



## SUPPLEMENT

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THE Queen has been pleased to issue the following Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and to make the subjoined Statutes for the government of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath :

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting; whereas Our Royal Progenitor and Predecessor, King George the First, by certain Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, on the eighteenth day of May, in the eleventh year of His reign, and in the year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, did institute, erect, constitute, and create a Military Order of Knighthood, to be and be called for ever thereafter by the name and title of the Order of the Bath, whereof His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, Kings of this realm, for ever should be Sovereigns; and it was thereby declared and provided, that the said Order should consist of a Great Master, to continue during the pleasure of His said late Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and thirty-six

Companions, to be from time to time nominated and appointed by His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, wherein a succession should be always regularly continued; and it was thereby further provided, that the said Order should be governed by Statutes and Ordinances, to be from time to time made, ordained, altered, and abrogated by His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, at His and Their pleasure; and to the end that such Statutes might be legally established, His said late Majesty did direct and appoint, that a seal should be immediately engraven, in manner therein mentioned, and that the Statutes to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the said Order should be established and sealed by and with the same seal; and His said late Majesty did thereby for Him, His Heirs and Successors, declare and ordain, that the said Statutes so to be given by His Heirs or Successors, to which the said seal should be affixed, should be of the same force and validity as if the same Statutes, and every article of them, had been verbatim recited in those Letters Patent, and had been passed under the Great Seal of the realm.

And whereas, under the authority or supposed authority of the said recited Letters Patent, divers