

Burma, including the Staff of Our Secretary of State for India and Our Secretary of State for Burma, and two hundred and seventy to the Civil Services of Our Dominions beyond the Seas and Countries under Our Protection or Mandated Territories, including the Staff of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Sixthly.—It is ordained that no person shall be eligible to be a Companion of the Order whose name has not been laid before Us, Our Heirs or Successors, by Our Prime Minister, and who has not at the time of his or her nomination rendered at least twenty-five years' meritorious service in Our said Civil Services: Provided that in the Indian Empire and Burma the minimum period of service in the case of Europeans shall be twenty years, and that in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or any Country under Our Protection or Mandated Territory, which, under the Pensions Acts or Regulations applying thereto, is recognized as unhealthy, the minimum period of service shall be sixteen years: Provided also that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to appoint specially to the Order persons who, not having completed the aforesaid periods of service, have rendered such eminently meritorious service as to qualify them, in Our opinion, to become recipients of this distinction.

Seventhly.—It is ordained that when We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Companion of this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Sign Manual, sealed with the Seal of this Order, and countersigned by one of the Officers of the Order.

Eighthly.—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We are pleased to confer this Order shall be published in the London Gazette.

Ninthly.—It is ordained that the Companions of this Order shall have the privilege of adding the letters "I.S.O." after their names.

Tenthly.—It is ordained that the Badge to be worn by Companions of this Order shall be: for men—a seven pointed star of silver, in the centre thereof a medallion of gold bearing the Royal and Imperial Cypher of the Sovereign within a circle inscribed "For Faithful Service," the Cypher and inscription in dark blue enamel, the medallion ensigned with the Imperial Crown; and for women—a like medallion ensigned with the Imperial Crown and surrounded by a wreath of laurel in silver.

Eleventhly.—It is ordained that the Badge shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a riband of one inch and a half in width, consisting of a strip of blue between two strips of crimson of equal size; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width, fashioned into a bow.

Twelfthly.—It is ordained that the Imperial Service Order shall rank next to Our Distinguished Service Order, and that the men who are Companions of this Order shall, in all places and assemblies whatsoever, have place and precedence next to and immediately after Officers of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and that the women who are Companions of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the wives of Officers of Our said Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; and that the Companions shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations.

Thirteenthly.—It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Ordinance signed by the Sovereign and sealed with the Seal of the Order and on a recommendation to that effect by or through Our Prime Minister, to cancel and annul the appointment of any person to this Order, and that thereupon his or her name in the Register shall be erased; provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore to the Order any person whose appointment may have been so cancelled and annulled when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

Fourteenthly.—It is ordained that those Members of Our Civil Services who are not eligible for appointment as Companions of this Order may, on retirement from Our said Services, after not less than twenty-five years of meritorious service, or, in the case of Europeans serving in the Indian Empire, or in Burma, after not less than twenty years of such service, or in the case of service in any part of Our Dominions beyond the Seas or any Country under Our Protection or Mandated Territory which under the Pensions Acts or Regulations applying thereto is recognized as unhealthy, after not less than sixteen years of such service, be awarded a Medal to be designated "The Imperial Service Medal": Provided that such Medal shall be granted only on the recommendation of Our Prime Minister: Provided also