

Proposed Regulations
for the Institution of
a Military Order, &c. &c.
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Proposed Regulations for the
institution of a Military Order, for
the recompence of distinguished
Bravery, and long meritorious
Service in the Navy, and Army.

Preamble, setting forth
the reasons for his Majesty's de-
termination to create this new
Military Order.

Art. 1st

His Majesty's most gracious
declaration to be Grand-Master, &
Founder of the Order, and to take
the same under His Royal Pa-
-tronage and Protection.

Art. 2^d

Description of the Order, &
manner of wearing it.

Art. 3^d

His Majesty declares His
gracious intention to honor the
Order so far as to wear it Himself;
and is pleased to ordain the same
for His Royal Highness the Prince
of Wales, and his Successors:— as
also for His Royal Brothers.

Art.

Art. 4th

The Wearing of the Order likewise ordained for the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Navy, and Army; and for their Successors as such. —

Art. 5th

The Order of the Garter, of the Bath, of the Thistle, and of St. Patrick, compatible with this Order; and the possession of any of the former Orders not to imply, or require, the exclusion of the latter.

Art. 6th

His Majesty reserves to Himself, and His Royal Successors, as Grand Master of this Order, the Choice & Nomination of the Officers who shall be allowed to wear it.

Art. 7th

No Officer, professing any other than the Protestant Religion, to be admitted into this Order.

Art. 8th

No Officer under the degree of a Field Officer in the Land Service (and that acquired by regular
Regimental

Regimental Succession, or by special (Breve only); - or of a Master and Commander in the Navy, to be allowed to wear this Order: - nor will any application for it whatsoever, even from Officers bearing such Rank, be deemed admissible, which is not founded on the following Pretensions, vizt.

1. 20 Years actual Service at least;
2. Severe Wounds, or the Loss of Limbs, in Action;
3. The performance of gallant Exploits before an Enemy; or
4. Instances of great, & essential Services done to their Country, by dint of their own Skill, or Personal Bravery.

Art. 9th

Upon very extraordinary Occasions, where Officers, of an inferior Rank to that specified in the preceding Article, may have distinguished themselves in any remarkable, or conspicuous manner, in the face of an Enemy, His Majesty may be graciously pleased to depart from the Rule laid down in the Article preceding, by extending His Royal Favour so far as to honor them with this Order. Art.

Art. 10th

All Officers, without exception, applying for this Order, upon the grounds of any of the Pretensions recited in the two last preceding Articles, will be required to produce authentic attestations of the reality of the same, for His Majesty's full and entire Satisfaction, after which His Majesty will reserve to Himself to recompense them, or not, with this Order according to His Royal Will and Pleasure.

Art. 11th

Every Officer, on obtaining this Order, is to take the Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty, and to qualify himself, in the same manner as he is at present required to do, on his being appointed to his first, or to any new Commission, in His Majesty's Service.

Art. 12th

The Names & Ranks of all Officers in the Land Service, who are appointed to this Order, are to be regularly entered at the War

War Office, - and the Order is to be delivered to them from thence, on their payment of such Fees or Charges as shall, after having been regularly fixed, be required.

Art. 13th

The Names and Ranks of all Officers belonging to the Navy, who may be appointed to this Order, are to be entered in like manner at the Admiralty Office, and the Order is to be delivered to them from thence, on paying the established Fees.

Art. 14th

It will be allowed for the Officers admitted into this Order, to attach the same to the bottom of their Family-Arms, as a means of transmitting so honourable a mark of the King's Favour, conferred upon them for their Bravery and good Conduct, to their posterity.

Art. 15th

All Applications from Officers in the Land Service to His Majesty, for this Order, are to be made through

The Channel of the Commander in
chief; - or of a Chapter of this order,
composed of 5 (7) General Officers
belonging to it, who will be named,
and expressly appointed by His
Majesty on the occasion; - which
applications are to be accompanied
with the Authorities above required,
in Article 10.th - to prove the legality
and Justice of their Pretensions
as founded upon His Majesty's
Regulations established in
Article 9.th -

Applications for this Order, from
Officers of the Navy, are to be made
to His Majesty, through the First
Lord of the Admiralty; - or of a Chapter
of the Order, in like manner, express-
-ly appointed for the purpose, by
His Majesty, on which occasion the
same directions as are given in
the preceding part of this Article,
relative to the Applications of
Officers of the Army, are to be
observed.