

Section 23 (6), and Rules Nos. 9 and 11 on the Third Schedule of the Act.

And Notice is hereby further given, that copies of the proposed Draft Orders in Council can be obtained by any Public Body in England and Wales, or in Ireland, from one of the under-mentioned branches of His Majesty's Stationery Office, viz.:—Imperial House, Kingsway London, W.C.; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 37 Peter Street, Manchester; Messrs. E. Ponsonby Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin; or through any bookseller.

The Draft Orders have been published as Statutory Rules and Orders having provisional effect, except as respect Scotland, and are respectively numbered 1918 Nos. 1348, 1349, 1350, and 1351. The price of the Order numbered 1348 is 2d., or, including postage, 2½d. and of those numbered 1349, 1350, and 1351, 1d. each, or, including postage, 1½d.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,  
Buckingham Palace,  
30th October 1918.*

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

*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, Emperor of India, To all to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting:

Whereas Her late Majesty Queen Victoria did by a Warrant under The Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing the date at Her late Majesty's Court at Windsor, the 13th day of December 1899, make, ordain and establish Statutes for the Government of the Royal Victorian Order:

And whereas on the 1st June 1917, We were pleased to ordain that Members of the Third Class or Companions of the Order of the Bath, the Star of India, Saint Michael and Saint George, and the Indian Empire, should while retaining the title of Companions be given precedence as Commanders according to the seniority of the Order:

And whereas it is necessary to amend No. VII. of the Statutes of the Order in order to bring it into conformity with the said Ordinance of the 1st June 1917:

Now therefore We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, revoke No. VII. of the aforesaid Statutes, and Order that the following shall be substituted therefor:

VII. It is ordained that this Order shall rank next to and immediately after Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, and before Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; 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 Commanders of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; that the Knights Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Commanders of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; that the Commanders shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Companions of the said Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; that the Members of the Fourth Class shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Companions of the Distinguished Service Order; and that the Members of the Fifth Class of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the eldest sons of Knights Bachelors of these Our Realms. And it is further ordained that the Members of this Order shall take rank among each other according to the dates of their respective nominations in the Classes of this Order to which they severally belong.

Given at our Court at Saint James's,  
the Nineteenth day of October 1918,  
in the Ninth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

GEO. CAVE.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER  
OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF  
JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

*Chancery of the Order,  
St. John's Gate,  
Clerkenwell, London, E.C. 1,  
31st October 1918.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

*As Chaplain.*

The Rev. Canon Arthur James Mason, D.D.

*As Knights of Grace.*

Major-General Edward Sinclair May, C.B.,  
C.M.G.

Major Joseph Henry Stanley, C.B.E.  
Lieut.-Colonel Claude Glennon Bryan (from  
Honorary Associate).

Thomas Hall Winsley Chambers.

Francis Priestman, D.L.

Major-General Francis George Bond, C.B.,  
C.M.G.

The Right Honble. the Lord Queenborough.  
Captain Sir Henry Dennis Readett Bayley,  
K.B.E.

*As Honorary Knight of Grace.*

General Maurice Marie Joseph Wissemans.

*As Ladies of Grace.*

The Honble. Irene Constance Lawley.  
Charlotte Dorothea Willie, Mrs. E. S. May.  
Marie Héloïse, Mrs. Henry Watkins.  
Ethel Mary Hutton, Miss Storey, M.B.E.