

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, the twenty-ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and six, the twenty-seventh day of May one thousand nine hundred and eight and the seventeenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and nine 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 seven hundred, of whom two hundred and fifty shall belong to Our Home Civil Service, two hundred to Our Civil Services in India, including the Staff of Our Secretary of State for India (one hundred appointments being reserved for Europeans and one hundred for natives of India), and two hundred and fifty to the Civil Services of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, and Countries under Our Protection, including the Staff of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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 Our said Civil Services: Provided that in the Indian Empire the minimum period of service in the case of Europeans shall be twenty years, and that in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or any Country under Our Protection, which, under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying thereto, is recognised as unhealthy, the minimum of service shall be sixteen years: Provided also that it shall 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 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.

Fourteenthly.—It is ordained that it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, to cancel and annul the appointment of any Companion of this Order, and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased; but that it shall be competent for the Sovereign to restore to the Order any person whose appointment may have been so cancelled and annulled when circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

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, or, in the case of Europeans serving in the Indian Empire, after not less than twenty years of such service, or in the case of service in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or any Country under Our Protection which, under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying thereto, is recognised as unhealthy, after not less than sixteen years of such service, be awarded a Medal to be designated "The Imperial Service Medal": Provided that no such Medal shall be granted, except on the