## **FERDINAND II**

## By the Grace of God

## KING OF THE KINGDOM OF THE TWO SICILIES, OF JERUSALEM etc. DUKE OF PARMA, PIACENZA, CASTRO etc. etc. HEREDITARY GRAND PRINCE OF TUSCANY etc. etc. etc.

In the year eighteen hundred and fifty three on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, in Catania.

The Administrator of the Province.

By order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-General of His Majesty expressed in a worthy ministerial decree of the 26<sup>th</sup> February of this current year, as is the desire of Our Sovereign Lord His Majesty The King by The Grace of God, we call the attention of The Most Excellent Governors of The Royal Domains beyond the Sea that they may regulate the usage in respect of Honours worn on public occasions and in solemn ceremonies, and particularly with regard to those which the Representative Authorities indicate most conspicuously being the celebration of His Majesty's Official Birthday and of the Feast-Day of His Majesty The King by The Grace of God, in order to suppress the indecorous abuses which have been observed bringing dishonour on the Most Distinguished Orders of Chivalry of The Crown which should be considered as having the first place in matters of precedence.

## **ORDER**

It is absolutely forbidden to take part in Public and Official Ceremonies wearing the clothing and insignia of the Uniforms of The Kingdom and of The State with Decorations of Foreign Orders for which Royal Consent has not been sought nor received in respect of no matter what order such as is not officially recognised in The Kingdom.

The only exceptions which are made to this Order are in respect of those Honours bestowed by His Holiness The Roman Pontiff, by The Order of The Hospital of Saint John known as The Order of Malta and by The Military Order of The Collar of Saint Agatha of The Most Serene House of Paternò Castello Guttadauro of Emmanuel, by a special privilege which Our Sovereign Lord by The Grace of God His Majesty The King has in His Wisdom seen fit to allow.

Their Worships The Mayors of the Communes of the Province are required to display this present Ordinance in rooms of their Town Halls that are open to the public so that this same may be widely and officially known, in order that wherever it maybe that this essential duty might not be scrupulously observed the Governor of the area in question will be able to react rigorously to restore the situation and to enforce respect for these worthy Royal Wishes.

THE GOVERNOR

OF THE PROVINCE OF CATANIA