
Regulations respecting Foreign Orders and Medals.

(Circular.)

DOWNING STREET, 17th August, 1898.

SIR,—With reference to Lord Granville's circular despatch of the 1st March, 1886, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information in the colony under your government, copies of the Queen's regulations respecting foreign orders and medals recently revised as regards foreign orders, and I have to request that they may be substituted for the copies of those previously in force.

It will be observed that the exceptions under Rule II. of the regulations of 1886, have been extended.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer administering
the Government of Canada.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct that the following regulations respecting foreign orders and medals shall be substituted for those now in force:—

REGULATIONS RESPECTING FOREIGN ORDERS.

1. No subject of Her Majesty shall accept a foreign order from the sovereign of any foreign country, or wear the insignia thereof, without having previously obtained Her Majesty's permission to that effect, signified by a warrant under Her royal sign-manual.

2. Unless the foreign decoration shall have been conferred in consequence of active and distinguished service, either at sea or in the field, such permission will not be given to any subject of Her Majesty, except in the following cases, if recommended specially by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:—

- (1.) The chief of a complimentary mission from Her Majesty;
- (2.) A military or naval attaché on the termination of his appointment;
- (3.) Any person, not at the time in the service of Her Majesty, who has rendered valuable service to the sovereign bestowing the order outside Her Majesty's dominions, or in an embassy or legation of that sovereign in this country.

3. The intention of a foreign sovereign to confer upon a British subject the insignia of an order must be notified to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, either through the British Minister accredited to the court of such foreign sovereign, or through his Minister accredited at the court of Her Majesty.

4. If the service for which it is proposed to confer the order has been performed during war, the notification required by the preceding clause must be made not later than two years after the exchange of the ratifications of a treaty of peace.