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THE Queen has been graciously pleased, by an instrument under Her Royal Sign Manual, of which the following is a copy, to institute and create an Order of Distinction, to be styled and designated 'The Imperial Order of the Crown of India,' and to make certain Rules and Regulations as therein set forth:—

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 have resolved to commemorate the assumption of Our Imperial title of Empress of India by the institution of an Order of Distinction to be enjoyed by the Princesses of Our Royal House and the Wives or other female relatives of Indian Princes and others to be by Us selected, upon whom We shall from time to time think fit to confer the same, agreeably to the rules and regulations hereinafter declared: Now, know ye, that for the purpose of carrying this, Our resolution, into effect We have instituted, constituted, and created, and by these presents for Us, Our heirs and successors, do institute, constitute, and create an Order of Distinction to be known and have for ever hereafter the name, style, and designation of 'The Imperial Order of the Crown of India,' and We are graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following Rules and Ordinances for the government of the same, and which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept.

Firstly. That the Order or Distinction shall be

styled and designated 'The Imperial Order of the Crown of India,' and that the first day of January in every year shall henceforth be taken and deemed to be the anniversary of the institution of the said Order.

Secondly. That We, Our heirs and successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperors and Empresses of India, shall be Sovereigns of this Order.

Thirdly. That it shall be competent for the Sovereign of this Order to confer the decoration thereof upon such Princesses of Our Royal and Imperial House, being of more than eighteen years of age, as We, Our heirs and successors, shall think fit.

Fourthly. That it shall be competent for the Sovereign of this Order to confer the decoration thereof upon the Wives or other female relatives of such Princes in Our Indian Empire, and upon such other Indian Ladies as We, Our heirs and successors, shall from time to time think fit.

Fifthly. That it shall be competent for the Sovereign of this Order to confer the decoration thereof upon the wives or other female relatives of any of the persons who have held, now hold, or may hereafter hold the high offices of Viceroy and Governor-General of India, Governors of Madras or Bombay, or of Principal Secretary of State for India.

Sixthly. [*Description and Representation of Insignia.*]

Seventhly. That the said Order may be conferred by personal investiture, with the Insignia, upon such Princesses, and other members, as We, Our heirs and successors, may be pleased to admit thereto, but it shall be lawful for Us, Our heirs