

George R. I.



George the Fifth. 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: TO our right trusty and well beloved

Chancellor ROBERT BARNARD, LORD FINLAY, G.C.B., G.C.

Our Chancellor of that part of Our said United Kingdom called Great Britain GREETING: WE WILL AND COMMAND that under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom remaining in your custody you cause these Our Letters to be made forth Patent in form following:—

GEORGE THE FIFTH 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 TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING WHEREAS We have resolved to institute an Order of Honour KNOWN AS then &c for the purpose of carrying this Our Resolution into effect have instituted created constituted and created and by these Presents for Us Our heirs and successors do institute erect constitute and create an Order to be known by and have for ever hereafter the name style and designation of "The Order of the Companions of Honour" And We do ordain direct and appoint that the said Order shall consist of the Sovereign and of such members as We Our heirs and successors shall from time to time appoint as by any Statute of the said Order may be directed and that We Our heirs and successors Kings and Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom aforesaid shall be Sovereigns of the said Order And We do further ordain direct and appoint that the said Royal Order shall be governed by Statutes and Ordinances and that the Statutes to be observed in the said Order shall be established by Us Our heirs and successors Sovereigns of the said Order And to the end that the Statutes of the said Order may be legally established We do hereby authorize and command that a seal be immediately engraven having thereon as follows that is to say upon a white field a representation of the badge of the Order proper as in the said Statutes described impaled with Our Royal Arms with this inscription "The Seal of the Order of the Companions of Honour" and that the said seal shall hereafter be the Seal of the Order and that the Statutes of the same shall be sealed by and with the said Seal and after having received Our sign Manual and the counter-signature of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State which Statutes so given and in future to be given by Us Our heirs and successors to which the said Seal shall be affixed shall be of the same validity and read and taken as if the same and every article of them had been verbatim recited in these Our Letters Patent and passed under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

IN WITNESS &c., WITNESS &c.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the fourth day of June
one thousand nine hundred and seventeen in the eighth Year of Our Reign.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND.

Geo. V.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

This contains a Warrant to the Lord High Chancellor to pass Letters Patent under the Great Seal whereby Your Majesty is pleased to constitute a new order to be styled "The Order of the Companions of Honour".

And this Warrant is prepared according to Your Majesty's Royal Command.

Received the fourth of June 1917
Finlay

Signified by SECRETARY SIR GEORGE CASE,
SCHUSTER,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.