

Edward VIII



Edward the Eighth by the Grace of God of Great Britain Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith: TO Our right trusty and well beloved Cousin and Counsellor Douglas McGarel Viscount Bailisham



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

EDWARD THE EIGHTH by the Grace of God of Great Britain Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Wherces by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date at Westminster the twenty-first day of April in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria an Order of Knighthood was instituted by the name of the Royal Victorian Order and the division of the said Order into several classes was declared And Wherces We are Desirous of revising the said division of the said Order into several classes Now Know Ye that We of Our especial grace certain Knowledge and mere motion do hereby revoke that Clause of the said Letters Patent by which the division of the said Order into several Classes was declared and the said Letters Patent shall henceforth be construed and take effect as if instead of the said Clause the following Clause had been inserted therein "And We do further ordain, direct and appoint that the said Members shall be divided into five classes to be styled and designated respectively Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross; Knights Commanders and Dames Commanders; Commanders; Members of the Fourth Class; and Members of the Fifth Class" And Wherces by further Letters Patent under the Great Seal as aforesaid bearing date at Westminster the twentieth day of December in the sixty-second year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria certain alterations were made in the precedence of the several classes of the said Order And Wherces it is necessary to make further alterations in that precedence Now Know Ye that We do hereby revoke the said Letters Patent of the twentieth day of December One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and do hereby substitute therefor the following Clause and the said Letters Patent of the twenty-first day of April One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six shall henceforth be construed and take effect as if the said following Clause had been inserted therein "And We do further ordain, declare and appoint that the precedence of the Members of the said Royal Order shall be such as shall from time to time be determined in the Statutes and Ordinances of the Order by Us, Our heirs and successors Sovereigns of the said Order, at Our pleasure" And Wherces it was by the said Letters Patent of the twenty-first day of April One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six ordained that the officers attached to the Order shall be a Chancellor and a Secretary And Wherces We consider it necessary for the proper service of the Order that there shall be in addition a Registrar Now Know Ye that We do hereby revoke the Clause of the said Letters Patent under which the officers of the Order have been appointed and the said Letters Patent shall henceforth be construed and take effect as if instead of the said Clause the following Clause had been inserted therein "And Wherces it is expedient for the dignity and service of the Order that there should be officers attached thereto We do by these Presents for Us Our heirs and successors Will and Ordain that there shall be for ever hereafter belonging to the Order a Chancellor, a Secretary and a Registrar

whose respective duties shall be expressed and defined in and by the said Statutes"

In Witness &c., Witness &c.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's* the *Twenty-third* day of *May*
one thousand nine hundred and *thirty-six* in the *First* Year of Our Reign.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND.

John Simon

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 amend the Letters Patent instituting the Royal Victorian Order

*Received the 28th
day of May,
1896*

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

Signed by Secretary Sir John Simon

SCHUSTER

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.