GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

Whereas We, having taken into Our Royal consideration the faithful and devoted service rendered by members of the Special Constabulary during the War, and being desirous of distinguishing such service by some mark of Our Royal Favour, and also of providing a means of recognizing continued and efficient service which may be rendered in the future by members of any Special Constabulary Reserve hereafter constituted, did by Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 30th August, 1919, institute and create a new Medal to be awarded for such service as aforesaid;

And whereas We did by Warrants under Our Sign Manual dated the 31st January, 1920, and the 15th August, 1929, establish revised Rules for the governance of the said Decoration:

And whereas We are desirous of further amending the said Rules, We are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following Rules for the governance of the said Decoration:—

I. It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The Special Constabulary Long Service Medal."

II. It is ordained that the Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Bronze with Our Effigy on the obverse and on the reverse an appropriate design or inscription, and shall bear on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal is awarded.

III. It is ordained that the Medal shall only be awarded to those of Our faithful subjects who, being or having been members of the Special Constabulary during the War or of any Special Constabulary Reserve, shall satisfy the following conditions, namely:—

(1) Shall have served as a Special Constable without pay during the War for not less than three years, and shall during that period have performed not less than 150 police duties; or

(2) Shall have served in a Special Constabulary Reserve for not less than nine years, and shall be recommended by the Chief Officer of Police as willing and competent to discharge the duties of a Special Constable and as having performed without pay such duty as a Special Constable as has been required from him by the Chief Officer of Police during that period.

Provided that in the case of a man who has served both in the Special Constabulary during the War and in a Special Constabulary Reserve, each period of service during the War amounting to one year or upwards in the course of which he completed not less than 50 police duties shall be reckoned as equivalent to three years' efficient service in the Reserve, and other periods in the same proportion.

IV. It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department or by Our Principal Secretary of State for Scotland, and that the names of the persons eligible for such Medal shall be submitted to Our said Secretaries of State respectively by the Chief Officer of Police under whom such persons have served.

V. It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a riband of an inch and three-eighths in width, of which the central part (one-third of the whole) shall be red, while the remaining parts shall each have three longitudinal stripes of equal width, the central stripe being black and the other two white; and further, that in the case of those to whom the Medal is awarded for service during the War a bar or clasp shall be attached to the riband, bearing the words "The Great War, 1914-1918."

VI. It is ordained that an additional bar or clasp which shall be attached to the riband and shall bear upon it the words "Long Service" may be awarded to those to whom the Medal has been awarded upon the same recommendation by the Chief Officer of Police as is required for the award of the Medal upon the completion of each ten years of service after the award of the Medal, or, where such award was made under Rule III (1),

after 19th July, 1919.

VII. It is ordained that on a recommendation to that effect by or through one of Our said Secretaries of State it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to direct the cancellation and annulment of the award to any person of the Medal or Bars, and thereupon the name of such person shall be erased from the record of those to whom the Medal shall have been awarded, and every person whose Medal shall be so forfeited shall on being required so to do by either of Our said Secretaries of State deliver up his Medal to such person as either of Our said Secretaries of State may direct. Provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to direct the restoration of any Medal or Bars which may have been so forfeited when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

VIII. All previous Warrants issued in this behalf are hereby revoked except in so far as they are already revoked.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the First day of October, 1930, in the Twenty-first Year of Our Reign. By His Majesty's Command.

J. R. Clynes.

Lord Great Chamberlain's Office, S.W. 1.

All Peeresses on announcing their intention of being present on the occasion of the Opening of Parliament on Tuesday, the 28th of October, will have places reserved for them if announcement is made to this Office before 4 p.m. on Friday, October the 24th.

Peers Eldest Sons desiring seats in the Peers Eldest Sons Box are requested to make a personal or written application to this Office.

Applications for tickets for the Royal Gallery must be received in this Office before 4 p.m. on Friday, October the 24th, and must be accompanied by the name of the lady or gentleman for whom the ticket is required.