

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 15th day of *June*, 1901.

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 fourteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and one, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas we are of opinion that there should exist some means of recognizing Distinguished Service before the Enemy on the part of Warrant Officers or Subordinate Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet, who by reason of not holding a Commission in the Royal Navy, are not eligible for appointment to any existing Order or Decoration.

“We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to institute a Decoration, to be designated the Conspicuous Service Cross and to consist of a Silver Cross, with the reverse side plain, but having on the obverse side in the centre Your Majesty's Imperial and Royal Cypher, E.R.I., surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

“We would beg leave to recommend to Your Majesty that this Decoration be awarded for meritorious or distinguished services before the Enemy performed by Warrant Officers or Acting Warrant Officers, or by subordinate Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet: and that no person shall be nominated thereto unless his services shall have been marked by the especial mention of his name in despatches by the Admiral or Senior Naval or Military Officer Commanding the Squadron or detached Force.

“The award of this Decoration to carry with it the right to have the letters C.S.C. appended to the Officer's name.

“We would submit further that the names of those upon whom Your Majesty may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and a registry thereof kept in the Office of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.”

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.

A. W. FitzRoy.