

[GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND, 1668]

[19 Charles 2]

[Commissioners for Charitable Uses in London]

Endorse-
ment [1]*A Commiſſion to inquire of landf and
Goodf given to charitable objects in
the City of London*

Charles the second by the Grace of God king of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith &c **To our** trusty and Welbeloved Sir William Peake knight lord maior of our City of London and the lord maior of our said City for the tyme being To our right trusty and Welbeloved Councillors Gilbert lord Archbishop of Canterbury Humphry lord Bishop of London And to our trusty and Welbeloved Sir John Kelynge Knight Cheife Justice of the Pleas before us to bee holden assigned Sir Mathew Hale knight Cheife Baron of our Court of Exchequer Sir William Merriette knight Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury Sir Jeoffry Palmer knight and Baronett our Attorney Generall Sir Heneage Finch knight and Baronett our Solicitor generall Sir William Wylde knight and Baronett one of our Serjants att law Recorder of London Sir Howard Adams knight and Baronett Sir Richard Crowne knight and Baronett Sir Richard Chiverton knight Sir Thomas Aleyn knight and Baronett Sir John Frederick knight Sir John Robinson knight and Baronett lieutenant of our Tower of London Sir John Lawrence knight Sir Thomas Bludworth knight Sir William Turner knight Sir Samuell Starling knight Sir Richard Ford knight Sir Richard Rives knight Sir George Waterman knight Sir Robert Hanlon knight Sir William Hooker^{knt} Sir Robert Vyner knight and Baronett Sir Joseph Sheldon knight Francis Afty Esquire Sir Dennis Gawden knight Sir Thomas Davies knight Aldermenn of our City of London Sir James Bunce Baronett Sir William Thompson knight Sir William Glafcocke knight one of the masters of our Court of Chancery Sir Anthony Morgen knight Sir Richard Chaworth knight Doctor of Laws Chancellor to the said Bishop and the Chancellor to the said Bishop for the tyme being John Howett William Prynne Francis Phyllips Guybon Goddard Fran-

cis Bramston Richard Powell Francis Morgan Ambrose Bennett William King Maximilian Vars Morris Gething Hugh Lawer Edward Smythe John Cane Christopher Goodfellow John Simpson William Richardson John Walker Cheney Rowe John Collet John Verney John Hoskyns Francis Withens John Harewell John Broughton Michael Vichenſon Arthur Turner John Tate Esquires Peter Vall Doctor in Physicke John Austin Thomas Werge Abraham Banyon William Evelyn John Hevatt William Cade John Knott John Hayes William Savage William Parker Thomas Nevill Jeremy Cambridge William Throgmorton Thomas Colerlough George Griffith Earnest Foote Ralph Gufler Richard Smyth William Rosjewell Alleyn Read Thomas Tunnay Thomas Canham Robert Jeoffries John Wildgoose Ralph Hope John Tivitt Edward Dawkins John Rexton Esquires Richard Penner James Burke and Joseph Lane Gentlemen Greeting

Know yee that Wee for the due execution of a certaine Statute made in the high Court of Parliament holden the seven and twentieth day of October in the three and fortieth yeare of the Rayne of the late Queene Elizabeth intituled *An Act to redresse the misimploment of Lands Goods and stockes of money heretofore given to charitable uses* **And** haveing speciall trust and confidence in your approved fidelities wifdomes and discretions

have authorized and appointed you to bee our Commiſſioners And

by these presents doe give unto you and to any four or more of you full power and authority to inquire aswell by the Oathes of Twelve lawfull men or more of our City of London and the liberties thereof aswell within liberties as without as by all other good and lawfull wayes and meanes according to the purport and true meaning of the said Statute

what causes Tenements Rents Annuities profitts hereditaments goods Chattells money or stockes of money have att any tyme or

[1] UK National Archives, C93-30-12_001, -002.

tymes heretofore beene given limited appointed or assigned by us or by any of our Progenitors or Predecessors or by any other well disposed person or persons bodies politicke or corporate for the releife of aged impotent or poore people maintenance of sicke and maimed Souldiers and marriners Schooles of learning Free Schooles or Schollers in Univerfityes Repaire of Bridges Ports Havens caufewayes Churches seabanks or high wayes education or preferment of Orphans releife Stocke or maintenance for Howfes of correction mariages of poore maides supportation aide or helpe of young tradesmen handicrafts men or persons decayed releife or redemption of Prifoners or Captives or aide or ease of any poore inhabitants concerning payment of fifteenes setting out of Souldiers or other taxes in any parish or place within our said City of London and the liberties thereof And

of all and singular the abuses misdemeanors breaches of trusts negligences misemployments not employing concealing defrauding misconverting or misgovernment of the same lands tenements Rents Annuities profits hereditaments goods Chattells money or stocks of money or any of them heretofore given limited appointed or assigned to or for any the charitable and godly uses before rehearsed according to the purport and true meaning of the said Statute **And**

upon such inquiry hearing and examining thereof to sett downe such Orders Judgements and Decrees as the Lands Tenements Rents Annuities profits hereditaments goods Chattells money or stocks of money may bee duely and faithfully employed to and for such of the charitable uses and intents before rehearsed respectively for which they were given limited appointed or assigned by the Donors and founders thereof according to the purport and true meaning of the said Statute

And therefore Wee command you that att certeine dayes and places which you or any four or more of you shall appoint in that behalfe yee or any four or more of you doe make diligent Inquiry and Inquiries upon the premises and all and singular the same and all other things appointed by the said Statute for you or any four or more

of you to doe and execute that yee or four of you att the least performe doe and execute with effect in all points and in every respect according to the said Statute and the true intent and meaning thereof

And the same Inquisition and Inquisitions and every of them together with all Decrees Orders Judgements and proceedings which you or any four or more of you shall according to the said Statute thereupon make or sett downe that yee or four or more of you have before us in our Chancery with all convenient speed or att the furthest *in quindena martini* next commencing under the hands and seales of you or any four or more of you and the hands and seales of them by whome the same Inquisition and Inquisitions shalbee made together with this our Commission

And Wee alsoe command by authority hereof our Sherriffes of our said City of London that att such tymes dayes and places which you or any four or more of you shall appoint to them they shall cause to come before you or any four or more of you such and as many honest and lawfull men of our said City aswell within liberties as without by whom the truth of the premises may bee best knowne to inquire of the premises upon their Oathes as you or any four or more of them shall require and command them

Willing alsoe and chargeing and commanding all and singular our Justices of peace Mayors Sherriffes Bayliffes Constables headboroughes and all other our Officers Ministers and Subjects to whome in this case it shall or may apperteine to bee aiding helping and assisting unto you our said Commissioners or any four or more of you in the due execution of this our Commission as they and every of them tender our pleasure and will answer the contrary att their uttermost perille

In witness whereof Wee have caused these our Letters of Commission to bee sealed with our great seale

Witness our selfe att Westminster the fourteenth day of January in the nineteenth yeare of our Reigne

per Dominum Custodem magni Sigilli Anglia
[by the lord keeper of the great seal of England]
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