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Translation of a copy of the
Royal Decree of the late Sultan Selim
the 3^d for the creation of the Imperial
Ottoman Order of the Crescent dated
27th Rabul Levre 1219 R.H. corresponding
to the 6th July 1804. A. D.

For the purpose of recording
His Royal approbation and appreciation
of the Services rendered to the Sublime
Port by the Commander in Chief, General
Officers and the Governors of the British
Army, who were present some time ago
in the Campaign of Egypt and whose
Names are known, H. J. M. has ordered
and decreed that four Clapes of Imperial
Medal Orders with a jewelled Sun or Crescent
and the Toga (Imperial Cypher) on them
sustained by a Scarlet Ribbon shall be
given

given to those said Chiefs and Officers,
according to their respective Ranks and to
be worn by them as a mark of Honor equal
to a degree of a Knight.

But altho' this Rank of Knighthood
is considered by the Courts of Europe as a
high distinction (to the wearer) and consequently
they do not allow an Order of it given by
another Court to be worn by their people or
to be considered as any distinction without
an especial permission according to their
Rules and Regulations, the Court of England
out of her extreme kind friendship regards
and consideration towards the Sublime
Port allows this Order of Knighthood to
worn in her Country by those to whom H. S. M.
has been pleased to give it with the consent
of His revered Majesty the King of
England.

It will however be necessary
for the sake of regularity and consistency that
the Names of those who obtain this Order should
be entered and recorded with our Register;
that the Court of England in accordance with

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The intimate union and sincere amity which subsists between Her and the Sublime Port will allow this Order of Knighthood to be perpetually considered as a distinguished Mark of Honor, that the number of its Knights be certain and limited and at no time altered or changed and that in the event of the demise of one of these Knights and his Ribbon becomes unused she will not bestow it on another person without consulting with the Sublime Port for confirmation, and whoever receives it his Name for safety sake shall be registered in the books of the Imperial Divan, and likewise in the Register kept for the purpose by the Court of England.

This Royal Decree has been dictated and written and is delivered to the High Court of England in order that this degree of Knighthood may be continually regarded and considered as a mark of Honor and Distinction.