

colours, issuant from an escrol azure, inscribed, "Ich Dien;" and We are further pleased to ordain, that it shall be lawful for the Companions of this Most Honorable Order to suspend a representation of their ribband and badges, civil or military, as the case may be, from the bottom of the escocheon containing their armorial ensigns.

Twenty-fifth.—It is ordained, that the seal of this Order shall consist of the arms following, to be engraven thereon, viz., Azure, three imperial crowns, one and two or, impaling Our royal arms with this circumscription, "Sigillum Honoratissimi Ordinis de Balneo." And Our Royal will and pleasure is, that the said seal shall for ever hereafter be the seal of the said Order of the Bath; and that the Statutes, to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the said Order, shall be established and sealed by and with the same seal; and We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, declare and ordain, that the said Statutes so to be given by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to which the said seal shall be affixed, shall be of the same force and validity as if the same Statutes had been verbatim recited in our said Letters Patent of the tenth year of Our reign, and had been passed under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom.

Twenty-sixth.—In order to make such additional provisions as shall effectually preserve pure this Most Honorable Order, it is ordained, that if any Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Companion of this Order be convicted of treason, cowardice, felony, or of any infamous crime derogatory to his honor as a Knight or a Gentleman, or if he be accused of any such offence, and doth not, after a reasonable time, surrender himself to be tried for the same, he shall forthwith be degraded from the Order, by an especial Ordinance issued for that purpose, signed by the Sovereign, and sealed with the seal of this Order. It is hereby further declared, that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Sovereigns of this Order, are and for ever shall be the sole judges of the circumstances demanding such degradation and expulsion; moreover the Sovereign shall at all times have power to restore to this Most Honorable Order, such Members thereof as may at any time have been expelled.

Twenty-seventh.—It is ordained, that there shall be the following Officers attached to this Most Honorable Order, that is to say, a Dean, a Genealogist, a King of Arms, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Gentleman Usher, and a Messenger; and we are pleased to declare and command, that the present holders of the said offices shall continue to fill them in conformity with the provisions of these Statutes; and that the said Officers, collectively and individually, shall exercise and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and immunities which they have heretofore possessed, receiving the same emoluments, fees, perquisites, and allow-

ances, as in time past they have been accustomed to receive on account of the duties which they perform, or on any other account connected with the service of this Order; and we do further hereby direct and command, that such mantles and insignia as in these Statutes they may be directed to wear, shall be prepared at the charge of the Sovereign, and be furnished by the Chamberlain of Our Household, upon receipt of a mandate issued for that purpose by the Great Master of this Order; moreover, the Genealogist, the King of Arms, the Registrar, the Secretary, and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod, who attend within Our Royal Palace for the service of the Order, shall continually remain under the protection of the Sovereign, and are hereby declared to be servants of Our Royal Household. Further, We are pleased to declare and command, that the Officers of this Order shall take rank and precedence among themselves, as follows: 1, the Dean; 2, the Genealogist; 3, the King of Arms; 4, the Registrar; 5, the Secretary; 6, the Gentleman Usher; and 7, the Messenger.

Twenty-eighth.—It is ordained, that the Dean of the collegiate church of Saint Peter, Westminster, for the time being, shall be the Dean of this Most Honorable Order for ever hereafter, and that in all ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in the like mantle and insignia, as have been appointed for Civil Knights Grand Cross; he shall wear around his neck, pendant to a ribband, similar to that which is assigned to the Knights Grand Cross, a badge like that which is appointed for the Civil Knights Grand Cross, save and except upon "Collar Days," investitures, and other public solemnities, at which he shall wear the badge suspended from a chain of gold: moreover, it shall be lawful for the Dean to bear his own armorial ensigns, impaled with those of the collegiate church of Saint Peter, Westminster, and surrounded with the circle and motto of this Order.

Twenty-ninth.—It is ordained, that the Genealogist shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, that he shall enter the pedigree of all persons now nominated, and of such as shall hereafter be nominated, Knights Grand Cross of this Order, and shall fairly enter the same into the genealogical books of the Order, to remain to posterity as memorials of their families. And in consideration of performing this duty, he shall receive for the first generation or descent the sum of six shillings and eight pence, and for every additional generation or descent the sum of five shillings; and for entering the armorial ensigns of a Knight Grand Cross, the sum of one pound ten shillings; it is further ordained, that in all ceremonies of the Order, he shall be habited in a mantle of white satin, lined with crimson silk, and tied with a cordon of white silk, with two tassels of crimson silk and gold attached thereto, having on the right shoulder an escocheon azure, charged with three imperial crowns, one and two or, and around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escocheon of gold, enamelled on a field