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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
July 8, 1905.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint His Excellency Count Taro Katsura, Prime Minister of Japan, to be an Honorary Member of the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George.
Downing Street, July 8, 1905.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—

To be an Honorary Member of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

His Excellency Baron Jutaro Komura, Minister for Foreign Affairs of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George.
Downing Street, July 12, 1905.*

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, 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, and Sovereign of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom bearing date the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, did give directions for the method of appointing Members of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

And whereas it is Our will and pleasure that the signification of Our pleasure by Our signature on a submission made to Us in the manner heretofore accustomed, and notified to the Chancery of Our said Order of Saint Michael and Saint George shall be the full and final authority to the Grand Master of the said Order to prepare the grant of dignity to the Member of the said Order:

Now know ye that We, of Our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion, do hereby direct and ordain that, notwithstanding anything in the said Letters Patent contained, the signification of Our pleasure by Our signature on a submission made to Us in the manner heretofore accustomed, and notified to the Chancery of Our said Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, shall be the full and final authority to the Grand Master of the said Order to prepare the grant of dignity to the Member of the said Order.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourself at Westminster, the twenty-eighth day of June, in the fifth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.
Muir Mackenzie.

Westminster, July 11, 1905.

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

- Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1905.
- Mr. Speaker's Retirement Act, 1905.
- War Stores (Commission) Act, 1905.
- Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1905.
- Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 13) Act, 1905.
- Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1905.
- Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1905.
- Highland Railway Act, 1905.
- Great Northern Railway Act, 1905.
- University College, London (Transfer) Act, 1905.
- Weaver Navigation Act, 1905.