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GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, To Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin James Albert Edward, Duke of Abercorn, Knight of our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Governor of

Northern Ireland,

Greeting !

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented to Us that a Scale of Local Precedence for Northern Ireland has not been defined with due authority, and that a diversity of practice has arisen in consequence which it is desirable should be determined by the exercise of Our Royal Prerogative:

And Whereas We have deemed it expedient for these and other considerations Us thereunto especially moving that the place and precedence of Our Loyal Subjects in Northern Ireland having Hereditary, Personal or Official Rank should be regulated by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual:

Therefore Know Ye that We of Our Princely Grace and mere Motion have ordained and declared, and by these Presents do ordain and declare, that all these Our Loyal Subjects of Northern Ireland entitled as aforesaid shall have on all occasions place and precedence in Northern Ireland according to their respective positions in the Tables hereunto annexed, in-

tituled The Scale of Local Precedence for Northern Ireland.

Our Will and Pleasure therefore is that you do cause this Our Warrant to be recorded in the Office of Ulster King of Arms, to the end that Our Officers of Arms and all others upon occasion may take full notice and have knowledge thereof.

Given at Our Court at Sandringham, the Thirtieth day of January, 1923, in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

(Signed) W. C. BRIDGEMAN.

SCALE OF LOCAL PRECEDENCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

Noblemen and Gentlemen who have personal Precedence above that of their Official rank will take the higher Precedence. Officials of the United Kingdom not mentioned in this Scale will take rank according to the Scale of General Precedence when in Northern Ireland.

The wife of the Governor of Northern Ireland will, unless she is entitled to higher Precedence in her own right, have Precedence next after the wives of the Nephews of the Sovereign. Any other Lady whose Husband's Precedence is governed by his Official rank will be granted that Precedence, unless she is entitled to higher Precedence in her own right. In all other cases the Scale of General Precedence will be followed