

Order—and We were graciously pleased to Make, Ordain, and Establish Rules and Ordinances for the government of the same:

And whereas We are minded to make certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Order:

Now, therefore, in pursuance and in the exercise of the power vested in Us by the aforesaid Statutes, and in order to enable Us to carry this Our Will and Pleasure into effect, We do hereby abrogate the aforesaid Statutes of the eighth day of August one thousand nine hundred and two and the twenty-ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and six and the same are abrogated accordingly, but without prejudice to anything done thereunder; and in lieu thereof, We do by these Presents Make, Ordain, and Establish the following Statutes and Ordinances:

Firstly: It is ordained that this Order shall henceforth be styled and designated "The Imperial Service Order."

Secondly: It is ordained that the Order shall consist of the Sovereign, the Prince of Wales, and such Companions as We, Our Heirs, or Successors, shall appoint.

Thirdly: It is ordained that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperors and Empresses of India, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns of this Order.

Fourthly: It is ordained that only the Members of the administrative or clerical branches of Our Civil Services shall be eligible for the distinction of Companions of this Order.

Fifthly: It is ordained that the number of Companions of the Order shall not exceed four hundred and twenty-five, of whom two hundred and fifty shall belong to Our Home Civil Service, and one hundred and seventy-five to the Civil Services of Our Colonies and Protectorates.

Sixthly: It is ordained that no person shall be eligible to be a Companion of the Order, whose name has not been laid before Us, Our Heirs or Successors, by one of Our or Their Principal Secretaries of State, and who has not at the time of his or her nomination rendered at least twenty-five years' meritorious service in the United Kingdom, or in Our Colonies or Protectorates: Provided that in a Colony or Protectorate which under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying to that Colony or Protectorate, is recognised as unhealthy, the minimum period of service shall be sixteen years: Provided also that it shall at any time be competent to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to appoint specially to the Order persons, who, not having completed the aforesaid periods of service, have rendered such eminently meritorious service as to qualify them, in Our opinion, to become recipients of this distinction.

Seventhly: It is ordained that when We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Companion of the Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Sign Manual and countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Eighthly: It is ordained that the decoration to be worn by Companions of the Order shall be: for men, a Badge or Medallion of gold or enamel, bearing Our Imperial and Royal Cypher, and the words "For Faithful Service," both to be

executed in dark blue enamel on a plaque or shield of gold, surrounded by a seven-pointed star of silver, surmounted by the Imperial Crown; and for women, a Badge or Medallion in all respects similar to the Badge or Medallion for men, save that the plaque or shield of gold shall be surrounded by a wreath of laurel in silver instead of a star, surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

Ninthly: It is ordained that the decoration shall be worn by male Companions on the left breast, suspended by a ribbon of one inch and a half in width, consisting of a strip of blue between two strips of crimson of equal size, and by female Companions on the left shoulder, suspended by a ribbon of the same colour and width, fashioned into a bow.

Tenthly: It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We are pleased to confer the decoration shall be published in the London Gazette.

Eleventhly: It is ordained that Companions of the Order shall have the privilege of adding the letters "I.S.O." after their names.

Twelfthly: It is ordained that members of any Order of Knighthood shall, if otherwise qualified, be eligible to become Companions of this Order, and that male Companions of this Order shall in no way be debarred from becoming thereafter Members of any Order of Knighthood for which their services may qualify them.

Thirteenthly: It is ordained that an Officer shall be appointed to the Order who shall be styled "Secretary and Registrar," and who shall be ex-officio a Companion of the Order.

Fourteenthly: It is ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of this Order shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and shall have the custody of the Archives of the Order, which shall be kept in the Office of Our Secretary of State for the Home Department. He shall attend the service of the Order and shall execute such directions as he may receive from Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Fifteenthly: It is ordained that those Members of Our Civil Services, who are not eligible for appointment as Companions of this Order may, on retirement from Our said Services, after not less than twenty-five years of meritorious service in the United Kingdom, or in one of Our Colonies or Protectorates, or not less than sixteen years of such service in a Colony or Protectorate which, under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying to that Colony or Protectorate, is recognised as unhealthy, be awarded a Medal to be designated "The Imperial Service Medal," provided that no such Medal shall be granted except on the recommendation of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State. Provided also that it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer the Medal upon not more than five Members of Our Civil Services in each year, who have retired after less than twenty-five years' service, should special circumstances in Our or Their opinion justify the grant.

Sixteenthly: It is ordained that the Imperial Service Medal for men and for women shall in all respects be similar to the badge of the Imperial Service Order for men and women respectively, save that the plaque shall be of silver instead of gold, and the star or wreath of laurel shall be of bronze instead of silver, and it is ordained that the Imperial Service Medal shall be worn in a similar manner to that prescribed