

WARRANT UNDER THE ROYAL SIGN MANUAL

ELIZABETH R.

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND**, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom this Our Warrant shall come.

Greeting!

WHEREAS:

- (1) There is a Roll of the Baronetage, established by the Royal Warrant of Our Royal Predecessor King Edward the Seventh, given on 8 February 1910 in the tenth year of His Reign;
- (2) Further provision was made in respect of the Roll of the Baronetage by the Royal Warrant of Our Royal Predecessor King George the Fifth, given on 10 March 1922 in the twelfth year of His Reign;
- (3) Our Clerk of the Parliaments formerly kept and maintained a roll, called the Roll of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, on which he entered among others such of Our subjects as were Peers of Parliament;
- (4) Following the enactment of the House of Lords Act 1999, Our Clerk of the Parliaments no longer maintains the Roll of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal; and
- (5) Our Secretary of State has represented to Us that it is desirable for a full record to be kept of all of Our subjects who are Peers.

WE do accordingly declare and ordain that:

*1. Roll of the Peerage*

- (1) There is to be a roll called the Roll of the Peerage (referred to in this Our Warrant as “the Roll”).
- (2) The Roll is to be prepared and kept by Our Secretary of State.
- (3) Our Secretary of State shall prepare the Roll in consultation with Our Garter Principal King of Arms and Our Lord Lyon King of Arms, according to their respective heraldic jurisdictions.

(4) Our Secretary of State may take such steps and do such acts as he considers expedient to preparing and keeping the Roll, or incidental thereto, including in particular:

- (a) causing any person who was a Peer on the date on which this Our Warrant was given to be entered on the Roll;
- (b) making such use of the Roll of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal formerly kept by Our Clerk of the Parliaments as he thinks fit.

## *2. Registrar of the Peerage*

(1) Our Secretary of State shall appoint one of his officials to an office called the Registrar of the Peerage (referred to in this Our Warrant as “the Registrar”).

(2) The Registrar shall act in accordance with such directions as he might be given by Our Secretary of State.

## *3. Peers not entered on the Roll not entitled to precedence of Peerage, etc.*

Any Peer who is not entered on the Roll shall not:

- (a) be entitled to any precedence attaching to his Peerage;
- (b) be addressed or referred to by any title attaching to his Peerage in any civil or military Commission, Letters Patent, or other official document.

## *4. Newly created Peers*

The Registrar shall enter on the Roll all Peers who are created after the date on which this Our Warrant is given.

## *5. Applications to be entered on the Roll*

(1) Any person who claims to be a Peer, but who is not entered on the Roll, may apply to Our Secretary of State to be entered on the Roll.

(2) The application shall be made in such form and supported by such evidence as Our Secretary of State may from time to time direct.

(3) An applicant may be required to take such steps in relation to his application as Our Secretary of State thinks fit.

(4) After an applicant has taken such steps as may be required of him under paragraph (3), Our Secretary of State shall consider the application.

(5) On having considered the application, Our Secretary of State shall:

(a) cause the applicant to be entered on the Roll if he is satisfied that the applicant is a Peer;

(b) refuse the said application if he is not satisfied (whether because he is of the opinion that a claim to a Peerage by petition to Us should be brought or otherwise).

(6) Nothing in this Our Warrant affects claims to Peerages by petition to Us.

#### *6. Applications to be removed from the Roll*

(1) Any person who is entered on the Roll may apply to Our Secretary of State to be removed from the Roll.

(2) The application shall be made in such form as Our Secretary of State may from time to time direct.

(3) On such an application being made, Our Secretary of State shall cause the applicant to be removed from the Roll.

#### *7. Children*

(1) A child may not make an application under article 5(1) or 6(1).

(2) An application may be made under article 5(1) or 6(1) on behalf of a child by any person whom Our Secretary of State considers appropriate to represent the child's interests.

(3) Where an application is made on behalf of a child, the references to "the applicant" in articles 5(5)(a) and 6(3) shall be treated as if they read "the child on behalf of whom the application is made".

(4) For the purposes of this Our Warrant, "child" means a person under 18 years of age.

#### *8. Form, contents and administration of the Roll*

(1) Our Secretary of State is to determine the form and contents of the Roll.

(2) The Registrar is to maintain and administer the Roll and shall insofar as is reasonable ensure that its contents are correct and accurate.

(3) The Registrar may take such steps and do such acts as are expedient to performing his duties under paragraph (2), or incidental thereto, including in particular the making of deletions and corrections to the Roll.

*9. Interpretation: "Peer"*

(1) For the purposes of this Our Warrant "Peer" means Peer of:

- (a) England,
- (b) Scotland,
- (c) Ireland,
- (d) Great Britain,
- (e) the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
- (f) the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(2) Paragraph (1) extends to all such Peers, irrespective of:

- (a) the degree of their Peerage;
- (b) whether their Peerage was created by Letters Patent or otherwise;
- (c) whether their Peerage is hereditary or is for life.

(3) "Peerage" is to read accordingly.

GIVEN at Our Court at Saint James's

The 1st day of June 2004

In the fifty-third year of Our Reign

By Her Majesty's Command

Falconer of Thoroton C

3 June 2004.