

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

Correspondence respecting Precedence.

15th May, 1906.

37, Henleaze Gardens,

Westbury-on-Trym, Nr. Bristol.

My Lord,

I venture to approach you in a matter respecting which you will perhaps give me the benefit of your advice.

Many Companions of the Imperial Service Order, myself amongst the number, are anxious to have an authoritative pronouncement of the position they should occupy in the order of precedence. To that end it has been thought that a Memorial addressed to His Majesty in the words of the accompanying copy should be submitted to the Home Secretary for presentation. Many signatures have already been appended to the Memorial. As you are yourself a Companion of the said Order possibly you will not mind saying whether in your opinion such an action would be proper and not likely to find disfavour with The King.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

R. C. TOMBS.

To Lord Knollys.

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Buckingham Palace,

22nd May, 1906.

Sir,

I have had the honour of submitting your letter and enclosure to The King, and I am commanded to inform you in reply, that His Majesty will give every consideration to the application contained in the petition.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

KNOLLYS.

R. C. Tombs, Esq.,