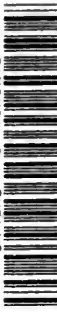


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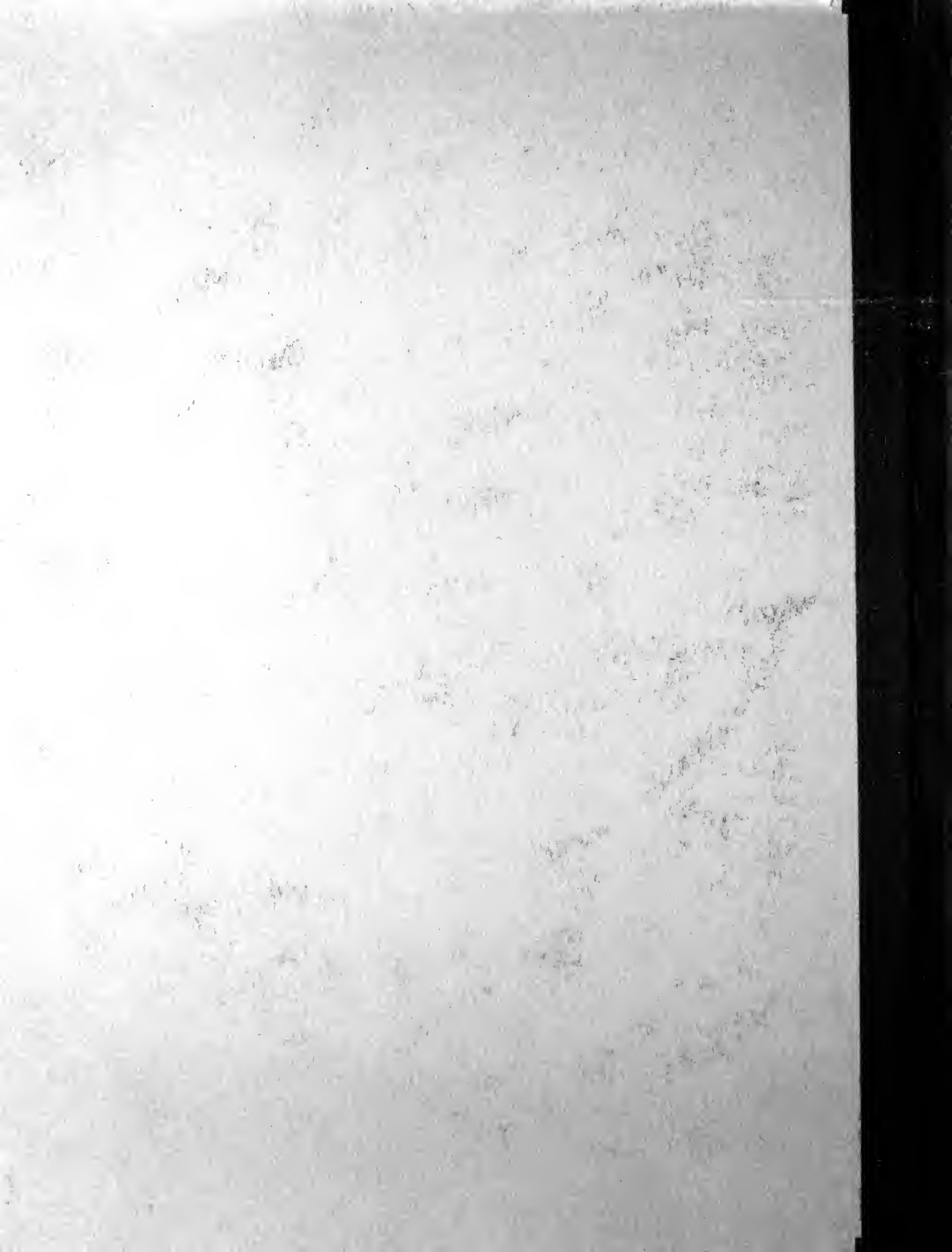


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**THE STATUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER**  
**OF**  
**SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE.**

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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, Emperor of India, Sovereign and Chief of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-seventh day of April, 1818, His Majesty King George the Third did Create and Constitute an Order of Knighthood to be called by the name of "THE DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE," and did by the said Letters Patent Ordain and Declare that the said Order should be governed by Statutes and Ordinances to be from time to time Made, Ordained, Altered, and Abrogated by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, Sovereigns of

Recites Letters Patent, 27th April, 1818, and Statutes, 12th August, 1818.

the said Order, at His and Their Will and Pleasure ;  
 And whereas His said Majesty by His Statutes  
 issued thereunder on the Twelfth day of August  
 in the same year did make provision for the said  
 Order under the Name, Style, and Title of "THE  
 MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND  
 SAINT GEORGE :"

Recites Letters  
 Patent, 31st Decem-  
 ber, 1850.

And whereas by further Letters Patent issued  
 under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom  
 of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at  
 Westminster the Thirty-first day of December, 1850.  
 Our Royal Grandmother, Her late Majesty Queen  
 Victoria did Ordain, Direct, and Appoint that the  
 Order of Knighthood so instituted by Her Royal  
 Grandfather and Predecessor King George the  
 Third should thenceforth be known and described  
 by the Style and Designation of "THE MOST  
 DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT  
 GEORGE," and that the said MOST DISTINGUISHED  
 ORDER should be constituted in the manner therein  
 set forth :

Recites Statutes  
 26th May, 1909.

And whereas in pursuance and in exercise of  
 the power vested in Him as Sovereign of the MOST  
 DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND  
 SAINT GEORGE, Our Royal Father, His late Majesty  
 King Edward the Seventh, did Make, Ordain, and  
 Establish certain Statutes bearing date the Twenty-  
 sixth day of May, 1909, in the Ninth Year of His  
 Reign, for the Government of the said MOST  
 DISTINGUISHED ORDER, wherein power was reserved  
 to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, of Altering or

Abrogating the same, or of Adding thereto, and Explaining any particular therein, by a notification thereof, Sealed with the Seal of the said Most DISTINGUISHED ORDER, which Alterations and Explanations were to be taken as part and parcel of the said Statutes :

And Whereas by a certain Additional Statute bearing date the Thirtieth day of December, 1910, in the First Year of Our Reign, We did prescribe the pattern and size of the Insignia to be worn by the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the several classes of the said Order and did alter the manner in which the Officers of the Order wear their Badges :

Recites Additional Statute of 30th December, 1910.

And whereas We are minded to increase the number of Ordinary Members of the Third Class or Companions of the said Order and to Make certain Amendments in the aforesaid Statutes :

Now, THEREFORE, in pursuance and in exercise of the power so vested in Us by the aforesaid Letters Patent and Statutes, and in order to enable Us to carry this Our Will and Pleasure into effect, We do hereby Abrogate the aforesaid Statutes of the Twenty-sixth day of May, 1909, so far as they are repugnant to or inconsistent with the following Statutes, and the same are Abrogated accordingly, but without prejudice to anything done thereunder ; and in lieu thereof, We, by these Presents Sealed with the Seal of the said Order, do Make, Ordain, and Establish the following Statutes and Ordinances :

Abrogates the Statutes of 26th May, 1909.

Style and  
Designation.

I. It is Ordained that this Order of Knighthood shall as heretofore be Styled and Designated in all Acts, Proceedings, and Pleadings, as "THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE," as Ordained in the aforesaid Letters Patent bearing date the Thirty-first day of December, 1850, and by no other Style or Designation.

Order to consist of  
Sovereign, Grand  
Master, and Three  
Classes of Mem-  
bers.

II. It is Ordained that the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall consist of the SOVEREIGN, GRAND MASTER, and Three several Classes of Members, namely, KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS, KNIGHTS COMMANDERS, and COMPANIONS, as in the aforesaid Letters Patent is provided.

Sovereigns and  
Chiefs.

III. It is Ordained that We, Our Heirs, and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of Our United Kingdom, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns and Chiefs of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, to whom doth and shall belong all power of Annulling, Interpreting, Explaining, or Augmenting these Statutes and every part thereof.

The Grand Master  
and First or  
Principal Knight  
Grand Cross.

IV. It is Ordained that a Prince of the Blood-Royal, being a descendant of the body of His late Majesty King George the First, or such other Exalted Personage as We, Our Heirs and

Successors, may hereafter appoint, shall hold and enjoy the dignified Office of Grand Master of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER and shall be the First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the same. And it is Ordained that it shall be his especial Duty to enforce the due observance of the Statutes and Ordinances of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

Duty of Grand Master.

V. It is Ordained that the Three Classes of Members of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be Styled and Designated respectively.

Designation of the Three Classes.

- KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS.
- KNIGHTS COMMANDERS, and
- COMPANIONS.

VI. It is Ordained that the Ordinary Members of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE shall be One Hundred in number.

Ordinary Members of the First Class to be 100 in number.

VII. It is Ordained that the Ordinary Members of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the said Order shall be Three Hundred in number.

Ordinary Members of the Second Class to be 300 in number.

VIII. It is Ordained that the Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Order shall be Seven Hundred and Twenty-five in number.

Ordinary Members of the Third Class to be 725 in number.

Royal Princes may  
be appointed Extra  
Knights Grand  
Cross.

IX. It is Ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to appoint at Our Pleasure any Princes of the Blood-Royal, being descendants of the body of His Majesty King George the First, to be Extra Knights Grand Cross, and such Members of the Royal Family as have already been appointed Extra Knights Grand Cross shall continue to be and are hereby declared to be Extra Knights Grand Cross of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

Honorary Mem-  
bers.

X. It is Ordained that the Honorary Members of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall consist of Foreign Princes and Persons upon whom We, or Our Royal Grandmother or Our Royal Father and Predecessor, have conferred, or We, Our Heirs and Successors, may think fit to confer, the Honour of being admitted into the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and every such Honorary Member shall be additional and not included within the numbers of Ordinary Members prescribed for the several Classes.

Qualifications of  
Ordinary Members:

XI. It is Ordained that the Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be such Subjects of Our Crown, whether natural born or naturalized, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in any portion of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or in the countries under Our Protection, as may have held or shall hereafter hold High and Confidential



Offices, or may have rendered or shall hereafter render Extraordinary and Important Services to Us and to Our Empire within or in relation to any part of Our said Dominions or the countries under Our Protection, or who may become eminently Distinguished therein by their Talents, Merits, Virtues, Loyalty, or Services, and such others of Our said Subjects as by important and loyal Services in relation to the Foreign Affairs of Our Empire have merited or may hereafter merit Our Royal Favour; or any persons who now are or hereafter may be appointed Officers of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

Services in Oversea Dominions, &c.  
Foreign Services.  
Officers.

XII. It is Ordained that of the said Ordinary Members, Seventy Knights Grand Cross, and Two Hundred and Ten Knights Commanders, and Five Hundred and Eight Companions, shall be persons who have rendered Services, or have become Distinguished within or in relation to any part or parts of Our Dominions beyond the Seas or countries under Our Protection; and Thirty Knights Grand Cross, and Ninety Knights Commanders, and Two Hundred and Seventeen Companions shall be persons who have rendered Services in relation to the Foreign Affairs of Our Empire.

Number of Members of each class to be appointed for Services in Oversea Dominions, &c., and for Foreign Services.

XIII. It is Ordained that the persons who have been admitted or whom We may hereafter think fit to admit into the First, Second, or Third

Additional Members.

Classes of the said Order in recognition of their meritorious services to Us and to Our Empire in connexion with Military Operations are and shall be Additional Members of those Classes, and shall not now or hereafter be included within the number of the Ordinary Members allotted to such Classes, and that any vacancy, from whatever cause arising, among such Additional Members so appointed shall not be filled up

Status of Additional Members.

XIV. It is also Ordained that the Additional Members so appointed shall have Rank and Place among the Ordinary Members of their respective Classes according to the dates of their respective Appointments, and that the Statutes of the said Order shall in all matters and things apply in the same manner to the said Additional Members as to the Ordinary Members of the said Order.

Precedence of Knights Grand Cross.

XV. It is Ordained that in all solemn Ceremonials and in all other Places and Assemblies whatsoever the Knights Grand Cross of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall have Place and Precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Grand Commanders of Our MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA; that the Knights Commanders of this Order shall have Place and Precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Commanders of Our said MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA; and that the Companions of this MOST DISTINGUISHED

Precedence of Knights Commanders.

Precedence of Companions.

ORDER shall have Place and Precedence next to and immediately after the Companions of Our said MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA.

And it is further Ordained that the Extra Knights Grand Cross of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall rank among each other according to the Order of their Precedence, next after the Grand Master of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and that the Ordinary and Honorary Members of the Order shall rank in their respective Classes according to the dates of their respective appointments.

Precedence of Extra Knights Grand Cross.

Precedence of Honorary Members.

XVI. Touching the Habits and Decorations of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, it is Ordained that Our Habits and Robes as Sovereign of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be of the same materials and fashion as are hereinafter appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, save only with those alterations which may befit and distinguish Our Royal Dignity; and it is further Ordained that the Grand Master, or such other Person as may be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to officiate for Us at Investitures or other solemn Ceremonials of the Order, shall, if he is a Knight Grand Cross of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, wear at such Investitures or other solemn Ceremonials similar Robes and Insignia to those which We Ourselves should wear if We were personally present thereat.

Habits, Robes, Decorations, and Insignia.  
The Sovereign.

The Grand Master or person appointed to officiate at Investitures, &c.

Grand Master's  
Badge.

XVII. The Badge of the Grand Master of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be a Gold Cross of fourteen points forming seven arms, enamelled White, edged with Gold, having on one side thereof, in the Centre within a Circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed the motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," in letters of Gold, a Representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and trampling upon Satan, and on the reverse within the said Circle and Motto, a Representation of Saint George on Horseback, and in Armour, with a Spear encountering a Dragon; between the arms seven Carved Gold Monograms "M.G." with Gold Crowns above; the whole surmounted by a Chased Gold Tudor Crown. The Badge shall be suspended from the Collar or Riband of the Order, around the neck.

Knights Grand  
Cross.

Mantles.

XVIII. The KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS shall upon all great and solemn occasions appointed by the Sovereign wear mantles of Saxon Blue Satin, lined with Scarlet Silk and tied with a Cordon of Blue and Scarlet Silk and Gold, having two Tassels of the same colours attached. On the left side of the Mantles there shall be embroidered a Representation of the Star of a Knight Grand Cross of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, which shall be composed of Seven Rays of Silver, between each of which shall issue a small ray of Gold, over all, the Cross of

Star.

Saint George, Gules ; and in the centre of the said Star within a Circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed in letters of Gold the motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS Motto on the Star. ÆVI," a Representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and trampling upon Satan. And We do further Command that on all other occasions whatsoever the Knights Grand Cross shall wear the Star of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER upon the left side of their coats or outer Garments ; and that they shall also wear on all days usually termed "Collar Days," a Collar composed Collar. alternately of Lions of England royally crowned, of Maltese Crosses, and of the Cyphers S.M. and S.G. ; having in the centre of the said Collar Our Imperial Crown over two Winged Lions, passant guardant, each holding in his fore paw a Book and Seven Arrows ; and at the opposite end there shall be two similar Lions ; all of which shall be of Gold, excepting the Crosses, which are to be enamelled White, the whole linked together by small Gold Chains. To the said Collar shall hang the Badge of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, Badge. which shall be a Cross of fourteen points, enamelled, Argent, edged, Gold, having on one side thereof in the Centre within a Circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed in letters of Gold the motto "AUSPICIUM Motto on the Badge. MELIORIS ÆVI," a Representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and trampling upon Satan, and on the reverse, within the said Circle and Motto, a

Representation of Saint George on Horseback and in Armour, with a Spear encountering a Dragon, which Badge shall be ensigned by Our Imperial Crown, Gold. On all other occasions the said Knights Grand Cross shall wear the said Badge suspended to a richly-watered Saxon Blue Riband, of the width of Four Inches, with a Scarlet Stripe, passing from the right shoulder to the left side. And for the Greater Honour and Dignity of the Knights Grand Cross, it is hereby declared that it shall and may be lawful for them upon all occasions to bear and use Supporters to their Arms; and We do by these Presents Direct and Command Our Garter Principal King of Arms for the time being to grant Supporters to all Knights Grand Cross of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER. The said Knights Grand Cross shall also surround their Armorial Ensigns with the Collar, Circle, and Motto hereinbefore described, and suspend thereto a Representation of their Badge.

Riband.

Supporters to their Arms.

Armorial Ensigns.

Knights Commanders.

Riband and Badge.

XIX. The KNIGHTS COMMANDERS shall wear around their necks a Riband of the same colours as the Riband of the Knights Grand Cross, of the breadth of Two Inches and pendent therefrom the Badge of the Order, which shall be of the same form and appearance as the Badge appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, but one size smaller. They shall also wear on the left side of their Coats or outer Garments, a Star composed of four



Rays, thereon a small Cross of eight points in Saltire, Argent, surmounted by the Cross of Saint George, Gules, and in the centre, Argent, within a Circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed in letters of Gold the Motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," a Motto on the Star. Representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and trampling upon Satan. They shall surround their Armorial Ensigns with the Circle and Motto Armorial Ensigns. aforesaid, and suspend thereto a Representation of their Badge.

XX. The COMPANIONS shall wear the Badge or Companions. Small Cross of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, which shall be of the same form and appearance as the Badge appointed for the Knights Com- Badge and Riband. manders, but smaller, pendent to a Riband of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, of the breadth of One Inch and a half, the said Riband being attached by a buckle to the left breast of their Coats or outer Garments. They shall suspend a Representation of their Riband and Badge from the lower part of the Escutcheon of their Armorial Armorial Ensigns. Ensigns.

XXI. In the event of any Member of the said Return of Insignia on resignation, degradation, or promotion. MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER resigning, or being degraded from his dignity as a Member of the same, or of any Officer resigning or being degraded

from his Office, he shall forthwith return his Insignia or Badge ; and on the promotion of a Member of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER to a higher class therein, he shall likewise immediately return the Insignia previously worn by him to the Secretary of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

Insignia of Promoted Members to be returned.

XXII. On the promotion in the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER of any Member thereof, the Secretary of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall take the necessary measures for obtaining possession of the Insignia theretofore worn by such Member ; and as soon as he shall receive the same he shall forthwith deposit such Insignia with the Chamberlain of Our Household. On the promotion in the Order of any Member thereof who may be in any place within Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or in any country under Our Protection, the Officer administering the Government thereof shall immediately obtain possession of the Insignia theretofore worn by such Member, and transmit the same to the Secretary.

To be deposited with the Lord Chamberlain.

Governors to obtain Insignia in Oversea Dominions, &c.

Ceremony of Investiture.

XXIII. It is ordained that on the day of the Investiture of a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander, the Sovereign, wearing the Robes and Insignia of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, shall be attended by such Knights Grand Cross and by such Officers of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED

ORDER as can conveniently be assembled, habited in their Mantles and wearing their Insignia. The Person to be Invested shall then be introduced into the Presence of the Sovereign, between the two Junior Knights Grand Cross in attendance, preceded by the King of Arms, bearing the proper Ensigns upon a Velvet Cushion, when the Sovereign shall proceed to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon the person so nominated a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, if he have not previously received the said Honour, and shall then Invest him with the Ensigns of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER in the following manner :

Knighthood of  
Members.

The Sovereign will invest the new Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander with the Riband and Badge, and will deliver to him the Star of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER ; and the Prelate or in his absence another Officer of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall pronounce the following Admonition :

“ Receive the Ensigns of a Knight Grand  
 “ Cross [or Knight Commander] of the Most  
 “ DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL  
 “ AND SAINT GEORGE. They shall serve as  
 “ Evidence of your great Merit, Virtue, and  
 “ Loyalty, and of your Reception into this

The Admonition.

“ MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, Dedicated to  
 “ Virtue and Loyalty. Avail yourself of the  
 “ said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, to the  
 “ Honour of God, to the Service of His Majesty  
 “ the King of the United Kingdom of Great  
 “ Britain and Ireland and of the British  
 “ Dominions beyond the Seas, and for the  
 “ Defence thereof.”

Invested Members  
 to receive a Copy  
 of the Statutes.

An Officer of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall then present the new Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander with a copy of the Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, on his receiving which the Ceremony of his Investiture will be complete.

Warrants for  
 investing and  
 conferring  
 Knighthood.

XXIV. It is further Ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by a Warrant or Warrants under Our or Their Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Our or Their Principal Secretaries of State, and sealed with the Seal of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, in any case to authorize some Distinguished Officer in Our or Their Service, or other Person, to perform in Our or Their Name and on Our or Their Behalf, the Ceremony of Investing Knights Grand Cross or Knights Commanders with the Insignia of their respective Dignities, and further to confer upon them in Our or Their name and on Our or Their behalf the honour of Knight Bachelor of these

Realms. Provided always that the Officer or Person so appointed to perform the Ceremony shall have been empowered by Letters Patent to confer that honour. It shall also be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to permit the Ceremony of Investiture to be dispensed with. And We Reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, by Our or Their Warrant or Warrants made as aforesaid, to Permit and Authorize the Person or Persons not invested by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or on Our or Their Behalf, to wear the Insignia and enjoy the Privileges appertaining to their respective Dignities, including the use and enjoyment of the distinctive Appellation of a Knight Bachelor of these Realms, in as full and ample a manner as if they had been invested by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or on Our or Their Behalf. But it is expressly Ordained that nothing herein contained shall be construed or interpreted to authorize any Knights Grand Cross or Knights Commanders of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER who shall not have been invested by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or on Our or Their Behalf, with the Insignia of their respective Dignities to assume the distinctive Appellation of a Knight Bachelor of these Realms without having been duly authorized in manner aforesaid to use such Appellation.

Dispensation  
Warrants.

Appellation of a  
Knight Bachelor  
may not be as-  
sumed without  
authority.

XXV. And it is Ordained that the Seal of Seal. this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, as appointed by His Majesty King George the Third, and

having thereon Two Escutcheons, that on the Dexter Side bearing a Representation of Saint Michael trampling upon Satan, and that on the Sinister Side bearing a Representation of Saint George on Horseback and in Armour, with a Spear encountering a Dragon, and over the said Escutcheons, the Motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," the whole within this circumscription, "SIGILLUM ORDINIS SANCTI MICHAELIS ET SANCTI GEORGII," shall continue to be the Seal of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and that the Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be sealed by and with the said Seal.

Members may be Degraded for Treason, &c.

XXVI. It is Ordained that if any Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Companion of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER be convicted of Treason, Cowardice, Felony, or of any Grave Misdemeanour derogatory to his Honour, as a Knight and a Gentleman, or if he be accused of any such Offence and does not, after a reasonable time, either surrender himself to be tried for the same or justify or excuse himself to the satisfaction of the Sovereign, he shall forthwith be Degraded from the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, by an Ordinance Signed by the Sovereign and Sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and thereupon his Name in the Register shall be erased. And it is hereby Declared that the Sovereign shall be the sole Judge of the



Conduct or Behaviour which may require the Expulsion of the offending Member from the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER; and that it shall at all times be competent for the Sovereign to restore to the Order any Person who may have been Degraded, if circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

And restored to the Order.

XXVII. It is Ordained that the following Officers shall be appointed to this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER; that is to say, a PRELATE, a CHANCELLOR, a SECRETARY, a KING OF ARMS, a REGISTRAR, and a GENTLEMAN USHER OF THE BLUE ROD, which Officers shall rank among each other in the above order.

Officers.

XXVIII. The PRELATE shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors. He shall wear a similar Mantle to those worn by the Knights Grand Cross: and he shall wear around his neck, pendent to the Riband of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, the same Badge as is appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, surmounted by a Mitre in lieu of Our Imperial Crown. In all Processions of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER he shall be covered: and he shall surround his Armorial Ensigns with a Circle, whereon is inscribed the Motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," and shall suspend thereto a Representation of his Badge. He shall, when present, give the Admonition to

The Prelate.

His Mantle, Riband, and Badge.

Armorial Ensigns.

His Duties.

Admonition to Members invested.

each and every new Knight Grand Cross, and Knight Commander who may be invested within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Chancellor.

His Mantle,  
Chain, and Badge.

Armorial Ensigns.

His Duties.

To Keep and use  
the Seal.

At Investitures  
to act in the place  
of the Prelate.

To notify  
nominations.

XXIX. The CHANCELLOR of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors. He shall wear a similar Mantle to those worn by the Knights Grand Cross, save and except that there shall be embroidered on the left side of the said Mantle, a Representation of the Star of the Class of the Order of which he may be a Member; and he shall wear on his breast pendent from a Gold Chain around his neck, a Badge of Gold, of a square form, representing a Purse, charged with the Cross of Saint George, Gules, surmounting a Maltese Cross in Saltire, Argent, within a Circle whereon is inscribed the Motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI." He shall surround his Armorial Ensigns with the Circle and Motto aforesaid, and shall suspend thereto a Representation of his Badge. To his custody shall be confided the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, which he shall affix or cause to be affixed to all Statutes and other Instruments and Writings of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER which require to be passed under the said Seal; and at all Investitures by the Sovereign he shall, if present and in the absence of the Prelate, give the Admonition to the new Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders. He shall notify all Nominations to the said MOST

DISTINGUISHED ORDER, prepare and countersign all Instruments to which the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER is affixed, and transmit the commands of the Sovereign respecting the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER. He shall, moreover, sedulously attend to the Service of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and perform such other Duties as he may be directed by these Statutes, or by the Sovereign, or Grand Master, or by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State. And We are further pleased to Ordain that the CHANCERY of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, wherein a Record of all Proceedings connected therewith shall be carefully deposited and preserved, shall be in the Office in London of Our Principal Secretary of State having the Department of the Colonies.

To countersign  
Instruments.

To transmit the  
commands of the  
Sovereign.

Chancery of the  
Order.

XXX. The SECRETARY to the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be the person for the time being holding the Office of Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. He shall write all letters connected with the service of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER and shall make it his duty to recover the Badges of Members promoted in the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER. He shall wear a Mantle of Scarlet Satin lined with Blue Silk tied with a Cordon of Blue and Scarlet Silk and Gold with two Tassels of the same colours

The Secretary.

His Duties.

His Mantle,  
Chain, and  
Badge.

attached thereto. On the right side of the Mantle there shall be embroidered a representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and trampling upon Satan, surrounded with a Circle Azure, whereon is inscribed in letters of Gold the Motto "AUSPICUM MELIORIS ÆVI"; the whole surmounted by a Tudor Crown; and on the left shoulder there shall be a Bow of White Satin. He shall also wear on his Breast, pendent from a Gold Chain around his Neck, an Escutcheon of Gold, enamelled, having on a Field, Gules, within a Circle and Motto as aforesaid two Pens, Saltirewise; Or; the whole surmounted by an Imperial Crown.

The King of Arms.

His Duties.

His Mantle, Chain, and Badge.

XXXI. The KING OF ARMS of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors. He shall sedulously attend to the Service of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and, besides the Duties required of him by these Statutes, he shall faithfully obey and execute such commands of the Sovereign as may be communicated to him through the Chancellor for the service of the Order. He shall be habited in a Mantle similar to that of the Secretary, and shall wear on his Breast, pendent from a Gold Chain around his Neck, an Escutcheon of Gold enamelled, having on one side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a Representation of Saint

Michael trampling upon Satan, and upon the other side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a Representation of Saint George on Horseback and in Armour with a Spear encountering a Dragon; the whole within a Circle Azure, whereon is inscribed in letters of Gold the Motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS. ÆVI," and surmounted by an Imperial Crown. At the Coronation of the Sovereign he shall precede the Knights Grand Cross of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and shall wear a Crown similar to those of Our other Kings of Arms; and shall in all other Ceremonials and Assemblies have place and precedence among Our Kings of Arms next to and immediately after the King of Arms of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

His Precedence.

XXXII. The REGISTRAR of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be the person for the time being holding the Office of Senior Assistant Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. He shall keep full and complete Lists of former and present Members of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, recording their distinctions and services, and the addresses of existing Members. He shall carefully record all proceedings relating to the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER that may take place, and he shall faithfully enter such proceedings in the Register of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, as well as all documents which may be transmitted to him for that purpose. He shall wear a Mantle

The Registrar.  
His Duties.  
His Mantle,  
Chain, and  
Badge.

similar to that of the Secretary, and shall wear on his breast, pendent from a Gold Chain around his Neck, an Escutcheon of Gold, enamelled, having on a Field, Gules, within a Circle Azure, whereon is inscribed in letters of Gold, the Motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," a Representation of a Book bound, Azure, the leaves thereof, Or; the whole surmounted by an Imperial Crown.

The Gentleman  
Usher of the  
Blue Rod.

His Duties.

XXXIII. The GENTLEMAN USHER OF THE BLUE ROD of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors. He shall sedulously attend to the Service of the Order and faithfully obey and execute all directions of the Chancellor of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER which shall in that behalf be transmitted to him. He shall attend at all Investitures of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER where he may be ordered to attend by the direction of the Sovereign.

His Mantle,  
Rod, Chain,  
and Badge.

XXXIV. The GENTLEMAN USHER OF THE BLUE ROD shall wear a Mantle like unto that appointed for the Secretary; and he shall carry the Blue Rod of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, being an Ebony Staff  $42\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, upon which at intervals are three gilt spherical knops between horizontal fillets, the lowest forming the base of the Rod, the whole being surmounted by a capital upon which stand open cyphers of Saint Michael and Saint George,



with a Royal Crown as terminal. He shall wear on his breast pendent from a Gold Chain around his neck an Escutcheon of Gold enamelled, having on one side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a Representation of Saint Michael trampling upon Satan ; and upon the other side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a Representation of Saint George on Horseback and in Armour with a Spear encountering a Dragon ; the whole within a Circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed in Letters of Gold, the Motto "AUSPICUM MELIORIS ÆVI," and surmounted by an Imperial Crown.

XXXV. And it is Ordained that all the Officers of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall continually remain under the Protection of the Sovereign. They are hereby Declared to be Servants of the Sovereign's Household, and shall hold their respective Offices during good behaviour ; and We do hereby authorize them to wear the Badges appropriated to them respectively by these Statutes, pendent to Ribands of the same Colours and Width as have been appointed for the Knights Commanders, save and except that upon "Collar Days," Investitures of the Order, and other Public Solemnities the said Officers other than the Prelate shall wear the said Badges pendent from Gold Chains.

Privileges of Officers.

Servants of the Sovereign's Household.

Ribands, Chains, and Badges.

XXXVI. Drawings of the Collars, Stars, Badges, Chains and Ribands, appointed for the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the several classes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, Depicted and Emblazoned in their proper sizes and colours,

Drawings of Collars, Stars, Badges, &c.

are annexed to the Statute of the Thirtieth day of December, 1910, deposited in the Chancery of Our said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and these Drawings shall be adhered to, except that the Badges of the SECRETARY, REGISTRAR, and GENTLEMAN USHER OF THE BLUE ROD shall be surmounted by an Imperial Crown as hereinbefore provided ; and We do hereby Enjoin and Command that in the said Drawings no alteration be on any account made, without Our Royal approbation signified under Our Sign Manual and sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

Alterations of the Drawings forbidden.

Chapel of the Order.

XXXVII. And whereas under an Agreement bearing date the Fifteenth day of January, 1904, between the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in London and the Grand Master of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, the South West Chapel of the said Cathedral Church has been placed at the disposal of the Order : We do hereby Ordain that the said Chapel shall be the Chapel of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER and that Chapters or Assemblies of the Order, and Ceremonials and Religious Services in connexion with the Order shall be held in the said Chapel at such times and on such occasions as may be convenient. The said Religious Services shall be the especial care of the Prelate of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and shall be in such form as, with the approval of the aforesaid Dean and Chapter, We may from time to time direct.

XXXVIII. And lastly, We do hereby Command and Enjoin that these Statutes and every Article thereof shall be inviolably kept and observed within the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, reserving to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, the power of altering or abrogating the same, or of adding thereto and explaining any particular therein, by a notification thereof sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, which Alterations and Explanations shall be taken as part and parcel of these Our Statutes.

Statutes to be  
inviolably kept  
and observed.

Power reserved to  
alter the same.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's, under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER this Tenth day of October, in the Second Year of Our Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND,

L. HARCOURT.

BY THE SOVEREIGN'S COMMAND,

ARGYLL,

*Chancellor.*



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, Emperor of India, Sovereign and Chief of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE: To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by the Thirty-eighth and last Clause of the Statutes of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE bearing date the Tenth day of October, 1911, We did reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, the power of altering, abrogating, or adding to the Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER and of explaining any particular therein by a notification

Recites Statutes  
of 10th October,  
1911.

thereof sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER :

And Whereas by the Eleventh Clause of the aforesaid Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER it was ordained that the Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER should be such Subjects of Our Crown, whether natural born or naturalized, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in any portion of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or in the countries under Our Protection, as might have held or should thereafter hold High and Confidential Offices, or might have rendered or should thereafter render Extraordinary and Important Services to Us and to Our Empire within or in relation to any part of Our said Dominions or the countries under Our Protection, or who might become eminently Distinguished therein by their Talents, Merits, Virtues, Loyalty, or Services, and such others of Our said Subjects as by important and loyal Services in relation to the Foreign Affairs of Our Empire have merited or might hereafter merit Our Royal Favour ; or any persons who then were or thereafter might be appointed Officers of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

And Whereas by the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Clauses of the aforesaid Statutes of the said

MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER it was further ordained that the persons who have been admitted or whom We might thereafter think fit to admit into the First, Second, or Third Classes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER in recognition of their meritorious services to Us and to Our Empire in connexion with Military Operations should be Additional Members of those Classes, and should not be included within the number of the Ordinary Members allotted to such Classes, and that any vacancy, from whatever cause arising, among such Additional Members so appointed should not be filled up, and that the Additional Members so appointed should have Rank and Place among the Ordinary Members of their respective Classes according to the dates of their respective Appointments, and that the Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER should in all matters and things apply in the same manner to the said Additional Members as to the Ordinary Members of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

And Whereas We are minded to admit to the First, Second, and Third Classes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER certain of the Subjects of Our Crown who have rendered meritorious services to Us and to Our Empire in connexion with Military Operations elsewhere than in or in relation to Our Dominions beyond the Seas and the countries under Our Protection :

NOW WE DO BY THESE PRESENTS, in virtue of the

power and authority specially reserved to Us in Our aforesaid recited Statutes, Ordain as follows :—

I. The Eleventh Clause of Our aforesaid recited Statutes of the Tenth day of October, 1911, shall henceforth be construed and take effect as if the following Clause had been substituted therefor :—

Substitutes  
fresh Clause for  
Clause XI. of  
Statutes of 10th  
October, 1911.

“ XI. It is ordained that the Persons  
“ to be admitted as Ordinary Members of  
“ the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall  
“ be such Subjects of Our Crown, whether  
“ natural born or naturalized, in the United  
“ Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or  
“ in any portion of Our Dominions beyond  
“ the Seas, or in the countries or territories  
“ under Our Protection, as may have held  
“ or shall hereafter hold High and Confi-  
“ dential Offices, or may have rendered  
“ or shall hereafter render Extraordinary  
“ and Important Services to Us and to Our  
“ Empire within or in relation to any part  
“ of Our said Dominions or the countries  
“ under Our Protection or who may become  
“ eminently Distinguished therein by their  
“ Talents, Merits, Virtues, Loyalty, or  
“ Services, or who being Officers of Our  
“ Forces of any of Our Dominions beyond  
“ the Seas or of any of the countries or  
“ territories under Our Protection shall

Qualifications  
of Ordinary  
Members,



“ render meritorious services in connexion  
 “ with Military Operations in which Our  
 “ said Forces may be engaged, and such  
 “ others of Our said Subjects as by im-  
 “ portant and loyal Services in relation to  
 “ the Foreign Affairs of Our Empire have  
 “ merited or may hereafter merit Our Royal  
 “ Favour ; or any persons who now are or  
 “ hereafter may be appointed Officers of the  
 “ said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.”

II. It shall be competent to Us to admit to be  
 Additional Members of the First, Second, and  
 Third Classes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED  
 ORDER Commissioned Officers of Field Rank  
 and upwards, who, not being eligible for admission  
 to the several Classes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED  
 ORDER under the Eleventh Clause of Our aforesaid  
 recited Statutes as now amended, may have ren-  
 dered or shall hereafter render meritorious services  
 to Us and to Our Empire in connexion with the  
 Military Operations in which any of Our Forces  
 have been or may be engaged during the present  
 War, and whose names have been published in the  
 London Gazette in connexion with such services,  
 notwithstanding that they may not possess the  
 qualifications prescribed by the said Clause, and the  
 provisions of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Clauses  
 of Our aforesaid recited Statutes shall apply to all  
 such Additional Members.

Appointment  
 of Additional  
 Members for  
 services during  
 the present War.

And it is Our Will and Pleasure that this Statute, sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, be taken and received as part and parcel of the Statutes thereof.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER this First day of January, 1915, in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

L. HARCOURT.

By the Sovereign's Command,

JOHN ANDERSON,

Acting Chancellor.



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, Emperor of India, Sovereign and Chief of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE: To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by the Thirty-eighth and last Clause of the Statutes of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE bearing date the Tenth day of October, 1911, We did reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors the power of altering, abrogating, or adding to the Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER and of explaining any particular therein by a notification thereof sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER :

Recites Clause  
XXXVIII. of  
Statutes of 10th  
October, 1911.

And Whereas by an Additional Statute of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER bearing date the First day of January, 1915, the aforesaid Statutes bearing date the Tenth day of October, 1911, were altered and added to as in the said Additional Statute is set forth :

Recites Additional Statute of 1st January, 1915.

And Whereas by the Eleventh Clause of the aforesaid Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER bearing date the Tenth day of October, 1911, as amended by the above recited Additional Statute of the First day of January, 1915, it was ordained that the Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER should be such Subjects of Our Crown, whether natural born or naturalized, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in any portion of Our Dominions beyond the Seas, or in the countries or territories under Our Protection, as might have held or should thereafter hold High and Confidential Offices, or might have rendered or should thereafter render Extraordinary and Important Services to Us and to Our Empire within or in relation to any part of Our said Dominions or the countries under Our Protection, or who might become eminently distinguished therein by their Talents, Merits, Virtues, Loyalty, or Services, or who being Officers of Our Forces of any of Our Dominions beyond the Seas or of any of the countries or territories under Our Protection should render meritorious services in connexion with Military Operations in which Our said

Recites Clause XI. of Statutes of 10th October, 1911, as amended.

Forces might be engaged, and such others of Our said Subjects as by important and loyal Services in relation to the Foreign Affairs of Our Empire have merited or might thereafter merit Our Royal Favour ; or any persons who then were or thereafter might be appointed Officers of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER :

Recites Clauses  
XIII. and XIV.  
of Statutes of  
10th October,  
1911.

And Whereas by the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Clauses of the aforesaid Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER bearing date the Tenth day of October, 1911, it was further ordained that the persons who had been admitted or whom We might thereafter think fit to admit into the First, Second, or Third Class of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER in recognition of their meritorious services to Us and to Our Empire in connexion with Military Operations should be Additional Members of those Classes, and should not be included within the number of the Ordinary Members allotted to such Classes, and that any vacancy, from whatever cause arising, among such Additional Members so appointed should not be filled up, and that the Additional Members so appointed should have Rank and Place among the Ordinary Members of their respective Classes according to the dates of their respective Appointments, and that the Statutes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER should in all matters and things apply in the same manner to the said Additional Members as to the Ordinary Members of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER :

And Whereas by the Second Clause of the aforesaid Additional Statute of the First day of January, 1915, it was ordained that it should be competent to Us to admit to be Additional Members of the First, Second, and Third Classes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER certain Commissioned Officers of Field Rank and upwards, who might have rendered or might thereafter render meritorious services to Us and to Our Empire in connexion with Military Operations during the present War :

Recites Clause II of Additional Statute of 1st January, 1915.

And Whereas We are minded to make other and further provision in lieu of the aforesaid Second Clause of the aforesaid Additional Statute of the First day of January, 1915 :

Now THEREFORE, in virtue of the power and authority specially reserved to Us in the aforesaid Statutes of the Tenth day of October, 1911, We do hereby Abrogate the Second Clause of the aforesaid Additional Statute of the First day of January, 1915, and the same is Abrogated accordingly, but without prejudice to anything done thereunder, and in lieu thereof, We do by these Presents, Sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, Ordain as follows :—

Abrogates Clause II. of Additional Statute of 1st January, 1915.

I. It is Ordained that it shall be competent to Us to admit to be Additional Members of the First, Second, and Third Classes of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED

Appointment of Additional Members for services during the present War.

ORDER Officers of Our Forces who may have rendered or shall hereafter render meritorious services to Us and to Our Empire in connexion with the Operations in which any of Our said Forces have been or may be engaged during the present War, notwithstanding that they may not possess the qualifications prescribed by the Eleventh Clause of the aforesaid Statutes of the Tenth day of October, 1911, as amended, and the provisions of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Clauses of the aforesaid Statutes of the Tenth day of October, 1911, shall apply to all such Additional Members.

First Class

II. It is Ordained that no person shall under the First Clause of this Statute be appointed to be an Additional Member of the First Class of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER who doth not, at the time of his nomination, actually hold a Commission in our Naval Forces of or above the rank of Rear-Admiral, or a Commission in Our Military Forces or Marines of or above the rank of Major-General.

Qualifications.

Second Class

III. It is Ordained that no person shall under the First Clause of this Statute be appointed to be an Additional Member of the Second Class of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER who doth not, at the time of his nomination, actually hold a Commission in Our Naval Forces of or above the rank of Captain or a Commission in Our Military Forces or Marines of or above the rank of Colonel.

Qualifications.

IV. It is ordained that no person shall under the Third Class.  
 First Clause of this Statute, be appointed to be an  
 Additional Member of the Third Class of the said MOST  
 DISTINGUISHED ORDER who doth not, at the time of his  
 nomination, actually hold a Commission in Our Naval Qualifications.  
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 mission in Our Military Forces or Marines of or above  
 the rank of Major, nor shall any person be admitted  
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 by the special mention of his name in despatches as  
 having distinguished himself by his valour and conduct  
 in action against the enemy in the command of a ship  
 of war or of Our troops or at the head of a Military  
 department, or as having, by some active service under  
 his immediate conduct and direction, contributed to  
 the success of any such action : Provided, neverthe-  
 less, and We hereby declare that this last-mentioned  
 regulation shall not be applicable to Engineer,  
 Medical and Accountant Officers of Our Naval Forces  
 or to Departmental Officers of Our Military Forces  
 or Marines, and instead thereof, We further declare  
 that no Engineer, Medical, or Accountant Officer of  
 Our Naval Forces and no Departmental Officer of  
 Our Military Forces or Marines shall be competent to  
 be an Additional Member of the Second or Third  
 Class of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER unless  
 it shall appear to Us that by his meritorious services  
 in actual war he has deserved such distinction in  
 providing for the exigences or wants of Our Naval  
 or Military Forces or Marines or in taking care of  
 the sick or wounded Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen  
 of Our Naval or Military Forces or Marines.



And it is Our Will and Pleasure that this Statute, sealed with the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, be taken and received as part and parcel of the Statutes thereof.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER this First day of October, 1915, in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

A. BONAR LAW,

By the Sovereign's Command,

JOHN ANDERSON,

Acting Chancellor.

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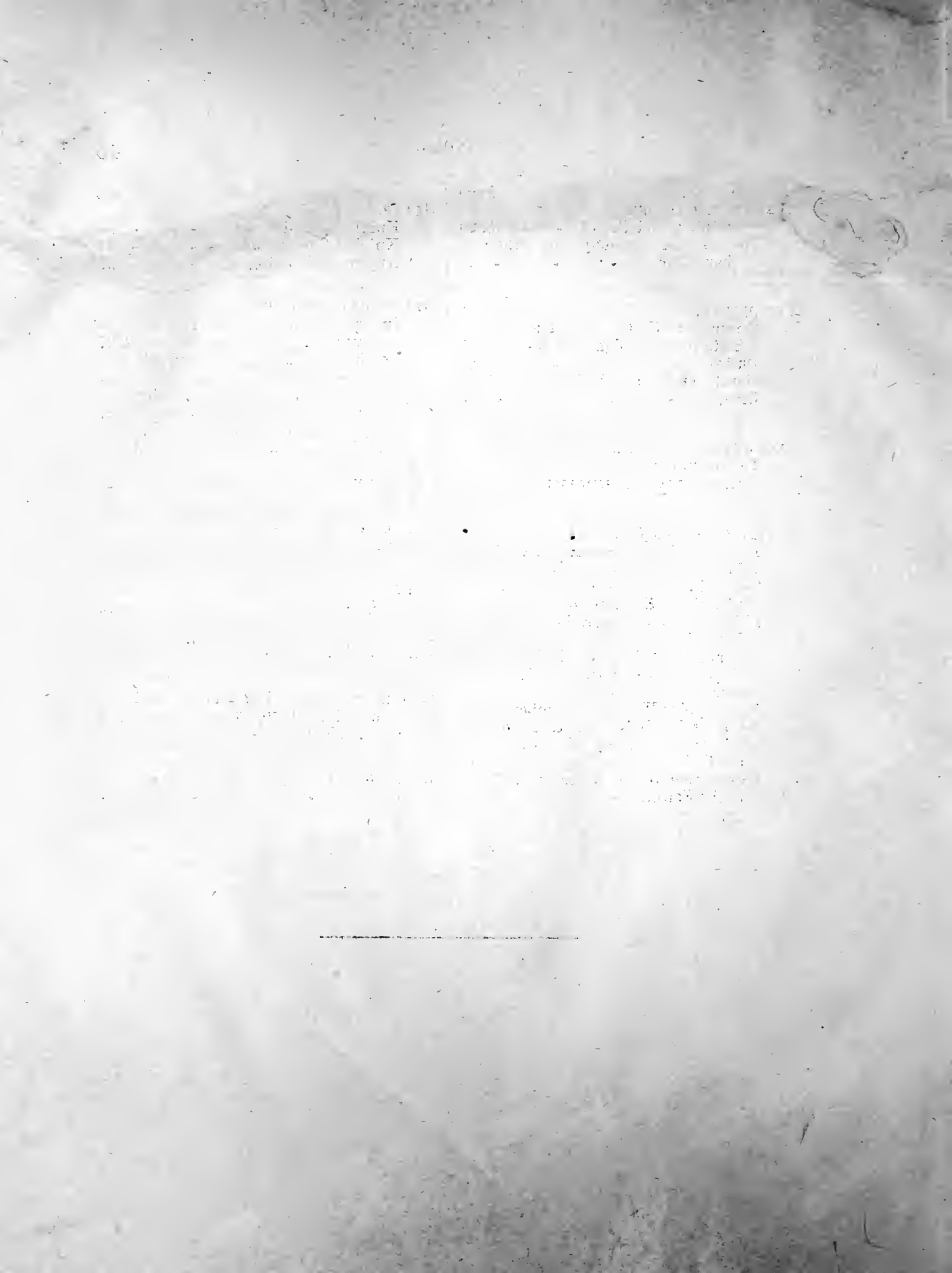
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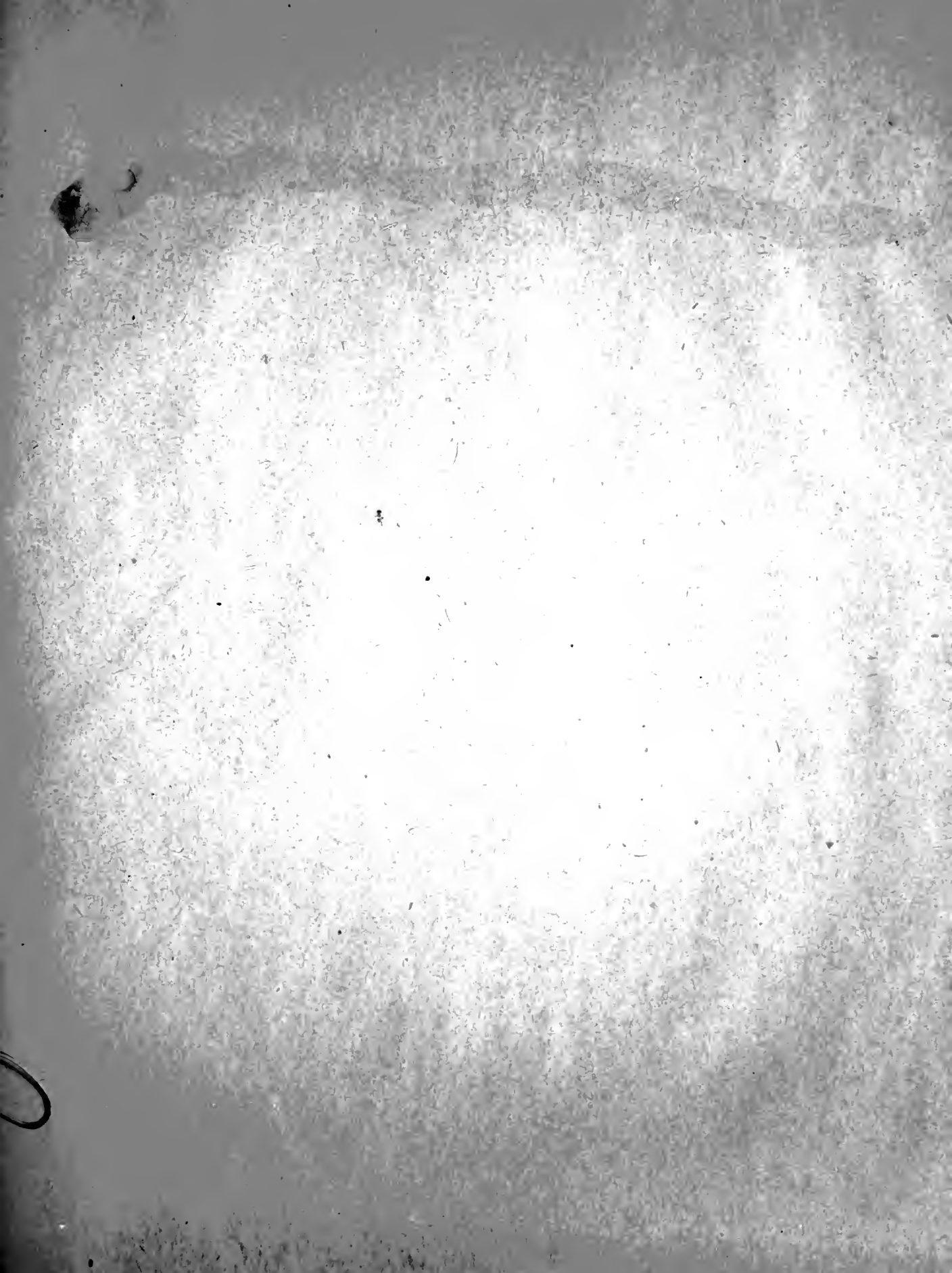
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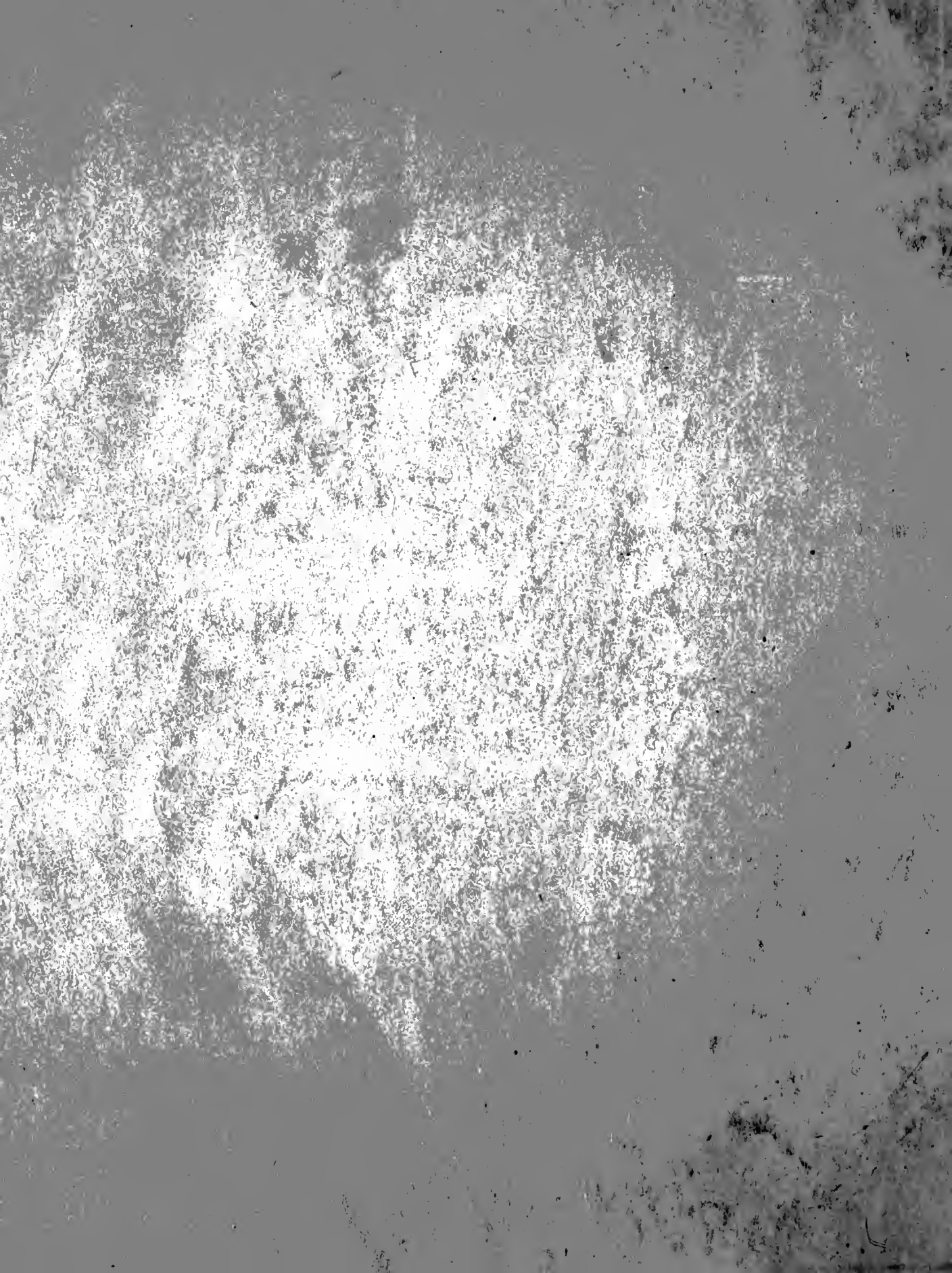
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