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ORDERS, MEDALS, &c.—RULES AND STATUTES.

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ORDER OF THE BATH.

Extract from Statute of 21st May, 1902.

It is ordained that the Military Division of the Third class, or Companions, shall not, except under special and temporary exigencies, exceed seven hundred and five; and that no person shall be nominated thereto who doth not actually hold at the time of his nomination a Commission in our Army or Marines, or in our Indian Military Forces, of or above the rank of Major, or a Commission in our Navy, of or above the rank of Commander, or Fleet Engineer, or of or above the rank of Fleet Paymaster, or a Commission of equivalent or higher rank in the Medical Service of our Army, Navy or Indian, Military Forces, or in the Departments of our Army or Indian Military Forces; nor shall any person be admitted into this Division unless his services have been marked by the especial mention of his name in despatches, as having distinguished himself by his valour and conduct in action against the enemy, in command of a ship of war of Our troops, or at the head of a Military Depart-

ment, or as having by some Active Service, under his immediate conduct and direction, contributed to the success of any such action, provided, nevertheless, and We do hereby declare that this last mentioned regulation shall not be applicable to Departmental Officers of Our Army or Indian Military Forces, or Medical or Engineer Officers, or Paymasters of Our Navy, and instead thereof, We further declare, that no Departmental Officer of Our Army or Indian Military Forces, or Medical or Engineer Officer, or Paymaster of our Navy, shall be competent to be an ordinary member of the Military Division of the Second and Third Classes of the said Order unless it shall appear to us that by his meritorious service in actual war, in providing for the exigencies or wants of our Army, Navy, or Indian Military Forces, or in taking care of the sick or wounded Officers, Soldiers and Seamen of our Army and Navy, or of Our Indian Military Forces, he has deserved such distinction.