

[GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND, 1668]

[20 Charles 2]

[Decree of commissioners for charitable uses in London]

[1] **At the Guildhall of the City of London the sixteenth day of September Anno Domini 1668 And in the Twentieth year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Kinge Charles the second &c**

**London ff Whereas by an Inquificion** Indented taken at the Guildhall of the City of London the Third and Twentieth day of Aprill last past in the Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Kinge Defender of the faith &c **Before** Sr William Peake Kt Lord Maior of the said City Sr Thomas Alleyne Kt and Bart Sr John Lawrence Knt Sr George Waterman Knt Sr William Hooker Knt Sr Richard Ford Knt John Howell John Verney Esqrs Robert Jeffries William Savage Gent By vertue of a Commission under the greate Seale of England bearinge date the Fowerteenth day of January last past to them and others directed for the due execution of a Statute made in the high court of Parliam<sup>ent</sup> holden the Seaven and Twentieth day of october in the Three and Fortieth year of the Raigne of the late Queene Elizabeth Entitled *an Act to redrefse the misemployment of Land<sup>s</sup> good<sup>s</sup> and Stocks of money heretofore given to charitable uses* by the Oathes of William Sherrington John Cullum Henry Spurfton William Finch James Astry Benjamin Skutt James Whitehall Richard Westrome David Kinge Edward Boverly Thomas Parvis Richard Nicholborne Edward Walford Jacob Lucy Randulph Isaackson Richard Ennese John Gould Richard Middleton John Burkworth William Daniell and John Morgen honest and lawfull men of the said City of London who were duley impannelled returned and sworne in that behalfe

That on or about the Thirteenth Day of September in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred sixtie and sixe the Kings Maj<sup>estie</sup> that now is

did issue forth a Proclamac<sup>ion</sup> thereby commanding a general fast to be observed by all his

Maj<sup>esties</sup> Subject<sup>s</sup> of England and Wales and the Towne of Barwick upon Tweed and

in the said Proclamac<sup>ion</sup> com<sup>m</sup>anded all the Ministers in their respective Churches and Chapells upon that Day earnestly to recom<sup>m</sup>end the distresed State and Condi<sup>ti</sup>on of those who were undone by the late fire unto the Charity of well disposed Christians And

what money<sup>s</sup> should be soe given and collected was by the said Proclamac<sup>ion</sup> to be returned up to London and there paid into the Lord Mayor of the same City or such as he should appoynt to the end that the same moneye might be duely and orderley distributed by the advice and direcc<sup>ti</sup>ons of the said Lord Mayor and the Lord Bisshop of London unto and amongst such poore Sufferers by the late fier as should be found to have most need thereof

And that by vertue of the said Proclamac<sup>ion</sup> divers great sum<sup>mes</sup> of money were collected and by order of Sr William Bolton then Lord Mayor of the said City of London payd unto Sr Thomas Player Kt Chamberlain of the said Cittie to the intent the same should be duely and orderly distributed by the advice and direcc<sup>ti</sup>ons of the said Lord Maior And Lord Bishop of London as is aforesaid

And that afterwards that is to say the Sixe and Twentieth day of Aprill one Thousand Sixe hundred sixtie and seaven the said Lord Bishope of London and Sr William Bolton did order the said Sr Thomas Player to issue out unto Randall Bolton five hundred pounds of such moneye as had bine brought into the Cittie of London for releife of poore persons that had suffered by the said late dreadfull fire the same beinge to be distributed amonge such persons that are poore tradsmen

upon which order afterwards that is to say the Third day of May one Thousand sixe hundred sixtie and seaven the said Sr Thomas Player did pay unto the said Randall Bolton the said sum<sup>me</sup> of Five hundred pounds for which hee did give his Acquittance the said Third day of May

[1] UK National Archives, C93-30-12\_004.

which said sum<sup>me</sup> of Five hundred pound<sup>ʒ</sup> was acknowledged by the said Sr William Bolton to be paid over by the said Randall Bolton unto the said Sr William Bolton

whoe according to the said Proclamacion and order ought to have distributed the same unto poore Tradsmen undone by the said fire as afforesaid which he had not done

And it was further found by the said Jurors upon their said oathes that afterwards that is to say the Tenth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand Six hundred Sixty and Seaven The said Sr William Bolton did receive of the said Sr Thomas Player seaven hundred pound<sup>ʒ</sup> which with the Three hundred pounds more acknowledged in that receipt to be formerley received by him the said Sr William Bolton Did make up one Thousand pounds

And that the said sum<sup>m</sup> of Five hundred pounds Three hundred pounds and seaven hundred pounds and every part thereof beinge monyes given for supportacion and relief of persons decayed by the said late fire have not bine distributed by the said Sr William Bolton accordinge to his Majesties said Proclamacion As in and by the said Inquisicion hereunto annexed relacion thereunto beinge had more fully and at length<sup>e</sup> it doth and may appeare

**Now** forasmuch as the said Sr William Bolton hath bine fully heard both by himself and his Counsell touchinge the premisses at severall times And due examinacions of the matters and things in and by the said Inquisicion found have bene also and Deliberate consideracion had thereof by the Commijsioners nor proofs haveinge been made by the said Sr William Bolton of the payment of the said moneys (soe found by the said Inquisicion and which was confesed by himself to have been received by him as afforesaid) except as [of?] Twenty poundes thereof **Wee** Sr William Peake K<sup>t</sup> Lord Mayor of the said Cittie of London Sr John Lawrence K<sup>n</sup>t Sr Richard Ford K<sup>n</sup>t Sr [Daniell Starling?] K<sup>t</sup> Sr John Howell K<sup>t</sup> Recorder of the said Cittie Sr Denis Hancock K<sup>t</sup> Christopher Goodfellow Esquire Willm Rofewell Willm Cade Thomas Nevill Willm [Strachan?] John [Knolt?] John Sexton Willm Savage Richard Skinner Gent<sup>n</sup> His said Commijsioners beinge fully satisfied of the truth of the premisses and

beinge very sensible of the wrongs which the poore have sustayned **Doe order adjudge and Decree** that the afforesaid Sr William Bolton his Executors & Adminiftrators within one month next after notice and due service of this Decree shall pay unto the afforesaid Sr Thomas Player Chamberlain of the said Cittie at his office Scituate in Gresham Colledge in Broadstreet within the City of London the sum<sup>me</sup> of Fowerteene hundred and Eightie pounds of lawfull money of England soe as afforesaid received and not paid by him to the intent and purpose that the same may be duley and orderly distributed and paid unto and amongst such poore sufferers as have been undone by the said late fire in such manner and by such advice as in his Majesties said Proclamacion is directed

**In Witneffe** whereof the Commijsioners afforesaid have hereunto sett their hands and seales the day and year First above written

*Wm Peake Maior John Howell Recorder Jn [Verney?] Robt G Henry Richard Ford Wm Sherington [J Cullum?] Chr Goodfellowe Tho: Nevill*