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State Intelligence

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QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER has been pleased to appoint the Duchess of Abercorn to be Mistress of the Robes to Her Majesty in the room of the Dowager Duchess of Northumberland, G.C.V.O., C.B.E., retired.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of March, 1964.

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 23rd day of March 1964 (N.P. 860/64) in the words following,

"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 Forces 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 restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by Order in Council of 12th September 1960, scales and conditions have been laid down for the award of pensions and gratuities to the widows and children of deceased Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in respect of service in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines:

"And whereas we deem it expedient that revised scales and conditions should be introduced for the award of pensions to the widows and children of deceased Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in respect of service in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines:

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to award pensions at the rates and subject to the conditions in the Schedule annexed

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

" SCHEDULE

"SECTION I

"Outline of the Forces Family Pensions Scheme

"The family pensions and other awards provided for in this Schedule are those payable in respect of the service of deceased Officers, Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, as distinct

of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, as distinct from the awards which are payable in respect of deaths which are due to service.

"2. Except where otherwise stated, the term 'Officers' in this Schedule should be read as including commissioned officers of the Royal Navy and of the Royal Marines and 'R.N. ratings and R.M. other ranks' should be read as including Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and other ratings of the Royal Navy and Nan-Commissioned Officers and other ranks Navy and Non-Commissioned Officers and other ranks of the Royal Marines.
"3. Subject to the detailed regulations set out

below, family pensions may be paid to eligible members of the families of deceased Officers, R.N. ratings and R.M. other ranks who were entitled by service to half pay, retired pay or service pension, or, where death occurred during service, would have been so entitled had they been invalided on the day they

died.

"4. Family pensions payable in respect of service are at higher or lower rates (referred to hereafter as 'ordinary' and 'modified' pensions respectively) 'ordinary' and 'modified' pensions respectively) according to whether the family is receiving a pension in respect of death due to service (referred to hereafter as an 'attributable' pension). If an 'attributable' pension has not been awarded an 'ordinary' family pension will be payable but if an 'attributable' pension. sion has been awarded a 'modified' family pension will be payable.

"SECTION II

"Family Pensions

"5. The provisions of this Section are effective from 1st January 1963, and are applicable to the widows and children of Officers, R.N. ratings and R.N. other ranks whether serving, or retired or discharged, who die on or after 4th November 1958, provided the officer, rating or other rank was granted, or was entitled to, half pay, service retired pay or pension, or if death occurs whilst serving would have been so entitled had he been invalided on the date of death; provided also in the case of R.N. ratings and R.M. other ranks (excepting Regimental Sergeant Majors, Royal Marines) that service reckonable for pension was given after 31st August 1950.

"6. 'Ordinary' Family Pensions. If the death of the husband was not due to service and the family is not receiving an 'attributable' pension, an