

It is not expected that Gentlemen will present themselves at the Drawing Room, except in attendance on the Ladies of their families.

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented to The Queen will observe the same regulations as are in force for Her Majesty's Levées.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

HOPE TOUN,
Lord Chamberlain.

Privy Council Office, May 11, 1900.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

FOREIGN JURISDICTION ACT, 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to Her Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts, the draft of an Order in Council directing that the Port of Larnaca, in the Island of Cyprus, shall be a Port of Registry for British Ships; that a Registrar shall be appointed for the purposes of the Order; and prescribing the fees to be taken in connection with the Registry of Ships, &c., &c.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, April 26, 1900.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order, in commemoration of Her Majesty's visit to Ireland:—

To be Knights Commanders.

Hercules Edward, Lord Langford, Comptroller of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The Right Honourable Sir David Harrel, K.C.B., Under-Secretary for Ireland.

To be Commanders.

William Lee, Lord Plunket, Private Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B., Inspector-General Royal Irish Constabulary.

Sir Arthur Edward Vickers, Knt., Ulster King of Arms and Principal Herald of all Ireland.

Sir Gerald Richard Dease, Knt., Chamberlain of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

John Joseph Jones, Esq., C.B., Chief Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police.

Thomas Robertson, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Public Works in Ireland.

To be Members of the Fourth Class.

Richard O'Shaughnessy, Esq., Commissioner of Public Works in Ireland.

George Augustus Stevens, Esq., Commissioner of Public Works in Ireland.

Captain William John Bates Van de Weyer, 3rd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment, Aide-de-Camp and Acting Military Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Captain the Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile Foljambe, Rifle Brigade, Aide-de-Camp to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Victor Seymour Corkran, Esq., Additional Private Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

India Office, May 11, 1900.

VICTORIA, R.I.

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

WHEREAS We, taking into Our Royal consideration that there do not exist adequate means whereby We can reward important and useful services rendered to Us in Our Indian Empire in the advancement of the public interests of Our said Empire, and taking also into consideration the expediency of distinguishing such services by some mark of Our Royal favour: now for the purpose of attaining an end so desirable as that of thus distinguishing such services aforesaid, We have instituted and created, and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do institute and create a new Decoration—to be designated as hereinafter described—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 inviolably observed and kept.

Firstly.—It is ordained that this Decoration shall henceforth be styled and designated "The Kaiser-i-Hind Medal for Public Service in India."

Secondly.—It is ordained that any person without distinction of race, occupation, position, or sex, shall be eligible for this Decoration who shall have distinguished himself (or herself) by important and useful service in the advancement of the public interest in India.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that there shall be two classes of the Decoration to be styled respectively "The Kaiser-i-Hind Medal for Public Service in India" of the First Class and "The Kaiser-i-Hind Medal for Public Service in India" of the Second Class.

Fourthly.—It is ordained that awards of the Medal of the First Class shall be made by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Warrant under Our Sign Manual, and countersigned by One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and such awards shall only be made on a recommendation to Us by Our Secretary of State for India.

Fifthly.—It is ordained that awards of the Medal of the Second Class shall be made by Our Governor-General of India for the time being.

Sixthly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall consist of an oval-shaped Badge or Decoration,—in gold for the First Class and in Silver for the Second Class,—with Our Royal Cypher in the centre on one side and on the reverse the words "Kaiser-i-Hind, for Public Service in India," and that it shall be suspended on the left breast by a dark blue ribbon.

Seventhly.—It is ordained that the names of those persons to whom a Medal of either class may be awarded shall be published in the "Gazette of India," and in the Gazette of the Local Government under the jurisdiction of which the service was rendered, and shall be entered in all Civil and Official lists, and that a registry of such names shall be kept in the Office of the Home Department of the Government of India.

Eighthly.—It is ordained that if any one, after having received either of the Medals, again renders such service as, if he had not received such Medal, would have entitled him to it, such further service shall be recorded by a bar attached to the ribbon by which the Medal is suspended; and for every such additional service an additional bar may be added.

Ninthly.—In order to make such additional provisions as shall effectually preserve pure this