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THE VOLUNTEER OFFICERS' DECORATION WARRANT.

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS it is Our Royal desire to reward the long and meritorious services of Officers of proved capacity in Our Volunteer Force; Now for the purpose of attaining this end, We have instituted, constituted and created, and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do institute, constitute and create a new Decoration which We are desirous should be highly prized by the Officers of Our Volunteer Force; and We are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances for the government of the same, which shall from henceforth be observed and kept:—

Firstly.—It is Ordained that the Decoration shall be styled and designated "The Volunteer Officers' Decoration," and shall consist of an Oak Wreath in silver tied with gold, having in the centre the Royal Cipher and Crown in gold.

Secondly.—It is ordained that the Decoration shall be suspended from the left breast by a green ribband of one inch and a half in width from a silver Oak bar-brooch.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that the Decoration may be worn by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer the Decoration upon any of the Princes of the Royal Family of Great Britain and Ireland.

Fourthly.—It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this Decoration nor be nominated thereto unless he is or was a Commissioned Officer and has served twenty years in Our Volunteer Force—is recommended by the Commanding Officer of the Corps in which he has served—and is duly certified by the District Military Authorities in which the Corps is located, as having been an efficient and thoroughly capable Officer, in every way deserving of such a decoration; Provided nevertheless and We do hereby declare that half of any time during which an Officer of Our Volunteer Force may have served in the ranks of Our said Force shall reckon as qualifying service towards the twenty years required as aforesaid.

Fifthly.—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer the Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and a registry thereof kept in the office of Our Principal Secretary of State for War.

Sixthly.—In order to make such additional provision as shall effectually preserve pure this most honourable distinction, it is ordained, that if any person on whom it shall be conferred be convicted of any act derogatory to his honour as an Officer and gentleman, his name shall forthwith be erased from the registry of individuals upon whom the said Decoration shall have been conferred, by an Order from Us under Our Royal Sign Manual; and a notification thereof shall be duly published in the London Gazette.

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 Our Royal Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne*, the twenty-fifth day of *July*, in the fifty-sixth year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

By Her Majesty's Command,
Edward Stanhope.

St. James's Palace, July 26, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir William Stokes, F.R.C.S., Professor of Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, to be Surgeon in Ordinary to Her Majesty in Ireland, in the room of William Colles, Esq., M.D., deceased.

Foreign Office, July 1, 1892.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—
The Honourable William Nassau Jocelyn, C.B., to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident to their Royal Highnesses the Grand Dukes of Baden and Hesse Darmstadt; and
Major James Hay Wodehouse to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident in the Hawaiian Islands.

Whitehall, July 23, 1892.

THE Queen, taking into Her Royal consideration that upon the decease of Richard Arthur, fifth Viscount Doneraile, unmarried and without issue, on the 1st day of January, 1891, the title