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*Whitehall, December 11, 1906.*

The KING has been pleased to ordain that the Imperial Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, the Distinguished Service Order.

The Royal Warrant signifying His Majesty's pleasure in this behalf is dated the 29th November, 1906, and is to the following effect:—

EDWARD, R. & I.

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, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas We, by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, the eighth day of August, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and two, and the second year of Our Reign, did institute and create a new Civil Order of Distinction to be styled and designated the Imperial Service Order:

Now, therefore, We do, by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint that the Imperial Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Distinguished Service Order, and before the Fifth Class of Our Royal Victorian Order, and the Companions thereof shall, in all places and assemblies whatsoever, have place and precedency next to, and immediately after, the Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations.

Given at Our Court at *Sandringham*, this twenty-ninth day of *November*, in the sixth year of Our Reign and in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.

By His Majesty's Command.

*H. J. Gladstone.*

At the Court at *Sandringham House*, the 1st day of *December*, 1906.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria chapter thirty-seven, sections six and eight duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the twenty-second day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, in the words following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England in pursuance of an Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria chapter thirty-seven sections six and eight have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for authorizing the sale and disposal of certain property formerly belonging to the bishoprick of Durham and now vested in us.

“Whereas under an Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of Her said late Majesty chapter one hundred and twenty-four and by virtue of an Order of Her said late Majesty in Council made under the provisions of the same Act and bearing date the eighteenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty and duly published in the London Gazette on the thirteenth day of the following month certain lands and hereditaments then belonging to the said bishoprick being the lands and hereditaments comprised in the schedule marked A annexed to the scheme ratified by the said Order became and are now vested in us in fee simple for the purposes and subject to the provisions applicable to other hereditaments vested in us.

“And whereas the whole of the said lands and hereditaments are now in our possession but some portions thereof on account of their character or situation are unsuitable or inconvenient to be held or applied for the purposes for which estates