

recommendation of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State: Provided also that it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs or 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 the special circumstances in Our or Their opinion justify the grant.

Sixteenthly.—It is ordained that the Imperial Service Medal for men and 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 for the Imperial Service Order, and that these Medals shall bear on the reverse the name of the recipient.

Seventeenthly.—It is ordained that the names of those persons to whom the Imperial Service Medal shall be granted shall be duly published in the London Gazette.

Eighteenthly.—It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, to cancel and annul the award of any Imperial Service Medal, and that thereupon the name of the recipient in the Register shall be erased; but it shall be competent for the Sovereign to restore the Medal to any person whose name may have been so erased, when circumstances render it just and expedient so to do. And every person to whom the said Medal is awarded shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the Medal if his name shall be erased as aforesaid.

Nineteenthly.—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.

Twentiethly.—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.

Lastly.—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these Regulations, or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's* this ninth day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Reginald McKenna.

Westminster, March 28, 1912.

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Metropolitan Police Act, 1912.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.,*

March 29, 1912.

The KING has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

To be Honorary Chaplains to His Majesty.

The Reverend Canon Hardwicke Drummond Rawnsley, M.A., Vicar of Crosthwaite, Keswick.

The Reverend Prebendary John Storrs, M.A., Vicar of Saint Peter's, Eaton Square.

The Reverend George Fossick Wilson, M.A., General Superintendent of the Missions to Seamen.

Crown Office,

March 28, 1912.

Days and places appointed for holding the Intermediate Spring Assizes, 1912:—

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Scrutton.

Mr. Justice Bankes.

Tuesday, April 16, at Liverpool (Civil and Criminal).

Saturday, May 4, at Manchester (Civil and Criminal).