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THE King has been graciously pleased to ordain and declare the following Special Statute of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India :—

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, and Sovereign of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting !

Whereas in and by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and the Statutes for the government of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India made in pursuance of the said Letters Patent, full power and authority is reserved to Us to increase the number of Members of any of the Classes of the said Order, and to assign a place in any such Class to any person whom We might think fit to admit into the same.

And whereas by a Special Statute, bearing date the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and now in full force for the regulation of the Order, it is ordained and declared that the First Class or Knights Grand Commanders of the Order shall not exceed thirty-six in number ; that the Second Class or Knights Commanders shall not exceed eighty in number ; and that the Third Class shall not exceed one hundred and sixty in number.

And whereas We deem it expedient further to increase the number of the Members of the Second and Third Classes of Our said Order.

Now, therefore, in pursuance and in exercise of the power so reserved to Us by the aforesaid

Letters Patent and the Statutes made in pursuance thereof, We are pleased by this Special Statute of Our said Most Exalted Order to increase the number of the Second and Third Classes, and to enable Us to carry this Our Royal Will and Pleasure into effect, We do hereby increase the total number of Companions or Members of this Order from two hundred and seventy-six to two hundred and ninety-one; and We do further, in exercise of the power aforesaid, alter and dispense with so much of the aforesaid Statutes of Our said Order as may be necessary for the purposes hereinafter declared, and the said Statutes are altered and dispensed with accordingly, and in lieu thereof We have made, ordained, and established and by these Presents sealed with the Seal of the Order do make, ordain, and establish the following Statutes, viz. :—

I. It is ordained that the Second Class or Knights Commanders shall not exceed eighty-five in number.

II. It is ordained that the Third Class or Companions shall not exceed one hundred and seventy in number.

And it is Our Will and Pleasure that this Special Statute sealed with the Seal of the said Order be taken and received as part and parcel of the Statutes thereof.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said Order, this twenty-first day of October, in the second year of Our Reign and the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

By His Majesty's Command,

GEORGE HAMILTON.