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# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1910.

## Whitehall, February 11, 1910.

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

### EDWARD, R. & I.

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, to all to whom these Presents shall come

#### Greeting !

Whereas the Hereditary Degree of Baronet was instituted by Our Royal Predecessor King James the First in the ninth year of His Reign with divers privileges and pre-eminences, and certain Rules were made by His Majesty for the preservation of the Dignity of the Baronetage:

And whereas by Warrants under the hand of Our Royal Predecessor King George the Third further Rules were established for the prevention of abuses touching the status of Baronets:

And whereas on the third day of November, one thousand nine hundred and five, a Committee was appointed to consider and report what steps should be taken to safeguard the status of holders of Baronetcies, and to prevent the assumption of the title of Baronet by persons who have no right thereto:

And whereas it has been represented to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, to whom the Committee appointed as aforesaid reported on the twelfth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and six, that divers abuses have crept into the said Order, and that persons have assumed the title of Baronet without any just right:

Know ye therefore that We have thought fit to signify Our Royal Will and Pleasure that for the correction of such abuses and for preventing the like in future, the following regulations and Ordinances be established: And We do accordingly hereby declare and ordain

I. That from and after the date of these Presents an official Roll of Baronets shall be prepared and kept in the Office of Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

II. That no person whose name is not entered on the official Roll of Baronets shall be received as a Baronet, or shall be addressed or mentioned by that title in any civil or military Commission, Letters Patent or other official document.

III. That the Roll shall be prepared in consultation with one or other of the Kings of Arms (Garter, Lyon or Ulster) according to their respective heraldic jurisdiction: That such Roll shall be revised and corrected from time to time and shall be submitted to Us and to Our Successors once in each year, and shall be published annually in the London, Edinburgh and Dublin Gazettes, and be placed on sale; and that any person whose name does not appear on the Roll, but who considers that he is entitled to be enrolled therein, shall be at liberty to petition Us through Our said Secretary of State.