

Sixth.—It is ordained, that the numbers to which the several Classes and the several divisions of this Order are limited, shall not restrict Us, Our Heirs and Successors, from appointing at Our pleasure any Prince of the Blood Royal, being a descendant of His late Majesty King George the First.

Seventh.—It is ordained, that the Military Division of the first Class, or Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed fifty in number; and that no person shall be appointed to this division who doth not, at the time of his nomination, actually hold a commission in our Army, or in the service of the East India Company, of or above the rank of Major General, or a commission in Our Navy of or above the rank of a Rear Admiral.

Eighth.—It is ordained, that the Civil Division of the first Class, or the Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed twenty-five in number; and that no persons shall be nominated thereto, or to either of the two other Civil Divisions of this Order, who shall not by their personal services to Our Crown, or by the performance of public duties, have merited Our Royal favour.

Ninth.—It is ordained, that the Military Division of the second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed one hundred and two in number; and that no person shall be appointed thereto who doth not, at the time of his nomination, actually hold a Commission in Our Army or Marines of or above the rank of Colonel, or a corresponding commission in the service of the East India Company, or a commission in Our Navy of or above the rank of Captain.

Tenth.—It is ordained, that the Civil Division of the second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed fifty in number, and that no person shall be appointed thereto who would not, according to the provisions hereinbefore contained, be qualified for being nominated to be of the Civil Division of the first Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Order.

Eleventh.—It is ordained, that the Military Division of the third Class, or Companions, shall not, except under special and temporary exigencies, exceed five hundred and twenty-five in number; and that no person shall be nominated thereto who doth not actually hold, at the time of his nomination, a commission in Our Army or Marines, or in the Service of the East India Company, of or above the rank of Major, or a Commission in Our Navy, or in the maritime service of the East India Company, of or above the rank of Commander; nor shall any person be admitted into this division, unless his services have been marked by the especial mention of his name in despatches published in the London Gazette, as having distinguished himself by his valour and conduct in action against the enemy, in the command of a ship of war, or of Our troops, or at the head of a military department,

or as having, by some active service under His immediate conduct and direction, contributed to the success of any such action.

Twelfth.—It is ordained, that the Civil Division of the third Class, or Companions, shall not exceed two hundred in number; and that no person shall be appointed thereto who would not, according to the provisions hereinbefore contained, be qualified for being nominated to be of the Civil Division of the second Class of Knights Commanders of the said Order.

Thirteenth.—It is ordained, that the Honorary Members of the Order shall consist of foreign persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the honor of being received into the Military and Civil Divisions of the several Classes of this Order; and that the number of such Honorary Members may consist of as many foreign persons as We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall think fit to appoint.

Fourteenth.—It is ordained, that although We have deemed it expedient in the foregoing Statutes to prescribe and limit the numbers which shall constitute each class and each division of this Most Honorable Order, nevertheless, inasmuch as We are pleased to regard, not merely the present but the future exigencies of this Our realm, so We have thought fit to provide for distant contingencies, therefore, in the event of any future wars or of any actions or services, civil or military, meriting peculiar honor and reward, it shall be lawful for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in virtue of the powers to Us and Them reserved in and by the said recited Letters Patent of the tenth year of Our reign, to increase the numbers in any of the said classes, and in any of the said divisions, and to assign a place in any such division to any of Our Officers, naval and military, whose rank in Our Service would not qualify him for holding a place therein, according to the provisions hereinbefore in that behalf made.

Fifteenth.—It is ordained, that nothing in these Statutes shall be taken, construed, or understood to annul the nomination or appointment, previously to the date of these presents, of any Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, Companion, or Officer of this Most Honorable Order, except the office of Officer of Arms Attendant upon the Knights Commanders and Companions of this Order, and the office of Secretary appertaining to the said Knights Commanders and Companions. And We are pleased to declare, that such changes shall not in any respect abate the privileges of its Members and Officers, but, on the contrary, are designed to explain, extend, and establish the same; therefore all such persons as have been heretofore and now are Members of this Most Honorable Order, whether they belong to the class of Knights Grand Cross, or to that of Knights Commanders, or to that of Companions, shall, in pursuance of the said last-recited Letters Patent, continue to hold and enjoy those