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WAR OFFICE, October 20, 1903.

STATUTES OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

EDWARD, R. and I.

EDWARD, 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, Sovereign of the Distinguished Service Order, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS Her late Majesty, Our Beloved Mother, Queen Victoria, by a Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at Her Court at Balmoral the sixth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in the fiftieth year of Her reign, did institute and create a new naval and military order of distinction, to be styled and designated the "Distinguished Service Order";

And whereas, by the said Royal Warrant it was, among other things, ordained that the said Order should rank next to, and immediately after, Our Order of the Indian Empire, and that the badge of the Order should have on the reverse Her late Majesty's Imperial and Royal Cypher, V.R.I.;

And whereas we have thought fit to signify Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Royal Victorian Order, and that the badge shall have on the reverse Our Royal Cypher, E.R. VII.;

Now, therefore, We do, by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and

appoint: Firstly, that the Distinguished Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Royal Victorian Order, and that the companions thereof shall, in all places and assemblies whatsoever, have place and precedency next to, and immediately after, the members of the 4th Class of Our said Royal Victorian Order, and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations. Secondly, that the badge of the Order, which shall consist of a gold cross, enamelled white, edged gold, having on one side thereof in the centre, within a wreath of laurel, enamelled green, the Imperial Crown in gold, upon a red enamelled ground, and on the reverse, within a similar wreath, and on a similar red ground, Our Royal Cypher, E.R. VII. shall be suspended from the left breast by a red riband, edged blue, of one inch in width.

The Warrants given under Our Sign Manual on the 24th July 1902 and 2nd July 1903, are accordingly hereby cancelled.

Given at Our Court at Saint James', this fifteenth day of October, in the third year of Our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. O. ARNOLD-FORSTER.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,
ST JAMES' PALACE, October 9, 1903.

The King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Vienna, to make the following further appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—