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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

WHEREAS Our Royal Grandfather, His late Majesty King George the Fifth, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster the Fourth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, in the Eighth year of His Reign, did institute, erect, constitute and create an Order of Knighthood to be called and known for ever thereafter by the name, style and designation of THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE whereof His said Majesty and His heirs and successors for ever should be Sovereigns, and did by the said Letters Patent ordain and declare that the said Order should be governed by Statutes and Ordinances to be established by The Sovereign and sealed by the Seal of the said Order.

Recites Letters
Patent, 4th June
1917.

AND WHEREAS Our Royal Father, His late Majesty King George the Sixth, did on various dates, and particularly on the Fourteenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, enact and issue certain Statutes and Ordinances to be observed within the said Order, wherein power was reserved to The Sovereign of the said Order of annulling, altering, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with the same or any part thereof by a notification under the Sign Manual of The Sovereign of the Order.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that certain alterations should be made in the existing Statutes of the said Order as altered or augmented by Us on the Fifteenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and seventy and on subsequent dates:

Now know ye that in pursuance of the power vested in Us by the said Letters Patent We have Abrogated and Annulled and do hereby Abrogate and Repeal the existing Statutes of the said Order:

Abrogates the
former Statutes.

And further know all ye to whom these Presents shall come that in substitution thereof We have Made, Ordained, and Established, and by these Presents, sealed with the Seal of the said Order, do Make, Ordain, and Establish the following Statutes and Ordinances, namely:—

Style and Designation.

I.— It is Ordained and Enjoined that this Order of Chivalry shall be Styled and Designated in all Acts, Proceedings, and Pleadings, “THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE” as in Our said Letters Patent is directed, and by no other Designation.

Order to consist of Sovereign, Grand Master and Five Classes of members. The Five Classes to be sub-divided into Military and Civil Divisions.

II.— It is Ordained that the said Order shall consist of THE SOVEREIGN and a GRAND MASTER and of Five several Classes:— I. “KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS” and “DAMES GRAND CROSS”. II. “KNIGHTS COMMANDER” and “DAMES COMMANDER”. III. “COMMANDERS”. IV. “OFFICERS”. V. “MEMBERS”. And it is further Ordained that each and every of these Five Classes shall likewise contain two sub-divisions, whereof the first shall be styled “MILITARY” and the second “CIVIL”, each of which sub-divisions shall be composed partly of Ordinary and partly of Honorary members, but that no person shall at the same time be included in both sub-divisions.

Sovereigns of the Order

III.— It is Ordained that We, Our heirs and successors, Kings or Queens Regnant of Our said Realm, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns of this Order, to whom doth and shall belong all power of Annulling, Interpreting, Explaining, or Augmenting these and every part of these Statutes.

The Grand Master

IV.— We do hereby Ordain, Direct and Appoint that a Prince of the Blood Royal, or other such exalted personage as We, Our heirs and successors shall hereafter appoint, shall be Grand Master of the said Order, and shall in virtue thereof be the First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the said Order, to whose custody shall be confided the Great Seal of the Order, which he shall affix to all Statutes, Ordinances, and Instruments according to the Regulations touching the issue of every of the said Instruments; and it is further Ordained that it shall be his special duty to enforce the due observance of the Statutes and Ordinances of this Order, and that he shall likewise direct the issue of all letters of Summons whenever The Sovereign shall be pleased to command an Investiture of the said MOST EXCELLENT ORDER.

Duty of the Grand Master.

Persons eligible for appointment to the Military Division of the Order.

V.— It is Ordained that all members, commissioned and non-commissioned, of Our Naval, Military and Air Forces of Our United Kingdom, and members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of Members of the Commonwealth overseas of which We are Queen, the Governments whereof shall so desire, or of Our Colonies or Our other Territories or of the Territories under Our Protection or Administration, including those serving under Administrative Headquarters and officials of the Women’s Auxiliary Services of such Forces, shall be eligible for appointment to the Military Division of this Order.

VI.— It is Ordained that the persons to be admitted to the Civil Division of the said Order shall be such persons, male or female, as have rendered, or shall hereafter render, important services to Our United Kingdom, to those Members of the Commonwealth overseas of which We are Queen, the Governments whereof shall so desire to recommend appointments to the Order, to Our Colonies, to Our other Territories, or to the Territories under Our Protection or Administration.

Persons eligible for appointment to the Civil Division of the Order.

VII.— It is Ordained that foreign persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the honour of being received into this Order shall be deemed to be, and described as, HONORARY KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS or HONORARY DAMES GRAND CROSS, HONORARY KNIGHTS COMMANDER, or HONORARY DAMES COMMANDER, HONORARY COMMANDERS, HONORARY OFFICERS, and HONORARY MEMBERS, according to the Classes in the Order to which they belong, and it is further Ordained that the name of every foreign person to be received into this Order shall be laid before Us, Our heirs and successors, by Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, by the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country and that the number of such foreign persons shall not be limited as is hereinafter provided in the case of Ordinary members.

Honorary members.

It is also Ordained that citizens of countries within the Commonwealth of which We are not Queen, upon whom We may think fit to confer the honour of being received into this Order shall be deemed to be, and described as, HONORARY KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS or HONORARY DAMES GRAND CROSS, HONORARY KNIGHTS COMMANDER, or HONORARY DAMES COMMANDER, HONORARY COMMANDERS, HONORARY OFFICERS, and HONORARY MEMBERS, according to the Classes in the Order to which they belong, and it is further Ordained that the name of every foreign person to be received into this Order shall be laid before Us, Our heirs and successors, by Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, by the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country and that the number of such foreign persons shall not be limited as is hereinafter provided in the case of Ordinary members.

VIII.— It is Ordained that the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights and Dames Grand Cross, shall not exceed twenty-seven, of which number twenty-five may be appointed in Our Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, and two on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth

Members of the First Class of the Military Division not to exceed 27 in number.

country (not more than one to be so appointed in a period of two years).

Members of the First Class of the Civil Division not to exceed 73 in number.

IX.— It is Ordained that the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights and Dames Grand Cross, shall not exceed seventy-three of which number forty-five shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, Our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands (not more than three to be so appointed in one year), and twenty-eight shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, any other part or parts of the Commonwealth, or who have rendered services in relation to Foreign Affairs (not more than two to be so appointed in one year, which number may be appointed on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and of which number one may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country).

Members of the Second Class of the Military Division not to exceed 215 in number.

X. It is Ordained that the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights and Dames Commander, shall not exceed two hundred and fifteen, of which number one hundred and seventy-five may be appointed in Our Armed Forces of the United Kingdom (not more than ten to be so appointed in a period of five years), and forty on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country (not more than three to be so appointed in one year).

Members of the Second Class of the Civil Division not to exceed 670 in number.

XI.— It is Ordained that the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights and Dames Commander, shall not exceed six hundred and seventy of which number two hundred and seventy shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, Our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands (not more than twenty to be so appointed in one year), and four hundred shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, any other part or parts of the Commonwealth or who have rendered services in relation to Foreign Affairs (not more than twenty-six to be so appointed in one year, which number may be appointed on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and of which number not more than twenty-two in a period of one year may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country).

XII.— It is Ordained that the Military Division of the Third Class, or Commanders, shall not exceed one thousand seven hundred, of which number one thousand four hundred and forty may be appointed in Our Armed Forces of the United Kingdom (not more than one hundred and three to be so appointed in a period of five years), and two hundred and sixty on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country (not more than fourteen to be appointed in one year on the recommendation of Our said Secretary of State, of which number twelve may, in respect of any Members of the Commonwealth as defined above, be appointed on the recommendation of the aforesaid Prime Ministers).

Members of the Third Class of the Military Division not to exceed 1,700 in number.

XIII.— It is Ordained that the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Commanders, shall not exceed seven thousand six hundred, of which number five thousand one hundred shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, Our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands (not more than two hundred and thirty-five to be so appointed in one year), and two thousand five hundred shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, any other part or parts of the Commonwealth or who have rendered services in relation to Foreign Affairs (not more than one hundred and thirteen to be so appointed in one year, which number may be appointed on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and of which number eighty may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country).

Members of the Third Class of the Civil Division not to exceed 7,600 in number.

XIV.— It is Ordained that not more than eighty-eight appointments shall be made in any one year to the Military Division of the Fourth Class, or Officers, of which number fifty-four may be appointed in Our Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, and thirty-four on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, of which number thirty-one may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country.

Appointments to the Fourth Class of the Military Division not to exceed 88 in any one year.

XV.— It is Ordained that not more than nine hundred and ten appointments shall be made in any one year to the Civil Division of the Fourth Class, or Officers, of which number five hundred and sixty shall be persons who have rendered meritorious services within, or connected with, Our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel

Appointments to the Fourth Class of the Civil Division not to exceed 910 in any one year.

Islands, and three hundred and fifty shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, any other part or parts of the Commonwealth, or who have rendered services in relation to Foreign Affairs, and that the latter number may be made on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and that of this number two hundred and twenty-two may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country.

Appointments to the Fifth Class of the Military Division not to exceed 312 in any one year.

XVI.— It is Ordained that not more than three hundred and twelve appointments shall be made in any one year to the Military Division of the Fifth Class, or Members, of which number two hundred and forty-eight may be appointed in Our Armed Forces of the United Kingdom, and sixty-four on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, of which number sixty may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country.

Appointments to the Fifth Class of the Civil Division not to exceed 1,877 in any one year.

XVII.— It is Ordained that not more than one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven appointments shall be made in any one year to the Civil Division of the Fifth Class, or Members, of which number one thousand three hundred and thirty shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, Our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, and five hundred and forty-seven shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, any other part or parts of the Commonwealth, or who have rendered services in connection with Foreign Affairs, and that the latter number may be made on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and that of this number three hundred and seventy-six may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country.

Vacancies arising through non-appointment.

XVIII.— It is Ordained that, if the appointments authorised to be made annually in the first three Classes as aforesaid be not made in any one year, the vacancies so arising may be filled in subsequent years, but that vacancies so arising in the Fourth and Fifth Classes may not be so filled up.

Certain Appointments to be Additional.

XIX.— It is Ordained that those persons who were admitted into this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER prior to the Twenty-ninth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and those persons who

were admitted in recognition of their services in the military operations in Waziristan in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, or who were admitted in commemoration of the Twenty-fifth year of the Reign of Our Royal Grandfather, His late Majesty King George the Fifth, in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of the Coronation of Our Royal Father, His late Majesty King George the Sixth, on the Twelfth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, or in recognition of their services rendered to the Empire during the Second World War, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine to One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in specified operations in South East Asia, including the Netherlands East Indies, between the Third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five and the Thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and those persons who have been admitted in recognition of their services in Minesweeping or Mine or Bomb Clearance arising out of, and subsequent to, the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, or in recognition of gallantry at any time subsequent to the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Palestine and the adjoining waters between the Twenty-seventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Malaya between the First day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and the Thirty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in the Korea operations between the Second day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty and the Twenty-seventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services during the operations in Kenya between the Twenty-first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two and the Seventeenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of Our Royal Coronation on the Second day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in Cyprus between the First day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and the Eighteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services during operations in the Near East during the period October to December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Arabian Peninsula between the First day of January, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Radfan area, South Arabia, between the

Thirteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and the Fifteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Borneo Territories between the Eighth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and the Eleventh day of August, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in South Arabia between the Twentieth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and the Thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Vietnam between the First day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and those persons whom We have thought fit to admit in commemoration of the Investiture of Our Most Dear Son, The Prince of Wales, in the year One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and those persons who have been admitted or whom We may think fit to admit in recognition of their services in operations in Northern Ireland since the First day of August, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and those whom We have thought fit to admit in commemoration of Our Silver Jubilee, and those whom We have thought fit to admit in recognition of services in operations in the South Atlantic in the year One thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, and those whom We have thought fit to admit in recognition of services in operations in the Gulf between the Second day of August, One thousand nine hundred and ninety and the Seventh day of March, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, and those Honorary members of any Class of the Order who, subsequent to appointment as such, have become, or become in the future, subjects, male or female, of Our Crown, and in respect of whom the relevant Government shall so desire, shall be Additional members of the Several Classes to which they were admitted, and shall not be included within the numbers of the Ordinary members allotted to each Class of the said Order. It is further Ordained that Additional members so appointed shall have rank and precedence among the Ordinary members of the Several Classes of Our said Order according to the dates of their respective appointments, and that the Statutes of Our said Order shall in all matters and things apply in the same manner to the said Additional members as to the Ordinary members of Our said Order, any Statute, Decree or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. It is further Ordained that the date of Appointment as Additional member of an Honorary member becoming an Additional member shall be the date on which he or she became a Subject of Our Crown.

Names submitted for appointment to the Civil Division to be submitted to The Sovereign by the

XX.— It is Ordained that the name of every person, other than a foreign person, or a citizen of a country within the Commonwealth of which We are not Queen, to be appointed to be a member of any Class of the Civil Division of this Our said Order shall be laid before Us, Our heirs and successors, by Our Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury,

or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country, and that the name of every person, other than a foreign person, or citizen of a country within the Commonwealth of which We are not Queen, to be appointed to be a member of any Class of the Military Division shall be laid before Us, Our heirs and successors by Our Secretary of State for Defence, or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country.

appropriate Minister.

Names submitted for appointment to the Military Division to be submitted to The Sovereign by the Secretary of State for Defence or the appropriate Commonwealth Prime Minister.

XXI.—It is Ordained that, having taken into Our Royal consideration the expressed desire of the Prime Minister of Our Commonwealth of Australia and the Premiers of each and every State of Our Commonwealth of Australia to cease from the submission of recommendations to this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER, We, in pursuance and exercise of the power vested in Us, do accede to this desire for Us, Our heirs and successors the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twentieth of these Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

Australian citizens no longer to be recommended for appointment to the Order.

XXII.— It is Ordained that when We, Our heirs and successors, shall be pleased to nominate and appoint any person to this Order such appointments shall be made by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual sealed with the Seal of this Order and countersigned by the Grand Master.

Members to receive Warrants of Appointment to the Order.

XXIII.— It is Ordained that this Order shall rank next to and immediately after Our Royal Victorian Order, that in all solemn Ceremonies, Places and Assemblies the Knights Grand Cross of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, and that the Dames Grand Cross of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Dames Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order and may on all occasions have, use and enjoy the appellation and style of Dame before their Christian or first names, that the Knights Commander of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, that the Dames Commander of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Dames Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, and may on all occasions have, use and enjoy the appellation and style of Dame before their Christian or first names, that the men who are Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the men who are members of the Third Class of the Royal Victorian Order, and that the

Precedence of the Order.

Precedence of Knights Grand Cross.

Precedence and Style of Dames Grand Cross. Precedence of Knights Commander.

Precedence and Style of Dames Commander.

Precedence of Commanders.

Precedence of Officers.	women who are Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the women who are members of the Third Class of the Royal Victorian Order, that the men who are Officers of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the men who are members of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order, and that the women who are Officers of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the women who are members of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order, that the men who are Members of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the men who are members of the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order, and that the women who are Members of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the women who are members of the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order.
Precedence of Members.	
Insignia of The Sovereign.	XXIV.— It is Ordained that the Insignia and Robes of The Sovereign of this Order shall be of the same material and fashion as are hereinafter appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, save only with those alterations which distinguish Our Royal Dignity.
Insignia of the Grand Master.	XXV.— It is Ordained that the Grand Master shall wear the Insignia and Robes of a Knight Grand Cross, or Dame Grand Cross as may be appropriate, save that the Badge for the Grand Master shall be augmented in such manner as The Sovereign shall command.
Mantles and Insignia of Knights and Dames Grand Cross.	XXVI.— It is Ordained that the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross shall at all Investitures of the Order and upon all great and solemn occasions to be appointed, wear mantles of rose pink satin, lined with pearl grey silk, fastened with a cordon of pearl grey silk, having two rose pink and silver tassels attached thereto, on the left side of which mantles shall be embroidered a representation of the Star of a Knight Grand Cross or Dame Grand Cross of the said Order, which shall be composed of chipped silver rays of eight points in the centre whereof shall be a gold medallion bearing the crowned effigies of Their late Majesties King George the Fifth and Queen Mary combined within a circle gules inscribed with the motto "For God and the Empire" in letters of gold. And We do command that on all appropriate occasions whatsoever the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross shall wear the Star upon the left side of their coats or outer garments. And We do command that the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross of this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER shall wear, at all Investitures of the Order and on all days usually termed "Collar Days", a Collar, of silver gilt composed of six medallions of Our Royal Arms and six medallions of the Royal and Imperial Cypher of His late Majesty King George the Fifth alternately, linked together with cables thereon Our Imperial Crown between two sea lions, from which shall hang the Badge of the First Class of the Order, which shall consist of a cross patonce, enamelled blue, fimbriated or, surmounted by a gold medallion as in the Star of the Order, and ensigned with the Imperial Crown or; on the reverse of the Badge shall be engraved the Royal and
Star.	
Collars.	
Badge.	

Imperial Cypher of His late Majesty King George the Fifth. That on all other occasions the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross shall wear the Badge of the Order suspended from a rose pink riband edged with pearl grey passing from the right shoulder to the left side. In the case of Knights Grand Cross the riband to be of the breadth of four inches, with, for Military Knights Grand Cross, the addition of a vertical pearl grey stripe in the centre of the riband of a width of about one quarter of an inch, and in the case of Dames Grand Cross to be the breadth of two inches and one-quarter, with the addition for Military Dames Grand Cross of a vertical pearl grey stripe in the centre of the riband.

It is further Ordained that all Ordinary, Additional and Honorary Knights and Dames Grand Cross who have received, or shall receive Collars of this Order shall make arrangements for their return to the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood in the event of the said Knights Grand Cross or Dames Grand Cross either receiving Collars of an Order of higher rank and precedence or of their decease; Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers at the Court of Saint James's on whom The Sovereign is pleased to confer the Dignity of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross transmitting their Collars of the Order to the Central Chancery on their return to their own countries; and We are pleased to declare that every Knight Grand Cross or Dame Grand Cross who receives a Collar of this Order shall upon receiving the Collar give a written undertaking and promise to comply with this Ordinance.

Collars to be returned to the Central Chancery.

XXVII.— It is Ordained that the Military and Civil Knights Commander shall wear around their necks a riband of the same colour and pattern as that of the Military and Civil Knights Grand Cross, of the breadth of one inch and three-quarters, the vertical pearl grey stripe in the case of Military Knights Commander to be of the width of about one-sixteenth of an inch, and pendent therefrom the Badge of the Knights Commander of the Order, which shall be of similar form and pattern to that appointed for the Knights Grand Cross but of smaller size; and also that they shall wear on the left side of their coats or outer garments a chipped silver Star composed of four greater and four lesser points, charged with a medallion as before; and it is Ordained that the Military and Civil Dames Commander shall wear a Badge of similar form and pattern to that appointed for Knights Commander, attached to a riband also similar to that worn by Military and Civil Knights Commander but, except with coats of military pattern, tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder, and that they shall wear a like Star.

Insignia of Knights Commander.

Insignia of Dames Commander.

XXVIII.— It is Ordained that the Military and Civil Commanders shall wear, in the same manner a riband and Badge similar to those appointed for the Military and Civil Knights and Dames Commander respectively, but that they shall not be entitled to wear the Star.

Insignia of Commanders.

XXIX.— It is Ordained that the Military and Civil Officers shall wear, pendent from a riband attached to the left breast of their coats or outer

Insignia of Officers.

garments by men and, except with coats of military pattern, tied in a bow on the left shoulder by women, a Badge of the same form and pattern as that appointed for the Military and Civil Commanders of the Order, but of a smaller size and of silver gilt, the riband to be of the same colour and pattern as before-mentioned but of the breadth of one inch and a half, the vertical pearl grey stripe in the case of Military Officers to be of the width of one-sixteenth of an inch.

Insignia of Members.

XXX.— It is Ordained that the Military and Civil Members shall wear in the same manner a riband and Badge similar to those appointed for Military and Civil Officers of the Order except that the Badge shall be in silver.

Investiture of Knights and Dames Grand Cross, Knights and Dames Commander will be carried out by The Sovereign or by a Governor-General or by a person appointed by The Sovereign.

XXXI.— It is Ordained that upon the nomination of any person to be a Knight Grand Cross, Dame Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Dame Commander of this Order, he or she shall be invested with the Insignia of his or her Dignity in the Order by Us, Our heirs and successors, if he or she be in Our United Kingdom, and, if he or she be in any other country by Our Governor-General of that country or, if there be no Governor-General, by such person as We may be pleased to appoint specially for the purpose, in Our name and on Our behalf and that on the day of the Investiture the person to be invested shall be introduced into the presence of The Sovereign, the Governor-General, or the person specially appointed by Us as aforesaid, as the case may be, by an Official of the Order, or some other Official deputed to be in attendance, bearing the proper Insignia of the Order, when The Sovereign, or Governor-General, or the person specially appointed as aforesaid, having in the case of Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commander conferred the Honour of Knighthood upon the person so nominated if he has not previously received the said Honour, will then proceed to invest him or her with the Ensigns of the said Order in the following manner:— The Sovereign, Governor-General, or person especially appointed as aforesaid, will invest the new Knight Grand Cross, Dame Grand Cross, Knight Commander or Dame Commander with the riband and Badge and will deliver to him or her, or place on his or her left side, the Star of the said Order appertaining to his or her Dignity. It is further Ordained that the provisions of this Statute may be applied to British protected persons in British Protected States who are appointed as Honorary members of the First and Second Class of the Order.

The Ceremony of Investiture.

Warrants to authorise distinguished persons to perform the Ceremony of Investiture on behalf of The Sovereign and also to dispense

XXXII.— It is further Ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors, by a Warrant, or Warrants, under Our, or Their, Sign Manual countersigned by the Grand Master and sealed with the Seal of this Order, to authorise some distinguished person to perform in Our name and on Our behalf the Ceremony of investing Knights Grand Cross, Dames Grand Cross, Knights Commander or Dames Commander with the Insignia of their respective Dignities, or to permit the Ceremony of Investiture to be dispensed with, and We reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, by Our, or Their, Warrant or

Warrants as aforesaid, full power and authority to permit and authorise such persons to wear the Insignia and enjoy the privileges appertaining to their respective Dignities in as full and ample a manner as if they had been invested by Us, Our heirs and successors: provided nevertheless that, subject to such exceptions as We, Our heirs and successors may think fit, when an announcement has been approved by The Sovereign and has been published officially to the effect that a person is nominated and appointed a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander of this Order he shall forthwith assume the distinctive appellation or prefix of a Knight Bachelor and use the customary letters after the name denoting the appointment to the Order.

with the Ceremony.

XXXIII.— It is Ordained that on the promotion of a person from a lower to a higher Class in the same Division of the Order the Insignia of such lower Class theretofore worn by him or her shall be returned to the Registrar of the Order for the service of the Order. Nevertheless, it is further Ordained that on the promotion of a person from a lower Class in one Division to a higher Class in the other Division of this Order, the Insignia of the Class theretofore worn by him or her, shall be retained and worn in addition to the Insignia of the higher Class.

Return of Insignia on promotion. Members of lower Class of one Division admitted to higher Class of other Division may wear Insignia of both Divisions.

It is further Ordained that on the resignation or decease of an Official of the Order his Badge of Office shall be restored for the service of the Order.

Return of Badges of Officials.

XXXIV.— It is Ordained that for the greater honour and dignity of this Order it shall and may be lawful for the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross of this Order upon all occasions to bear Supporters to their Arms; and We do by these Presents direct and command Our Garter Principal King of Arms for the time being to grant Supporters to such Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross of this Order as shall not otherwise be entitled thereto; and that it shall also be lawful for Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross of this Order to surround their Armorial Bearings with the Collar, circle and motto of the Order and to suspend therefrom a representation of their riband and Badge; and for the Knights Commander, Dames Commander and Commanders of this Order to surround their Armorial Bearings with the circle and motto of the Order and to suspend therefrom a representation of their riband and Badge; and for the Members of this Order to suspend a representation of their riband and respective Badges from the bottom of the escutcheon containing their Armorial Bearings.

Knights and Dames Grand Cross allowed Supporters to their Arms. Armorial Bearings.

XXXV.— It is Ordained that the Seal of the Order shall consist of the arms purpure a representation of the Badge of the First Class of the Order proper impaling Our Royal Arms, with the following circumscription "The Seal of the Most Excellent Order of the British

The Seal of the Order.

Empire”, and that the Statutes of the Order shall be sealed by and with the same.

Cancellation of Appointments to the Order.

XXXVI.— It is Ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors, by an Ordinance signed by The Sovereign and sealed with the Seal of the Order, and on the recommendation to that effect of one of Our Ministers whom the matter doth properly concern, to cancel and annul the appointment of any person to this Order, and that thereupon his or her 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 such recommendation shall have been withdrawn.

Medal of the Order.

XXXVII.— It is Ordained that a Military and Civil Medal of this Order shall be awarded to persons who render meritorious service warranting such mark of Our Royal appreciation. Such Military and Civil Medals shall not be awarded to members of any of the five Classes of this Order, but a recipient of the Medal, whether Military or Civil, who may subsequently be appointed a member of one of the five Classes of the Order, may continue to wear the Medal in addition to the Insignia of the Order. It is further Ordained that the said Medal, including the Medal awarded prior to the Twenty-ninth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, shall be known as “THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL”, and that any person to whom it has been, or may be, awarded, may, on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, place after his or her name the letters “B.E.M.”.

Description of the Medal.

XXXVIII.— It is Ordained that the said Medal for men and for women shall consist of a circular medal in silver, having on the obverse a representation of Britannia with the motto of the Order, and, upon the exergue, the words “FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE”, and on the reverse the Royal Cypher of The Sovereign, and the words “INSTITUTED BY KING GEORGE V”, and shall be worn on the left side, immediately after the Royal Victorian Medal, suspended from a clasp ornamented with oak leaves, attached to a rose pink riband edged with pearl grey of one inch and one-quarter in width, with the addition, in the case of recipients of the Military Medal of the Order, of a vertical pearl grey stripe in the centre of the riband of about one-sixteenth of an inch: provided that when the Medal is worn by a woman, it may, except with coats of military pattern, be worn on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same width and colour, fashioned into a bow. It is further Ordained that on occasions when miniature decorations are worn, reproductions of the Medal in miniature may be worn by those to whom the Medal is awarded.

Bar to the Medal.

XXXIX.— It is Ordained that services or acts deemed worthy of recognition by the award of the Medal, but rendered by a person upon whom the Medal has already been conferred, may be recorded by a Bar or Bars attached, for men, to the riband, and for women, except when the Medal is worn on coats of military pattern, to the centre of the bow

from which the Medal is suspended. It is further Ordained that, when the riband is worn alone, the award of the Bar is to be indicated by the placing of a small silver rosette on the riband, a further rosette being added for each Bar.

XL.— It is further Ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors, by an Ordinance signed by The Sovereign and sealed with the Seal of the Order, and on the recommendation to that effect of one of Our Ministers whom the matter doth properly concern, to cancel and annul the award of any Medal of the said Order, and that thereupon the name of the recipient in the Register shall be erased; but that it shall be competent for The Sovereign to restore the Medal to any person whose name may have been erased when circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

Cancellation of Award of Medal.

XLI.— It is Ordained that those persons whom We thought fit to admit into this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER, in the Military or Civil Division, in recognition of gallantry, and those persons on whom We thought fit to confer the British Empire Medal, in the Military or Civil Division, in recognition of gallantry, between the Sixth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and the Nineteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-four, and whose awards were so announced, shall wear on the riband from which the Badge or Medal is suspended a silver Emblem of two oak leaves; and that when the riband is worn alone, the silver Emblem is to be worn in miniature.

Marking for Gallantry.

It is further Ordained that this classification of certain awards as made for gallantry shall have no effect on the seniority or precedence of members of the various Classes of the Order.

It is also Ordained that those persons whom We thought fit to admit into this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER in recognition of gallantry shall if promoted from a lower to a higher Class of the Order retain and wear the Insignia of the lower Class with silver oak leaf Emblem in addition to the Insignia of the higher Class to which such persons may be promoted; that those persons on whom We thought fit to confer the British Empire Medal, in recognition of gallantry, shall if subsequently admitted to the Order continue to wear the silver oak leaf Emblem on the riband of the Medal.

XLII.— It is Ordained that the Twenty-fourth day of May every year shall henceforth be taken and deemed to be the anniversary of the institution of this Order.

Anniversary of the Order.

XLIII.— It is Ordained that the following Officials shall be appointed to this Order, a Prelate, a King of Arms, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Dean and a Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod, and that there shall be provision for appointment by Us, Our heirs and successors, of a Prelate Emeritus and a Sub-Dean.

Officials of the Order.

The Prelate.
His Mantle.
His Badge.

Armorial Bearings.

XLIV.— It is Ordained that the Prelate of the Order shall wear, in all Ceremonies of the Order, a mantle similar to that appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, and a Badge of gold and enamel, “on a field purpure the Cross of the Order surmounted by the original medallion, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown”; and that at Ceremonies of the Order and on other great and solemn occasions he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander. It is further Ordained that it shall be lawful for the Prelate to surround his Armorial Bearings with the circle and motto of the Order.

The King of Arms.

His Mantle.

His Badge.

To carry the Rod of the Order.

His Precedence.

XLV.— It is Ordained that the King of Arms of this Order shall be nominated by Us, Our heirs and successors, and that he shall sedulously attend the Service of the Order. And further it is Ordained that in all Ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle of pearl grey satin lined with rose pink silk, tied with a cordon of pearl grey silk, with two tassels of rose pink silk and gold attached thereto, and having on the right shoulder an escutcheon purpure charged with a representation of Britannia; and that he shall wear a Badge of gold enamel, “on a field purpure a representation of Britannia or, impaling the Arms of The Sovereign, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown”; and that at Ceremonies of the Order and on other great and solemn occasions he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander. It is further Ordained that he shall carry the Rod of this Order, which shall have on the two greater squares the Arms “purpure a representation of Britannia or”, impaling those of The Sovereign, and on the lesser squares the Arms “purpure a representation of Britannia or”, the whole ensigned with the Imperial Crown, and that at all Coronations he shall if present carry and wear a Crown as Our other Kings of Arms are accustomed to do, the said Badge, Rod and Crown to be of the same materials as those used and borne by Our Garter Principal King of Arms, and that at all other Ceremonies and Assemblies he shall, if present, have place and precedence among Our Kings of Arms next to and immediately after the King of Arms of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

The Registrar.

His Duties.

His Mantle and Insignia.

XLVI.— It is Ordained that the Registrar of this Order shall be the person for the time being holding the Office of Secretary of the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood, that he shall record all proceedings connected with this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER in a register to be appropriated for that purpose and shall, under the directions of the Grand Master, prepare all Warrants and other Instruments to be passed under the Seal of the Order and engross the same, that he shall, when so commanded, summon the Knights Grand Cross to attend The Sovereign at all Investitures of this Order, and that in all Ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle similar to that assigned to the King of Arms of this Order, and shall wear a Badge, of gold and

enamel, “on a field purpure the Cross of the Order surmounted by a representation of a closed book gules, clasps or, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown”; and that at Ceremonies of the Order and on other great and solemn occasions he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander.

His Badge.

XLVII.— It is Ordained that the Secretary of this Order shall be the Head of Our Home Civil Service, that he shall collect and tabulate the names of those persons who are submitted to Us for admission to this Order or to be awarded the Medal of this Order; that in all Ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle similar to that assigned to the King of Arms of this Order, and shall wear a Badge, of gold and enamel, “on a field purpure the Cross of the Order surmounted by the original medallion, with two pens saltirewise between the angles of the Cross in pearl enamel, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown”; and that at Ceremonies of the Order and on other great and solemn occasions he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander.

The Secretary.

His Duties.

His Mantle and Insignia.

His Badge.

XLVIII.— It is Ordained that the Dean of this Order shall be the person holding for the time being the Office of Dean of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in London, that in all Ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle similar to that assigned to the King of Arms of this Order, and shall wear a Badge, of gold and enamel, bearing on a background of rose pink a representation of the Cross of the Order surmounted by crossed swords and the letter “D”, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown; and that at all Ceremonies of the Order and on other great and solemn occasions he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander.

The Dean.

His Mantle and Insignia.

His Badge.

XLIX.— It is Ordained that the Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod of this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors; that in all Ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle similar to that assigned to the King of Arms of this Order, and shall wear a Badge, of gold and enamel, “on a field purpure a representation of Britannia or, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown”; and that at Ceremonies of the Order he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander. It is further Ordained that he shall carry the Purple Rod of the Order, having at the top an escrol thereon the motto of the Order surmounted by a representation of Britannia.

The Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod.

His Mantle and Insignia.

His Badge.

The Purple Rod.

L.— It is Ordained that a person who has resigned from the Office of Prelate of the Order may be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors,

A Prelate Emeritus.

His Mantle and Insignia.	as Prelate Emeritus of the Order and that anyone so appointed shall in all Ceremonies of the Order be habited in a mantle similar to that assigned to the King of Arms of this Order, and shall wear a Badge, of gold and enamel, bearing, on a background of rose pink a representation of the Cross of the Order surmounted by the medallion, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown, and that at Ceremonies of the Order and on other great and solemn occasions he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander.
His Badge.	
A Sub-Dean.	LI.— It is Ordained that a Sub-Dean of this Order may be nominated by Us, Our heirs and successors, and that in all Ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle similar to that assigned to the King of Arms of this Order, and shall wear a Badge, of gold and enamel, bearing, on a background of rose pink a representation of the Cross of the Order, the whole within the circle and motto of the Order ensigned with the Imperial Crown, and that at Ceremonies of the Order and on other great and solemn occasions he shall wear the Badge pendent from a gold chain, but on all other occasions pendent from a riband similar to that assigned to Civil Knights Commander.
His Mantle and Insignia.	
His Badge.	
Mantles and Insignia of Officials of the Order to be returned to the Central Chancery.	LII.— It is Ordained that such mantles and Insignia as in these Statutes the Officials of the Order are directed to wear shall be prepared at the charge of The Sovereign and be furnished by the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood upon receipt of a mandate issued for that purpose by the Grand Master of the Order, and that the Officials of the Order shall make arrangements for their return to the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood in the event of their vacating their Offices or of their decease.
Duties of the Officials.	LIII.— It is Ordained that all and every of the Officials of this Order shall, over and above the duties more specially imposed by the foregoing Statutes, execute diligently whatever The Sovereign or Grand Master may be pleased to command touching the interests of the said Order, and that the said Offices of Prelate, King of Arms, Registrar, Secretary, Dean, Gentleman Usher, Prelate Emeritus and Sub-Dean shall be holden during good behaviour.
Church of the Order.	LIV.— It is Ordained that the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in London shall be the Church of the Order and that there shall be a Chapel of the Order in the Crypt of the said Cathedral Church and Whereas under a Deed of Agreement dated the Twentieth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven between the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire certain facilities and privileges have been granted to the Order, it is also Ordained that Ceremonials and Religious Services in connection with the Order may be held in the said Cathedral Church at such times and on such occasions as may be convenient. The said Religious Services shall be the especial care of the Prelate of the said MOST EXCELLENT

ORDER, assisted by the Dean of the Order and any Prelate Emeritus, or Sub-Dean of the Order, and shall be in such form as, with the approval of the aforesaid Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, We may from time to time direct.

LV.— It is Ordained that the Miniature Badges to be worn by members of the five Classes of this Order shall be reproductions of the Badges of the respective Classes, save that they shall in all cases be only one half the size of the Badge hereinbefore Ordained for members of the Fourth Class, or Officers, of the Order.

Miniature
Badges.

It is also Ordained that the Miniature Medal to be worn by those awarded the Medal of the Order shall be a representation of the aforesaid British Empire Medal, save that it shall be one half the size. It is also Ordained that Sealed Patterns of the said Miniature Badges and Medal shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

LVI.— We do hereby command and enjoin that these Statutes shall, as from the date of Our approval, be of such and the same force, virtue and effect in every respect as if they had been duly made, and the said acts, deeds, matters and things had been duly done, on the Fourth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Statutes to be
observed.

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

Power reserved
to alter Statutes.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's, this Thirteenth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, in the Forty-third Year of Our Reign.

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND

MICHAEL HOWARD



ELIZABETH R.

ADDITIONAL STATUTE

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

WHEREAS by the Fifty-seventh and last Clause of the Statutes of the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, bearing date the Thirteenth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, power was reserved to The Sovereign of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with the same or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of The Sovereign of the Order.

Recites Statutes,
13th January
1995.

AND WHEREAS it appears to Us expedient to make some alteration to the Thirteenth and Nineteenth of the aforesaid Statutes.

WE, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the power so vested in Us, do annul the Thirteenth and Nineteenth of the aforesaid Statutes, and the same are hereby annulled. In lieu of the said Statutes We, by these Presents, sealed with the Seal of the said Order, do make, ordain and establish the following Statutes:

Cancellation of
Statutes XIII and
XIX.

XIII.— It is Ordained that the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Commanders, shall not exceed eight thousand, of which number five thousand five hundred shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, Our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands (not more than two hundred and forty-six to be so appointed in one year), and two thousand five hundred shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, any other part or parts of the Commonwealth or who have rendered services in relation to Foreign Affairs (not more than one hundred and thirteen to be so appointed in one year, which number may be appointed on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and of

Members of the
Third Class of
the Civil
Division not to
exceed 8,000 in
number.

which number eighty may, in respect of any Member of the Commonwealth of which We are Queen, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire, alternatively be appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of the said Commonwealth country).

Certain
Appointments to
be Additional.

XIX.— It is Ordained that those persons who were admitted into this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER prior to the Twenty-ninth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in the military operations in Waziristan in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, or who were admitted in commemoration of the Twenty-fifth year of the Reign of Our Royal Grandfather, His late Majesty King George the Fifth, in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of the Coronation of Our Royal Father, His late Majesty King George the Sixth, on the Twelfth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, or in recognition of their services rendered to the Empire during the Second World War, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine to One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in specified operations in South East Asia, including the Netherlands East Indies, between the Third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five and the Thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and those persons who have been admitted in recognition of their services in Minesweeping or Mine or Bomb Clearance arising out of, and subsequent to, the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, or in recognition of gallantry at any time subsequent to the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Palestine and the adjoining waters between the Twenty-seventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Malaya between the First day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and the Thirty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in the Korea operations between the Ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty and the Twenty-seventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services during the operations in Kenya between the Twenty-first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two and the Seventeenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of Our Royal Coronation on the Second day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in Cyprus between the First day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and the Eighteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, and those persons

who were admitted in recognition of their services during operations in the Near East during the period October to December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Arabian Peninsula between the First day of January, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Radfan area, South Arabia, between the Thirteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and the Fifteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Borneo Territories between the Eighth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and the Eleventh day of August, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in South Arabia between the Twentieth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and the Thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Vietnam between the First day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of the Investiture of Our Most Dear Son, The Prince of Wales, in the year One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and those persons who have been admitted or whom We may think fit to admit in recognition of their services in operations in Northern Ireland since the First day of August, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and those who were admitted in commemoration of Our Silver Jubilee, and those who were admitted in recognition of services in operations in the South Atlantic in the year One thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, and those who were admitted in recognition of services in operations in the Gulf between the Second day of August, One thousand nine hundred and ninety and the Seventh day of March, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, and those persons who have been admitted or whom We may think fit to admit in recognition of their services in the former Yugoslavia since the First day of January, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, and those Honorary members of any Class of the Order who, subsequent to appointment as such, have become, or become in the future, subjects, male or female, of Our Crown, and in respect of whom the relevant Government shall so desire, shall be Additional members of the Several Classes to which they were admitted, and shall not be included within the numbers of the Ordinary members allotted to each Class of the said Order. It is further Ordained that Additional members so appointed shall have rank and precedence among the Ordinary members of the Several Classes of Our said Order according to the dates of their respective appointments, and that the Statutes of Our said Order shall in all matters and things apply in the same manner to the said Additional members as to the Ordinary members of Our said

Order, any Statute, Decree or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. It is further Ordained that the date of Appointment as Additional member shall be the date on which he or she became a Subject of Our Crown.

AND it is Our Will and Pleasure that these Statutes, sealed with the Seal of the said Order, shall be taken and received as part and parcel of the Statutes thereof.

GIVEN at Our Court of Saint James's under the Seal of the said Order this Second day of October, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-six in the Forty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND

MICHAEL HOWARD



ELIZABETH R.

ADDITIONAL STATUTE

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

WHEREAS by the Fifty-seventh and last Clause of the Statutes of the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, bearing date the Thirteenth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, power was reserved to The Sovereign of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with the same or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of The Sovereign of the Order.

Recites Statutes, 13th
January 1995

AND WHEREAS it appears to Us expedient to make some alteration to the Nineteenth of the aforesaid Statutes.

WE, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the power so vested in Us, do annul the Nineteenth of the aforesaid Statutes, and the same is hereby annulled. In lieu of the said Statute We, by these Presents, sealed with the Seal of the said Order, do make, ordain and establish the following Statute:

Cancellation of
Statute XIX

XIX.— It is Ordained that those persons who were admitted into this MOST EXCELLENT ORDER prior to the Twenty-ninth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in the military operations in Waziristan in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, or who were admitted in commemoration of the Twenty-fifth year of the Reign of Our Royal Grandfather, His late Majesty King George the Fifth, in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of the Coronation of Our Royal Father, His late Majesty King George the Sixth, on the Twelfth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, or in recognition of their services rendered to the Empire during the Second World War, One

Certain
Appointments to be
Additional

thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine to One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in specified operations in South East Asia, including the Netherlands East Indies, between the Third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five and the Thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and those persons who have been admitted in recognition of their services in Minesweeping or Mine or Bomb Clearance arising out of, and subsequent to, the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, or in recognition of gallantry at any time subsequent to the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Palestine and the adjoining waters between the Twenty-seventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-five and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Malaya between the First day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and the Thirty-first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in the Korea operations between the Ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty and the Twenty-seventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services during the operations in Kenya between the Twenty-first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two and the Seventeenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of Our Royal Coronation on the Second day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in Cyprus between the First day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and the Eighteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services during operations in the Near East during the period October to December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Arabian Peninsula between the First day of January, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Radfan area, South Arabia, between the Thirteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and the Fifteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in the Borneo Territories between the Eighth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two and the Eleventh day of August, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in

operations in South Arabia between the Twentieth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and the Thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Vietnam between the First day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and those persons who were admitted in commemoration of the Investiture of Our Most Dear Son, The Prince of Wales, in the year One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in operations in Northern Ireland between the First day of August, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one and the Thirty-first day of July, Two thousand and seven, and those who were admitted in commemoration of Our Silver Jubilee, and those who were admitted in recognition of services in operations in the South Atlantic in the year One thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, and those who were admitted in recognition of services in operations in the Gulf between the Second day of August, One thousand nine hundred and ninety and the Seventh day of March, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, and those persons who were admitted in recognition of their services in the former Yugoslavia between the Twenty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-five and the Thirty-first day of March, Two thousand and seven, and those who were admitted in recognition of services in Air Operations Over Iraq between the First day of October, One thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight and the Thirty-first day of March, Two thousand and three, and those who were admitted in recognition of services in Sierra Leone between the Fifth day of May, Two thousand and the Thirty-first day of July, Two thousand and two, and those who have been admitted or whom We may think fit to admit in recognition of their services in operations in Afghanistan since the Seventeenth day of September, Two thousand and one, and those who were admitted in recognition of services in Iraq between the Nineteenth day of March, Two thousand and three and the Thirtieth day of September, Two thousand and nine, and those Honorary members of any Class of the Order who, subsequent to appointment as such, have become, or become in the future, subjects, male or female, of Our Crown, and in respect of whom the relevant Government shall so desire, shall be Additional members of the Several Classes to which they were admitted, and shall not be included within the numbers of the Ordinary members allotted to each Class of the said Order. It is further Ordained that Additional members so appointed shall have rank and precedence among the Ordinary members of the Several Classes of Our said Order according to the dates of their respective appointments, and that the Statutes of Our said Order shall in all matters and things apply in the same manner to the said Additional members as to the Ordinary members of Our said Order, any Statute,

Decree or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. It is further Ordained that the date of Appointment as Additional member shall be the date on which he or she became a Subject of Our Crown.

AND it is Our Will and Pleasure that this Statute, sealed with the Seal of the said Order, shall be taken and received as part and parcel of the Statutes thereof.

Given at Our Court of Saint James's under the Seal of the said Order this Twenty-sixth day of June, Two thousand and twelve in the Sixty-First Year of Our Reign.

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND

THERESA MAY

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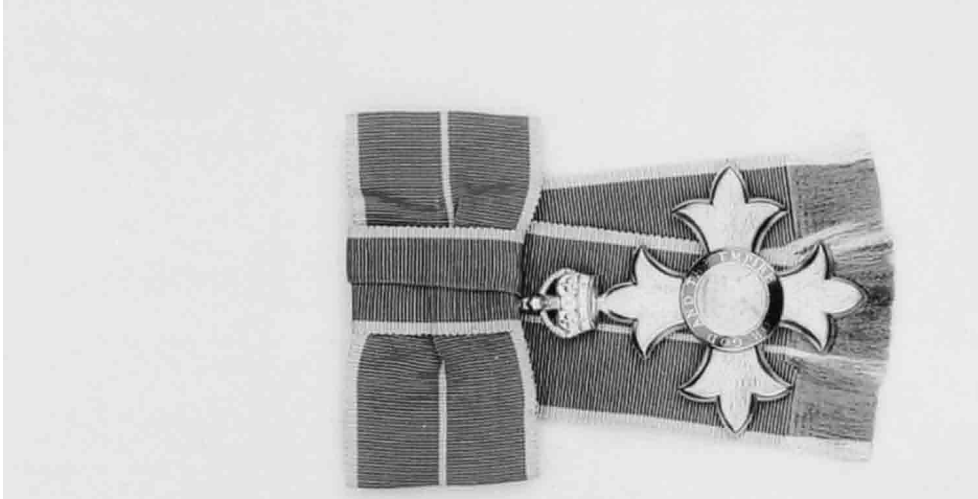
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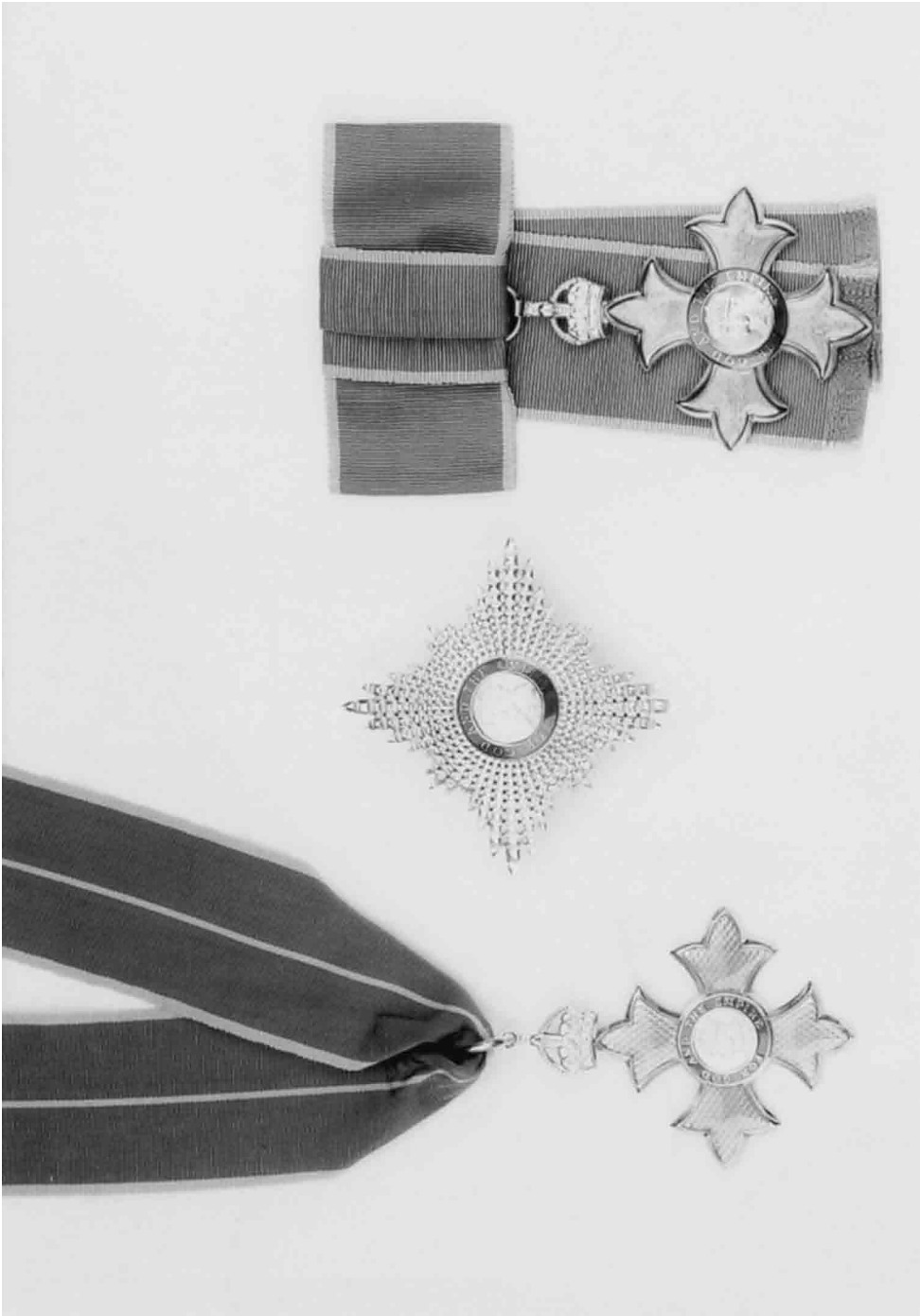
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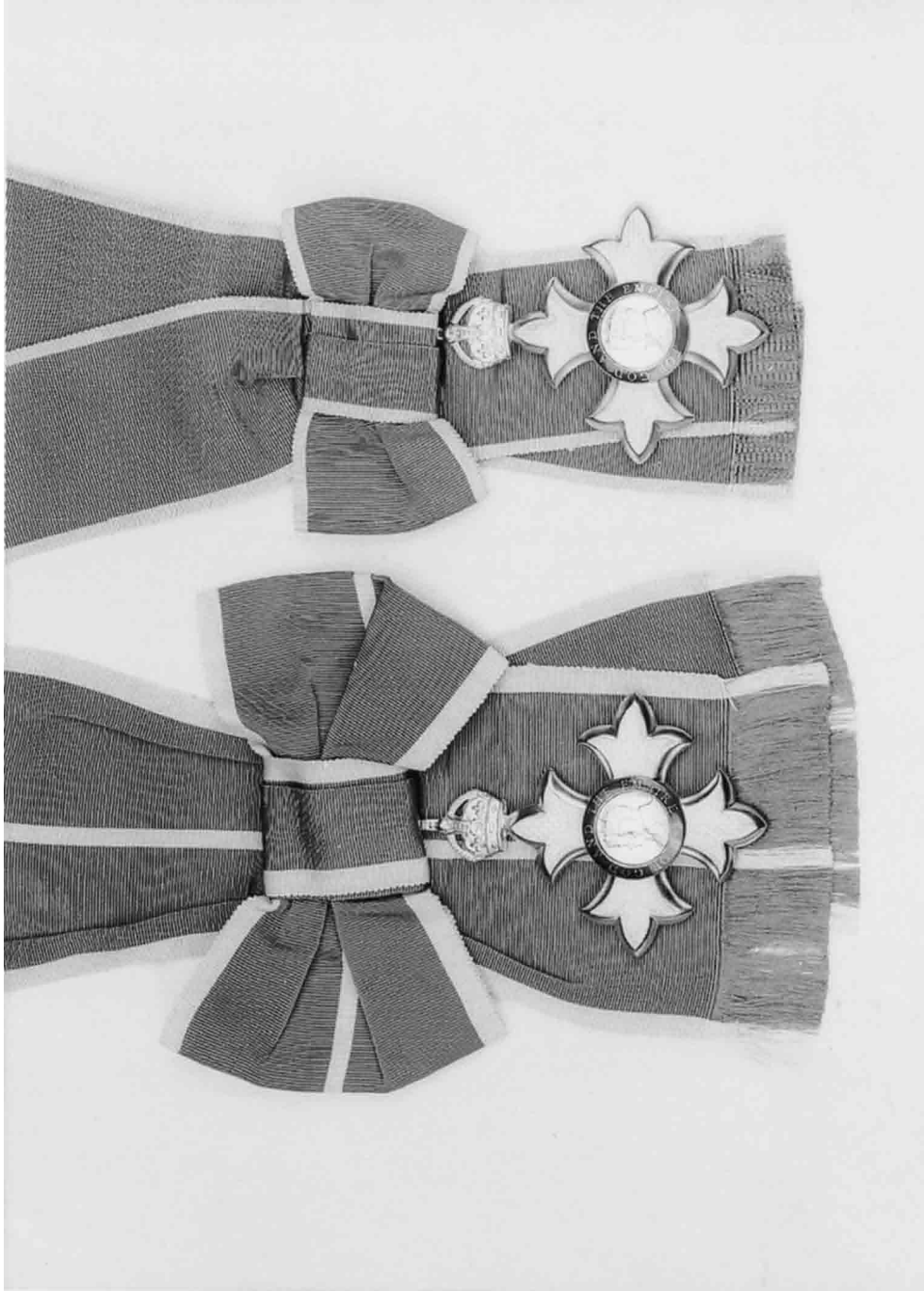
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(Obverse) with Riband of
the Military Division

BOTTOM British Empire Medal (B.E.M.)
(Reverse) with Riband of
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The British Empire Medal for Ladies is suspended from
a Riband fashioned into a bow (See Statute XXXVIII)



Knight Grand Cross (G.B.E.)
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(Military Division)
(When Collar is not worn)

Dame Grand Cross (G.B.E.)
Riband and Badge
(Civil Division)
(When Collar is not worn)

