

Despatch—Statutes of the Imperial Service Order.

Office of the Minister of Internal Affairs,
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W. E. PARRY, Minister of Internal Affairs.

NEW ZEALAND.
HONOURS.

Downing Street,
8th December, 1938.

MY LORD,—

With reference to my despatch, Honours, of the 1st February last, I have the honour to transmit two copies of the consolidated Statutes of the Imperial Service Order, dated the 1st October, 1938.

I have, &c.,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

Governor-General
His Excellency
Colonel

The Right Honourable

Viscount Galway, G.C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E.,
etc. etc. etc.

THE STATUTES OF THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER.

[SEAL OF THE ORDER.]

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, and Sovereign of the Imperial Service Order, to all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being desirous of recognizing more fully than had theretofore been possible the faithful and meritorious services rendered to him by Members of the Civil Services of the various parts of His Empire, did, for Himself, His Heirs and Successors, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual dated the eighth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and two and in the second year of His Reign, institute and create a new Civil Order of Distinction—to be designated THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER—and He was graciously pleased to Make, Ordain, and Establish Rules and Ordinances for the government of the same:

AND WHEREAS the Statutes of the said Order have from time to time been amended and re-enacted by Our Royal Predecessors; AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient to assemble the said Statutes and to make such alterations therein as appear to be necessary for the government of the Order:

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance and in the exercise of the power vested in Us by the aforesaid Statutes, We do hereby abrogate and repeal all and every the aforesaid Statutes, and in lieu thereof, We do by these Presents, Make, Ordain, and Establish the following Statutes and Ordinances:

Firstly.—It is ordained that this Order shall henceforth be styled and designated "The Imperial Service Order."

Secondly.—It is ordained that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of these Our Realms are and for ever shall be Sovereigns of this Order.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that the Order shall consist of the Sovereign and the Prince of Wales, and such Companions as We, Our Heirs or Successors, shall appoint.

Fourthly.—It is ordained that only the Members of the administrative or clerical branches of Our Civil Services shall be eligible for the distinction of Companions of this Order.

Fifthly.—It is ordained that the number of Companions of this Order shall not exceed seven hundred and twenty (exclusive of those persons who were admitted into this Order in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven at the Coronation of Our Royal Father King George V and at Our Royal Coronation in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven), of whom two hundred and fifty shall belong to Our Home Civil Service, two hundred to Our Civil Services in India and