of the award is admissible under the provisions of the First Schedule, the amount of the latter increase shall be limited to the excess, if any, over the increase authorised by this paragraph.'

"2. Any pension increased or further increased under the provisions of this Order shall, as so increased, be regarded, for the purposes of Order in Council of 4th September, 1952, as if assessed under the regulations in force before the 1st September, 1950.

"3. In relation to an award which is, or would but for paragraph 1 of this Order be, increased by virtue of the foregoing provisions, paragraph 3 of Schedule III of the said Order in Council of 28th September, 1944 (under which an increase under that Order is reduced or excluded where the amount