

India), and two hundred and fifty to the Civil Services of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, and Countries under Our Protection, including the Staff of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Sixthly.—It is ordained that no person shall be eligible to be a Companion of the Order whose name has not been laid before Us, Our Heirs or Successors, by one of Our or Their Principal Secretaries of State, and who has not at the time of his or her nomination rendered at least twenty-five years' meritorious service in Our said Civil Services: Provided that in the Indian Empire the minimum period of service in the case of Europeans shall be twenty years, and that in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or any Country under Our Protection, which, under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying thereto, is recognised as unhealthy, the minimum of service shall be sixteen years: Provided also that it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to appoint specially to the Order persons who, not having completed the aforesaid periods of service, have rendered such eminently meritorious service as to qualify them, in Our opinion, to become recipients of this distinction.

Seventhly.—It is ordained that when We, Our Heirs, and Successors, shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Companion of the Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Sign Manual and countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Eighthly.—It is ordained that the decoration to be worn by Companions of the Order shall be: for men, a Badge or Medallion of gold or enamel, bearing Our Imperial and Royal Cypher, and the words "For Faithful Service," both to be executed in dark blue enamel on a plaque or shield of gold, surrounded by a seven-pointed star of silver, surmounted by the Imperial Crown; and for women, a Badge or Medallion in all respects similar to the Badge or Medallion for men, save that the plaque or shield of gold shall be surrounded by a wreath of laurel in silver instead of a star, surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

Ninthly.—It is ordained that the decoration shall be worn by male Companions on the left breast, suspended by a ribbon of one inch and a half in width, consisting of a strip of blue between two strips of crimson of equal size, and by female Companions on the left shoulder, suspended by a ribbon of the same colour and width, fashioned into a bow.

Tenthly.—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We are pleased to confer the decoration shall be published in the London Gazette.

Eleventhly.—It is ordained that Companions of the Order shall have the privilege of adding the Letters "I.S.O." after their names.

Twelfthly.—It is ordained that members of any Order of Knighthood shall, if otherwise qualified, be eligible to become Companions of this Order, and that male Companions of this Order shall in no way be debarred from becoming thereafter Members of any Order of Knighthood for which their services may qualify them.

Thirteenthly.—It is ordained that the Imperial Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Distinguished Service Order, and before the Fifth Class of Our Royal Victorian Order, and the Companions thereof shall, in

all places and assemblies whatsoever, have place and precedence next to, and immediately after, the Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations.

Fourteenthly.—It is ordained that it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, to cancel and annul the appointment of any Companion of this Order, and that thereupon his 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 circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

Fifteenthly.—It is ordained that those Members of Our Civil Services, who are not eligible for appointment as Companions of this Order, may, on retirement from Our said Services, after not less than twenty-five years of meritorious service, or, in the case of Europeans serving in the Indian Empire, after not less than twenty years of such service, or in the case of service in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or any Country under Our Protection which, under the Pension Acts or Regulations applying thereto, is recognised as unhealthy, after not less than sixteen years of such service, be awarded a Medal to be designated "The Imperial Service Medal": Provided that no such Medal shall be granted, except on the 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.