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George the Sixth by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India. To Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor Bernard Marmaduke, Duke of Norfolk, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Earl Marshal and Our Hereditary Marshal of England. Greeting!

Whereas We have been pleased to award to the island fortress of Malta the Decoration of the George Cross, to bear witness to the heroism and devotion of its brave people.

And whereas for the greater honour and distinction of Our Island of Malta and its Dependencies We are desirous that the Armorial Bearings thereof should contain fit and proper allusion to this especial mark of Our Royal Favour.

Know ye therefore that We of Our Princely Grace and Special Favour do by these Presents ratify, confirm and assign the following Armorial Bearings, that is to say: for Arms, Per pale Argent and Gules on a Canton Azure a representation of the George Cross proper, as depicted in the painting hereunto annexed, to be borne for Our Island of Malta and its Dependencies upon Seals, Shields, Banners or otherwise according to the Laws of

F. R. Douglas

Guyby

+ Michael Archibishop of Malta

D. C. Campbell

Mr. Farquhar