

*THE RECORD OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY
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Praesidi, Concilio, et Sodalibus
REGALIS SOCIETATIS Londini, à Rege
CAROLO SECUNDO concessa,
A.D. MDCLXII.**

CAROLUS SECUNDUS, Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., Omnibus, ad quos presentes Literae pervenerint, salutem.

Diu multumque apud nos statuimus, ut imperii fines, sic etiam artes atque scientias ipsas promoverem. Favemus itaque omnibus disciplinis; particulari autem gratia indulgemus philosophicis studiis, praesertim iis quae solidis experimentis conantur aut novam extundere philosophiam, aut expolire veterem. Ut igitur inclarescant apud nostros hujusmodi studia, quae nusquam terrarum adhuc satis emicuerunt, utque nos tandem universus literarum orbis non solum fidei defensorem, sed etiam veritatis omnimodae et cultorem ubique et patronum, semper agnoscat:

Sciatis, quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris ordinavimus constituimus concessimus et declaravimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus constituimus concedimus et declaramus, quod de caetero in perpetuum erit Societas, de Praesidente [2] Concilio et Sodalibus consistens, quae vocabitur et nuncupabitur Regalis Societas; Et eandem Societatem, per nomen Praesidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis, unum corpus incorporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum, pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, facimus ordinamus creamus et constituimus per presentes, et quod per idem nomen habeant successionem perpetuam; Et quod ipsi et eorum successores (quorum studia ap-

Translation of First Charter, granted to the President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society of London, by King Charles the Second, A.D. 1662.

Charles the Second, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., to all to whom these present Letters shall come, greeting.

We have long and fully resolved with Ourselves to extend not only the boundaries of the Empire, but also the very arts and sciences. Therefore we look with favour upon all forms of learning, but with particular grace we encourage philosophical studies, especially those which by actual experiments attempt either to shape out a new philosophy or to perfect the old. In order, therefore, that such studies, which have not hitherto been sufficiently brilliant in any part of the world, may shine conspicuously amongst our people, and that at length the whole world of letters may always recognize us not only as the Defender of the Faith, but also as the universal lover and patron of every kind of truth:

Know ye that we, of our special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, have ordained, established, granted, and declared, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do ordain, establish, grant, and declare, [1]

that from henceforth for ever there shall be a Society, consisting of a President, Council, and Fellows, which shall be called and named The Royal Society; And for us, our heirs, and successors we do make, ordain, create, and constitute by these presents the same Society, by the name of The President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society, one body corporate and politic in fact, deed, and name, really and fully, and

that by the same name they may have perpetual succession; and

that they and their successors (whose studies are to be applied to further promoting by the authority of experiments the sciences of natural things and of useful arts), by the same name of The President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal

**Incorporation,
and Corporate
Name.**

**Capacity to
purchase**

[1] The Latin text of the Charters here given has been printed from the transcript in Weld's 'History of the Royal Society,' after careful collation with the enrolments at the Public Record Office, by Mr R. E. G. Kirk, Record Agent. Several corrections have been made, but for the sake of convenience Weld's extensions of the abbreviations used in the original have been retained.

[2] Sic.

plicanda sunt ad rerum naturalium artiumque utilium scientias experientiorum fide ulterius promovendas), per idem nomen Praesidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis praedictae, sint et erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus personae habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum percipiendum et possidendum terras et tenementa prata pascua pasturas libertates privilegia franchises jurisdictiones et hereditamenta quaecunque sibi et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitae vitarum vel annorum, seu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona et catalla, ac omnes alias res, cujuscunque fuerint generis naturae speciei sive qualitatis; Necnon ad dandum concedendum dimittendum et assignandum eadem terras tenementa et hereditamenta, bona et catalla, et omnia facta et res necessarias faciendum et exequendum de et concernentia eisdem, [3] per nomen praedictum; Et quod per nomen Praesidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis praedictae placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere et defendi de caetero in perpetuum valeant et possint, in quibuscunque Curiis placeis et locis, et coram quibuscunque Judicibus et Justiciariis et aliis personis et officariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum, in omnibus et singulis actionibus placitis sectis querelis causis materiis rebus et demandis quibuscunque, cujuscunque sint aut erunt generis naturae vel speciei, eisdem modo et forma, prout aliqui ligei nostri intra hoc Regnum nostrum Angliae, personae habiles et in lege capaces, aut ut aliquod corpus incorporatum vel politicum intra hoc Regnum nostrum Angliae, habere perquirere recipere possidere, dare et concedere, placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere vel defendi valeant et possint, valeat et possit; Et quòd iidem Praeses Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et successores sui habeant in perpetuum Commune Sigillum, pro causis et negotiis suis et successorum suorum quibuscunque agendis deserviturum; et quòd benè liceat et licebit eisdem Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus, Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere, prout eis meliùs fore videbitur expediri.

Society aforesaid, may and shall be in all future times persons able and capable in law

to have, acquire, receive, and possess lands and tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, liberties, privileges, franchises, jurisdictions, and hereditaments whatsoever, to themselves and their successors in fee and perpetuity, or for term of life, lives, or years, or otherwise in whatsoever manner, and also goods and chattels, and all other things, of whatsoever kind, nature, sort, or quality they may be; and

also to give, grant, demise, and assign the same lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods and chattels, and to do and execute all acts and things necessary of and concerning the same, by the name aforesaid;

and to grant;

And that by the name of The President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid they may henceforth for ever be able and have power to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered, to defend and be defended, in whatsoever Courts and places, and before whatsoever Judges and Justices and other persons and officers of us, our heirs, and successors, in all and singular actions, pleas, suits, complaints, causes, matters, things, and demands whatsoever, of whatsoever kind, nature, or sort they may or shall be, in the same manner and form as any of our lieges within this our Realm of England, being persons able and capable in law, or as any body corporate or politic within this our Realm of England, may be able and have power to have, acquire, receive, possess, give, and grant, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered, to defend or be defended;

to sue and be sued;

And that the same President, Council; and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and their successors, may have for ever a Common Seal, to serve for transacting the causes and affairs whatsoever of them and their successors;

and to have a Common Seal,

and that it may and shall be good and lawful to the same President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and to their successors for the time being, to break, change, and make anew that Seal from time to time, according as it shall seem most expedient to them.

alterable at pleasure.

[3] Sic.

Et, quòd intentio nostra regia meliorem sortiatur effectum, ac pro bono regimine et gubernatione praedictae Regalis Societatis de tempore in tempus, volumus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus eisdem Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis Regalis praedictae et successoribus suis, quòd de caetero in perpetuum Concilium praedictum erit et consistet ex viginti et una personis (quarum Praesidem semper unum esse volumus); Et quòd omnes et singulae aliae personae quae intra unum mensem proximum sequentem post datum presentium per Praesidem et Concilium, et in omni tempore sequenti per Praesidem Concilium et Sodales, in eandem Societatem accipientur et admittentur ut Membra Regalis Societatis praedictae, et in Registro per ipsos conservando annotatae fuerint, erunt vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae: quos, quantò eminentiùs omnis generis doctrinae bonarumque literarum studio clarescant, quanta ardentius hujusce Societatis honorem studia et emolumentum [4] promoveri cupiant, quantò vitae integritate morumque probitate ac pietate emineant, et fidelitate animique erga nos Coronam et dignitatem nostram sincero affectu polleant, eò magis idoneos et dignos, qui in Sodalium ejusdem Societatis numerum adsciscantur, omnino censeri volumus.

Et, pro meliori executione voluntatis et concessionis nostrae in hac parte, assignavimus nominavimus constituimus et fecimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituimus et facimus, praedilectum et fidelem nobis Willielmum, Vicecomitem Brouncker, Cancellarium praecharissimae consorti nostrae Reginae Catherinae, fore et esse primum et modernum Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; volentes quòd praedictus Willielmus, Vicecomes Brouncker, in officio Praesidis Regalis Societatis praedictae à datu presentium usque ad festum Sancti Andreae proximum sequenti post datum presentium continuabit, et quousque unus alius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente ad officium illud debito modo electus praefectus et juratus fuerit, juxta or-

And that our royal intention may obtain the better effect, and for the good rule and government of the aforesaid Royal Society from time to time, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do grant to the same President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and to their successors,

that henceforth for ever the Council aforesaid shall be and consist of twenty-one persons (of whom we will the President to be always one);

And that all and singular other persons who within one month next following after the date of these presents shall be received and admitted by the President and Council, and in all time following by the President, Council, and Fellows, into the same Society, as Members of the Royal Society aforesaid, and shall have been noted in the Register by them to be kept, shall be and shall be called and named Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid: whom, the more eminently they are distinguished for the study of every kind of learning and good letters, the more ardently they desire to promote the honour, studies, and advantage of this Society, the more they are noted for integrity of life, uprightness of character, and piety, and excel in fidelity and affection of mind towards us, our Crown, and dignity, the more we wish them to be especially deemed fitting and worthy of being admitted into the number of the Fellows of the same Society.

And for the better execution of our will and grant in this behalf, we have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do assign, nominate, constitute, and make, our very well-beloved and trusty William, Viscount Brouncker, Chancellor to our very dear consort, Queen Catherine, to be and become the first and present President of the Royal Society aforesaid;

willing that the aforesaid William, Viscount Brouncker, shall continue in the office of President of the Royal Society aforesaid from the date of these presents until the feast of St Andrew next following after the date of these presents, and until one other of the Council of the Royal Society aforesaid for the time being shall have been elected, appointed, and sworn to that office in due manner, according to the ordinance and provision below in these presents expressed and

[2.]

The Council to consist of twenty-one (of whom the President to be always one).

The Fellows to be chosen in the first month, by the President and Council; after that month, by the President, Council, and Fellows.

[3.]

William, Viscount Brouncker, to be the first President;

to hold till St Andrew's Day next (if he shall so long live),

and till another out of the Council be chosen and sworn;

[4] Or *emolumenta*.

dinationem et provisionem in his presentibus inferiorius expressam et declaratam (si praedictus Willielmus, Vicecomes Brouncker, tam diu vixerit); sacramento corporali in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia benè et fideliter exequendum, secundum veram intentionem harum presentium, coram praedilecto et perquam fideli Consanguineo et Consiliario nostro Edwardo, Comite Clarendon, Cancellario nostro Angliae, prius praestito: cui quidem Edwardo, Comiti Clarendon, Cancellario nostro praedicto, sacramentum praedictum administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus, in haec verba sequentia, viz.: *I, William, Viscount Brouncker, doe promise to deale faithfullie and honestlie in all things belonging to the trust committed to mee as President of this Royall Societie, during my employment in that capacitie. Soe helpe mee God!*

Assignavimus etiam constituimus et fecimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris facimus, dilectos nobis et fideles Robertum Moray, Militem, unum à Secretioribus nostris Conciliis in Regno nostro Scotiae, Robertum Boyle, Armigerum, Willielmum Brereton, Armigerum, filium primogenitum Baronis de Brereton, Kenelm. Digby, Militem, praecharissimae matri nostrae Mariae Reginae Cancellarium, Paulum Neile, Militem, unum Generosorum Camerae privatae nostrae, Henricum Slingsby, Armigerum, alium Generosorum praedictae privatae Camerae nostrae, Willielmum Petty, Militem, Johannem Wallis, in Theologia Doctorem, Timotheum Clarke, in Medicinis Doctorem et unum Medicorum nostrorum, Johannem Wilkins, in Theologia Doctorem, Georgium Ent, in Medicinis Doctorem, Willielmum Aerskine, unum a Poculis nostris, Jonathan Goddard, in Medicinis Doctorem et Professorem Collegii de Gresham, Christopherum Wren, in Medicinis Doctorem, Saville Astronomiae Professorem in Academia nostra Oxoniensi, Willielmum Balle, Armigerum, Matthaëum Wren, Armigerum, Johannem Evelyn, Armigerum, Thomam Henshawe, Armigerum, Dudley Palmer, de Greys Inn in comitatu nostro Middlesexiae, Armigerum, et Henricum Oldenburg, Armigerum, unà cum Praeside praedicto, fore et esse primos et modernos viginti et unum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; continuandos in eisdem officiis à datu presentium usque ad praedic-

declared (if the aforesaid William, Viscount Brouncker, shall live so long);

having first taken a corporal oath well and faithfully to execute his office in and by all things touching that office, according to the true intention of these presents, before our very well-beloved and very trusty Cousin and Councillor Edward, Earl of Clarendon, our Chancellor of England: to which same Edward, Earl of Clarendon, our Chancellor aforesaid, we give and grant full power and authority, to administer the oath aforesaid in these words following, that is to say:

I, William, Viscount Brouncker, do promise to deal faithfully and honestly in all things belonging to the trust committed to me as President of this Royal Society, during my employment in that capacity. So help me God!

We have also assigned, constituted, and made, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do make, our beloved and trusty Robert Moray, Knight, one of our Privy Council in our Realm of Scotland; Robert Boyle, Esquire; William Brereton, Esquire, eldest son of the Baron de Brereton; Kenelm Digby, Knight, Chancellor to our very dear mother, Queen Maria; Paul Neile, Knight, one of the Gentlemen of our Privy Chamber; Henry Slingsby, Esquire, another of the Gentlemen of our aforesaid Privy Chamber; William Petty, Knight; John Wallis, Doctor in Divinity; Timothy Clarke, Doctor in Medicine and one of our Physicians; John Wilkins, Doctor in Divinity; George Ent, Doctor in Medicine; William Aerskine, one of our Cup-bearers; Jonathan Goddard, Doctor in Medicine and Professor of Gresham College; Christopher Wren, Doctor in Medicine, Saville Professor of Astronomy in our University of Oxford; William Balle, Esquire; Matthew Wren, Esquire; John Evelyn, Esquire; Thomas Henshawe, Esquire; Dudley Palmer, of Grey's Inn, in our County of Middlesex, Esquire; and Henry Oldenburg, Esquire, together with the President aforesaid, to be and become the first and present twenty-one of the Council of the Royal Society aforesaid;

to be continued in the same offices from the date of these presents until the aforesaid feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle next following, and thenceforth until other fitting and able and sufficient

but first to be sworn before the Lord Chancellor.

[4.] The first Council named;

to continue as above, unless removed for just cause;

tum festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli proximùm sequen., et deinde, quousque aliae idoneae personae et habiles et sufficientes in officia praedicta electae praefectae et juratae fuerint (si tam diu vixerint, aut pro aliqua justa et rationabili causa non amotae fuerint); sacramentis corporalibus coram Praeside praedictae Regalis Societatis, ad officia sua benè et fidelitur in omnibus et per omnia officia illa tangentia exequenda, priùs praestandis, secundùm formam et effectum praedicti sacramenti, mutatis mutandis, Praesidi Regalis Societatis praedictae per Cancellarium nostrum Angliae administrandi (cui quidem Praesidi pro tempore existenti sacramenta praedicta administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus per presentes): Et quòd eadem personae sic, ut praefertur, ad Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis electae praefectae et juratae, et in posterum eligendae praeficiendae et jurandae de tempore in tempus, erunt et existent auxiliantes consulentes et assistentes in omnibus materiis rebus et negotiis meliorem regulationem gubernationem et directionem praedictae Regalis Societatis, et cujuslibet Membri ejusdem, tangentibus seu concernentibus.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quòd Praeses Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentes (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus potestatem et auctoritatem habeant et habebunt nominandi et eligendi, et quòd eligere et nimirè possint et valeant, quolibet anno in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae, unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, qui sit et erit Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli exinde proximùm sequen. (si tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua justa et rationabili causa non amotus fuerit), et exinde quousque unus alius in officium Praesidis Regalis Societatis praedictae electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit; quòdque ille, postquam sic, ut praefertur, electus et nominatus fuerit in officium

persons shall have been elected, appointed, and sworn into the offices aforesaid (if they shall live so long, or shall not have been amoved for any just and reasonable cause);

first taking corporal oaths before the President of the aforesaid Royal Society, well and faithfully to execute their offices in and by all things touching those offices, according to the form and effect of the aforesaid oath, *mutatis mutandis*, to be administered to the President of the Royal Society aforesaid by our Chancellor of England; (to which same President for the time being, for us, our heirs, and successors, we give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer the oaths aforesaid;)

And that the same persons, so as it is aforesaid elected, appointed, and sworn, and hereafter to be elected, appointed, and sworn from time to time, to the Council of the aforesaid Royal Society, shall be and become aiding, counselling, and assistant in all matters, business, and affairs touching or concerning the better regulation, government, and direction of the aforesaid Royal Society, and of every Member of the same.

And further we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do grant to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and to their successors,

that the President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid for the time being (of whom we will the President for the time being to be one) may and shall have from time to time in all future times for ever power and authority to nominate and elect, and that they may be able and have power to elect and nominate, every year, on the aforesaid feast of St Andrew, one of the Council of the aforesaid Royal Society for the time being,

who may and shall be President of the Royal Society aforesaid until the feast of St Andrew the Apostle thereafter next following (if he shall live so long, or shall not be amoved meanwhile for any just and reasonable cause), and thenceforth until another shall have been elected, appointed, and nominated to the office of President of the Royal Society aforesaid; and

but first to take, before the President, the like oath as his, *mutatis mutandis*.

[5.]

The President, Council, and Fellows (of whom the President to be one), to elect, annually, on St Andrew's Day, one out of the Council to be President;

who is to hold, if not dead nor amoved, till the next St Andrew's Day, and till another shall be chosen;

Praesidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur, sacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, ad officium illud rectè benè et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangentibus exequendum praestabit, secundum formam et effectum praedicti sacramenti, mutatis mutandis; (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramentum praedictum administrare, pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotiescunque necessarium fuerit, damus et concedimus per presentes;) et quòd post hujusmodi sacramentum sic, ut praefertur, praestitum, officium Praesidis Regalis Societatis praedictae usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli exinde proximùm sequen. exequi valeat et possit: Et si contigerit Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentem aliquo tempore, quamdiu fuerit in officio Praesidis ejusdem Regalis Societatis, obire vel ab officio suo amoveri, quòd tunc et toties benè liceat et licebit Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praesidem [5] Concilii praedicti ad talem electionem semper unum esse volumus), alium de praedicto numero Concilii praedicti in Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae eligere et praeficere; et quòd ille sic electus et praefectus officium illud habeat et exercent durante residuo ejusdem anni, et quousque alius ad officium illud debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, sacramento corporali in forma ultimè specificata priùs praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

that he, after that he shall so have been elected and nominated, as it is aforesaid, to the office of President of the Royal Society aforesaid, before he be admitted to that office, shall take a corporal oath before the Council of the same Royal Society, or any seven or more of them, rightly, well, and faithfully to execute that office in all things touching that office, according to the form and effect of the aforesaid oath, *mutatis mutandis* (to which same Council, or to any seven or more of them, we give and grant and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, full power and authority to administer the aforesaid oath from time to time, as often as it shall be necessary); and

having first taken the Oath before the Council or seven or more of them.

that after having so taken such oath, as it is aforesaid, he may be able and have power to execute the office of President of the Royal Society aforesaid until the feast of St Andrew the Apostle thereafter next following;

And if it shall happen that the President of the Royal Society aforesaid for the time being, at any time, so long as he shall be in the office of President of the same Royal Society, shall die or be amoved from his office,

On the Death or Amotion of a President,

that then and so often it may and shall be good and lawful to the Council and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, or to any seven or more of them (of whom we will the President of the Council aforesaid to be always one at such an election), [1] to elect and appoint another of the aforesaid number of the Council aforesaid as President of the Royal Society aforesaid; and

the Council and Fellows, or any seven or more of them, are to elect another, out of the Council;

that he so elected and appointed may have and exercise that office during the residue of the same year, and until another shall have been in due manner elected and sworn to that office, first taking a corporal oath in the form last specified; and so as often as the case shall so happen.

who is to hold, during the residue of the year (being first sworn), and until another be chosen and sworn.

[5] *Sic.* The deceased or removed President could not take part in the election of his successor. Cf. the second Charter.

[1] So in the original; see p. 219.

Et ulteriùs volumus, quòd quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente mori, vel ab officio illo amoveri, vel decedere, (quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae et eorum quemlibet pro malè se gerendis aut aliqua alia rationabili causa amobiles esse volumus, ad beneplacitum Praesidis et caeterorum de Concilio praedicto superviventium et in officio illo remanentium, vel majoris partis eorundem, quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus,) quòd tunc et toties benè liceat et licebit praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), unum alium vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, loco sive locis ipsius vel ipsorum sic mortuorum decedentium vel amotorum, ad supplendum praedictum numerum viginti et unius personarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, nominare eligere et praeficere; et quòd ille sive ille sic in officio illo electi et praefecti idem officium habeat et habeant usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli tunc proximùm sequen., et exinde, quousque unus alius vel plures alii electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit, electi praefecti et nominati fuerint; sacramento corporali ad officium illud in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia coram Praeside et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existentibus, benè et fideliter exequendum, secundùm veram intentionem presentium, priùs praestando.

Et ulteriùs volumus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quòd ipsi et successores sui quolibet anno, in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae Apostoli, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem habeant et habebunt eligendi nominandi praeficiendi et mutandi decem de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, ad supplendum loca et officia decem predicti numeri viginti et unius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; quoniam regiam voluntatem nostram esse declaramus, et per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus, quòd decem de

And further we will, that whenever it shall happen that any one or any of the Council of the Royal Society aforesaid for the time being shall die, or be removed from that office, or retire (which same [members] of the Council of the Royal Society aforesaid, and everyone of them, we will to be amovable for misbehaviour or any other reasonable cause, at the good pleasure of the President and of the rest of the Council aforesaid surviving and remaining in that office, or of the major part of the same, of whom we will the President for the time being to be one),

that then and so often it may and shall be good and lawful to the aforesaid President, Council and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, or to the major part of the same (of whom we will the President of the Royal Society aforesaid for the time being to be one), to nominate, elect, and appoint one other or several others of the Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, in the place or places of him or them so dead, retired, or removed, to fill up the aforesaid number of twenty-one persons of the Council of the Royal Society aforesaid; and

that he or they so elected and appointed in that office may have the same office until the feast of St Andrew the Apostle then next following, and thenceforth until one other or several others shall have been elected, appointed, and nominated; first taking a corporal oath before the President and Council of the Royal Society aforesaid, or any seven or more of them for the time being, well and faithfully to execute that office in and by all things touching that office, according to the true intention of these presents.

And further we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do grant to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, and to their successors, that they and their successors, every year, on the aforesaid feast of St Andrew the Apostle, may and shall have full power and authority to elect, nominate, appoint, and change ten of the Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, to fill up the places and offices of ten of the aforesaid number of twenty-one of the Council of the Royal Society aforesaid;

for we do declare it to be our royal pleasure, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors we do grant, that ten of the aforesaid Council, and

[6.] If any of the Council die, or be removed, or retire (and power of motion is hereby given to the President and Council or major part of them, whereof the President to be one);

the President, Council, and Fellows, or the major part of them (the President to be one), may supply the vacancy out of the Fellows;

and the elected shall hold (being first sworn) till the next St Andrew's Day, and till another Election.

[7.] On every St. Andrew's Day, ten (and no more) of the Council are to be changed.

Concilio praedicto, et non ampliùs, per Praesidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae annuatim mutati et amoti fuerint.

Volumus etiam, et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quod si contigerit Praesidem ejusdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentem aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in servitio nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum versari, vel aliter esse occupatum, ita quòd necessariis negotiis ejusdem Regalis Societatis officium Praesidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties benè liceat et licebit eidem Praesidi sic detento versato vel occupato unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, fore et esse Deputatum ejusdem Praesidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praesidis praedicti sic faciendus et constituendis, sit et erit Deputatus ejusdem Praesidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeses in officio Praesidis continuaverit; nisi interim praedictus Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existens unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et constituerit; Et quòd quilibet hujusmodi Deputatus praedicti Praesidis, sic ut praefertur fiendus [6] et constituendus, omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praesidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent seu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praesidem virtute harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium limitata et appunctuata fore [7] facienda et exequenda, de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praesidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et possit, vigore harum Literarum nostrarum Patentium, adèò plenè liberè et integrè, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeses praedictus, si praesens esset, illa facere et exequi valeret et posset; sacramento corporali super sancta Dei Evangelia in forma et effectu ultimè specifi-

no more, shall be annually changed and amoved by the President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid.

We will also, and for us, our heirs, and successors do grant to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, and to their successors, that if it shall happen that the President of the same Royal Society for the time being is detained by sickness or infirmity, or is employed in the service of us, our heirs, or successors, or is otherwise occupied, so that he shall not be able to attend to the necessary affairs of the same Royal Society touching the office of President,

that then and so often it may and shall be good and lawful to the same President so detained, employed, or occupied, to nominate and appoint one of the Council of the aforesaid Royal Society for the time being to be and become the Deputy of the same President;

which same Deputy, so to be made and appointed in the office of Deputy of the President aforesaid, may and shall be the Deputy of the same President from time to time, as often as the aforesaid President shall happen to be so absent, during the whole time in which the aforesaid President shall continue in the office of President;

unless in the meanwhile the aforesaid President of the Royal Society aforesaid for the time being shall have made and appointed one other of the aforesaid Council his Deputy;

And that every such Deputy of the aforesaid President so to be made and appointed, as it is aforesaid, may be able and have power to do and execute all and singular things which pertain or ought to pertain to the office of President of the aforesaid Royal Society, or which are limited and appointed to be done and executed by the aforesaid President, by virtue of these our Letters Patent, from time to time, as often as the aforesaid President shall so happen to be absent, during such time as he shall continue the Deputy of the aforesaid President, by force of these our Letters Patent, as fully, freely, and wholly, and in as ample manner and form, as the aforesaid President, if he were present, would be able and have power and do and execute those things;

[8.]

The President may appoint one out of the Council to be his Deputy:

who may act as such during his absence;

unless he appoint some other out of the Council to be so.

Such Deputy may, in the President's absence, do all acts that he himself could do if present.

[6] Sic.

[7] Sic.

catis per hujusmodi Deputatum ad omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praesidis pertinent, benè et fideliter exequenda, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, priùs praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit: cui quidem Concilio vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existentibus, sacramentum praedictum administrare potestatem et auctoritatem, quoties casus sic acciderit, damus et concedimus per presentes, absque aliquo brevi commissione sive ulteriori warranto in ea parte à nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris procurando seu obtinendo.

Et ulteriùs volumus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quòd ipsi et successores sui de caetero in perpetuum habeant et habebunt unum Thesaurarium, duos Secretarios, unum Clericum, et duos Servientes ad Clavas, qui de tempore in tempus super Praesidem attendant; quòdque praedicti Thesaurarius Secretarii Clericus et Servientes ad Clavas eligendi et nominandi, antequam ad officia sua separalia et respectiva exequenda admittantur, sacramenta sua corporalia in forma et effectu ultimè specificatis, coram Praeside et Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, [ad] officia sua separalia et respectiva in omnibus illa tangentibus rectè benè et fideliter exequenda praestabunt; et quòd post hujusmodi sacramenta sic ut praefertur praestita, officia sua respectiva exercent et utantur; quibus quidem Praesidi et Concilio, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta de tempore in tempus administrare praedictis separalibus et respectivis officariis et successoribus suis plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per presentes: Et assignavimus nominavimus elegimus creavimus constituimus et fecimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus eligimus creamus constituimus et facimus, dilectos subditos nostros Willielmum

a corporal oath first to be taken by such Deputy upon the holy Gospels of God, in the form and effect last specified, well and faithfully to execute all and singular things which pertain to the office of President, before the aforesaid Council of the aforesaid Royal Society, or any seven or more of them; and so as often as the case shall so happen: to which same Council, or to any seven or more of them, for the time being, we do give and grant by these presents power and authority to administer the oath aforesaid as often as the case shall so happen, without procuring or obtaining any writ, commission, or further warrant in that behalf from us, our heirs or successors.

And further we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do grant to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and to their successors,

that they and their successors henceforth for ever may and shall have one Treasurer, two Secretaries, one Clerk, and two Serjeants-at-Mace, who may from time to time attend upon the President; and

that the aforesaid Treasurer, Secretaries, Clerk, and Serjeants-at-Mace, to be elected and nominated, before they be admitted to execute their several and respective offices, shall take their corporal oaths in the form and effect last specified, before the President and Council of the same Royal Society, or any seven or more of them, rightly, well, and faithfully to execute their several and respective offices in all things touching the same; and

that after having so taken such oaths, as it is aforesaid, they may exercise and use their respective offices;

to which same President and Council, or to any seven or more of them, we do give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer the oaths aforesaid from time to time to the aforesaid several and respective officers and their successors:

And we have assigned, nominated, chosen, created, appointed, and made, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do assign, nominate, choose, create, appoint, and make, our beloved subjects

But he must first be sworn before the Council, or seven or more of them.

[9.]

The President, Council, and Fellows may have one Treasurer, two Secretaries, a Clerk, and two Serjeants-at-Mace:

who are all to be sworn before the President and Council, or any seven or more of them.

Balle, Armigerum, fore et esse primum et modernum Thesaurarium; et praedictum Johannem Wilkins et Henricum Oldenburg fore et esse primos et modernos Secretarios praedictae Regalis Societatis; continuandos in eisdem officiis usque ad praedictum festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli proximum sequen. post datum presentium: Quòdque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae Apostoli (si non fuerit dies Dominicus, et si fuerit dies Dominicus, tunc die proximè sequenti), Praeses Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentes, aut major pars eorundem (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), alios probos et discretos viros, de tempore in tempus, in Thesaurarium, Secretarios, Clericum, et Servientes ad Clavas praedictae Regalis Societatis eligere nominare et praeficere valeant et possint; quòdque illi, qui in separalia et respectiva officia praedicta sic, ut praefertur, electi praefecti et jurati fuerint, officia illa respectiva exercere et gaudere possint et valeant usque ad praedictum festum Sancti Andreae extunc proximum sequen., sacramentis suis praedictis sic, ut praefertur, prius praestandis; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. Et si contigerit aliquem vel aliquos officianorum praedictorum ejusdem Regalis Societatis obire, vel ab officiis suis respectivis amoveri, quòd tunc et toties benè liceat et licebit Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), alium vel alios in officium sive officia illarum personarum sic defunctarum sive amotarum eligere et praeficere; et quòd ille sive illi sic electus et praefectus electi et praefecti officia praedicta respectiva habeat et exercent habeant et exercent durante residuo ejusdem anni, et quousque alius sive alii ad officia illa respectiva debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, electi et jurati fuerint; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit.

William Balle, Esquire, to be and become the first and present Treasurer, and

William Balle appointed Treasurer,

the aforesaid John Wilkins and Henry Oldenburg to be and become the first and present Secretaries, of the aforesaid Royal Society;

John Wilkins and Henry Oldenburg Secretaries.

to be continued in the same offices until the aforesaid feast of St Andrew the Apostle next following after the date of these presents:

And that from time to time and at all times on the aforesaid feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle (unless it shall be Sunday, and if it be Sunday, then on the day next following)

And on every St Andrew's Day yearly (unless it be Sunday),

the President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society for the time being, or the major part of the same (of whom we will the President for the time being to be one), may be able and have power to elect, nominate, and appoint other upright and discreet men, from time to time, as Treasurer, Secretaries, Clerk, and Sergeants-at-Mace of the aforesaid Royal Society; and

the President, Council, and Fellows, or the major part of them (of whom the President to be one), are to elect others in the Offices of Treasurer, Secretaries, Clerk, and Sergeants-at-Mace:

that those who shall so have been elected, appointed, and sworn to the aforesaid several and respective offices, as it is aforesaid, may be able and have power to exercise and enjoy those respective offices until the aforesaid feast of St Andrew then next following, their aforesaid oaths, as it is aforesaid, first to be taken; and so as often as the case shall so happen:

who, after being sworn, are to officiate till the next St Andrew's Day.

And if it shall happen that any one or any of the officers aforesaid of the same Royal Society shall die, or be amoved from their respective offices, that then and so often it may and shall be good and lawful to the President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, or to the major part of the same (of whom we will the President for the time being to be one), to elect and appoint another or others to the office or offices of those persons so deceased or amoved;

And if any of them die or be amoved, the like election to be made of others to supply their places,

and that he or they so elected and appointed may have and exercise the respective offices aforesaid during the residue of the same year, and until another or others shall have been in due manner elected and sworn to those respective offices; and so as often as the case shall so happen.

for the residue of the year, and till others shall be duly elected and sworn.

Et insuper volumus, ac de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis quòd Praeses et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentes, et major pars eorundem (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), pariter congregare et assemblare possint et valeant in collegio sive alio publico loco sive aula intra Civitatem nostram London, vel in aliquo alio loco conveniente intra decem milliaria ejusdem Civitatis nostrae; et quòd ipsi sic congregati et assemblati habebunt et habeant plenam auctoritatem potestatem et facultatem de tempore in tempus condendi constituendi ordinandi faciendi et stabiliendi hujusmodi leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitutiones, quae eis, aut eorum majori parti, bona salubria utilia honesta et necessaria juxta eorum sanas discretiones fore videbuntur, et omnia quaecunque alia negotiis et rebus Regalis Societatis praedictae spectantia [8] agendi et faciendi: quae omnia et singula leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitutiones sic ut praefertur facienda volumus, et per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus quòd de tempore in tempus inviolabiliter observata fuerint, secundum tenorem et effectum eorundem; ita tamen, quòd praedicta leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitutiones sic ut praefertur facienda, et eorum quaelibet, sint rationabilia, et non sint repugnantia nec contraria legibus consuetudinibus juribus sive statutis hujus Regni nostri Angliae.

Et ulteriùs de ampliori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et constituendi unum vel plures Typographos sive Impressores, et Chalcographos seu

And moreover we will, and of our special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion do grant to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and to their successors, [10.]

that the President and Council of the aforesaid Royal Society for the time being, and the major part of the same (of whom we will the President for the time being to be one), may be able and have power to meet together and assemble in a College or other public place or Hall within our City of London, or in any other convenient place within ten miles of our same City; and

that they so met together and assembled shall and may have full authority, power, and faculty from time to time to draw up, constitute, ordain, make, and establish such laws, statutes, acts, ordinances, and constitutions as shall seem to them, or to the major part of them, to be good, wholesome, useful, honourable, and necessary, according to their sound discretions, and to do and perform all other things whatsoever belonging to the affairs and matters of the Royal Society aforesaid;

all and singular which laws, statutes, acts, ordinances, and constitutions so to be made as it is aforesaid, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, firmly enjoining, do order and command, that they shall be inviolably observed from time to time, according to the tenor and effect of the same:

so nevertheless that the aforesaid laws, statutes, acts, ordinances, and constitutions so to be made as it is aforesaid, and every one of them, be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the laws, customs, acts, or statutes of this our Realm of England.

And further, of our more ample special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do give and grant to the aforesaid Council and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, and to their successors, full power and authority from time to time, [11.]

to elect, nominate, and appoint one or more Typographers or Printers, and Chalcographers or Engravers, and

The President and Council, or the major part of them (of whom the President to be one), may meet in a College or other public place or Hall in London, or within ten miles of it;

and make Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances,

and do all other things relating to the affairs of the Society.

Power is given to the Council and Fellows

to appoint one or more Printer or Printers, and one or more Engraver or Engravers: and

[8] Sic.

Sculptores; et ipsi vel ipsis per scriptum Communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis sigillatum, et manu Praesidis pro tempore existentis signatum, facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant talia res materias et negotia praedictam [Regalem] [9] Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, qualia praedictis Typographo vel Impressori, Chalcographo vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impessoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praesidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos septem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus), commissa fuerint; sacramentis suis corporalibus, antequam ad officia sua exercenda admittantur, coram Praeside et Concilio pro tempore existentibus, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, in forma et effectum ultimè specificatis, priùs praestandis: quibus quidem Praesidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per presentes.

Et ulteriùs, quòd praedicti Praeses Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis in philosophicis suis studiis meliorem sortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praedictis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quòd ipsi et successores sui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus, et ad talia tempestiva tempora, secundum eorum discretionem, requirere capere et recipere cadavera talium personarum, quae mortem manu carnificis passae fuerunt, et ea anatomizare, in tam amplis modo et forma, et ad omnes intentiones et proposita, prout Collegium Medicorum et Corporatio Chirurgorum Civitatis nostrae London eisdem cadaveribus usi vel gavisii fuerunt, aut uti vel gaudere valeant et possint.

Et ulteriùs, pro melioratione experimentorum artium et scientiarum praedictae Regalis Societatis, de abundantiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et conces-

to grant to him or them, by a writing, sealed with the Common Seal of the aforesaid Royal Society, and signed by the hand of the President for the time being, faculty to print such things, matters, and affairs touching or concerning the aforesaid [Royal] Society as shall have been committed to the aforesaid Typographer or Printer, Chalcographer or Engraver, or Typographers or Printers, Chalcographers or Engravers, from time to time, by the President and Council of the aforesaid Royal Society, or any seven or more of them (of whom we will the President for the time being to be one);

their corporal oaths first to be taken, before they be admitted to exercise their offices, before the President and Council for the time being or any seven or more of them, in the form and effect last specified; to which same President and Council, or to any seven or more of them, we do give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer the oaths aforesaid.

And further, in order that the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society may obtain the better effect in their philosophical studies, of our more ample special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, do give and grant, to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, and to their successors, that they and their successors from time to time may and shall have full power and authority from time to time; and at such [2] seasonable times, according to their discretion, to require, take, and receive the bodies of such persons as have suffered death by the hand of the executioner, and to anatomize them, in such ample form and manner, and to all intents and purposes, as the College of Physicians and the Corporation of Surgeons of our City of London have used or enjoyed, or may be able and have power to use or enjoy, the same bodies.

And further, for the improvement of the experiments, arts, and sciences of the aforesaid Royal Society, of our more abundant special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we

to authorize them by writing under the Common Seal, and signed by the President, to print such things (touching or concerning the Society) as shall be given them in charge by the President and Council or any seven or more of them (of whom the President to be one).

They must be first sworn before the President and Council, or any seven or more of them.

[12.]

The same right to demand, receive, and anatomize the bodies of executed criminals, is given to this Society, as the College of Physicians and the Corporation of Surgeons of London have or use.

[13.]

[9] From the Patent Roll.

[2] So in the original.

simus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et conce dimus, praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quòd ipsi et successores sui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et auctoritatem, per literas vel epistolas, sub manu praedicti Praesidis in presentia Concilii, vel aliquorum septem vel plurium eorum, et in nomine Regalis Societatis, ac Communi Sigillo suo praedicto sigillatas, mutuis intelligentiis fruuntur [10] et notitiis cum omnibus et omnimodis personis peregrinis et alienis, utrum privatis vel collegiatis, corporatis vel politicis, absque aliqua molestatione interruptione vel inquietatione quacunquē: Proviso tamen, quòd haec indulgentia nostra sic ut praefertur concessa ad ulteriorem non extendatur usum quàm particulare beneficium et interesse praedictae Regalis Societatis in materiis seu rebus philosophicis mathematicis aut mechanicis.

Et ulterius dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis plenam potestatem et auctoritatem erigendi aedificandi et extruendi, aut erigi aedificari et extrui faciendi vel causandi, intra Civitatem nostram London, vel decem milliaria ejusdem, unum vel plura Collegium vel Collegia cujuscunque modi vel qualitatis, pro habitatione assemblatione et congregatione praedictorum Praesidis Concilii et Sodalium praedictae Regalis Societatis et successorum suorum, negotia sua et alias res eandem Regalem Societatem concernentia ad ordinandum et disponendum.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus constituimus et appunctuamus, quòd si aliqui abusus vel discrepantiae in posterum orientur et accident de gubernatione aut aliis rebus vel negotiis praedictae Regalis Societatis, unde ejusdem constitutioni stabilimini et studiorum progressui vel rebus et negotiis aliqua inferatur injuria vel impedimentum; quòd tunc et toties per presentes pro nobis

have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do give and grant, to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, and to their successors,

that they and their successors from time to time may and shall have full power and authority, by letters or epistles under the hand of the aforesaid President, in the presence of the Council, or of any seven or more of them, and in the name of the Royal Society, and sealed with their Common Seal aforesaid, to enjoy mutual intelligence and knowledge with all and all manner of strangers and foreigners, whether private or collegiate, corporate or politic, without any molestation, interruption, or disturbance whatsoever:

Provided nevertheless, that this our indulgence, so granted as it is aforesaid, be not extended to further use than the particular benefit and interest of the aforesaid Royal Society in matters or things philosophical, mathematical, or mechanical.

And further we have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do give and grant to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and to their successors, full power and authority to erect, build, and construct, or to make or cause to be erected, built, and constructed, within our City of London, or ten miles of the same, one or more College or Colleges, of whatsoever kind or quality, for the habitation, assembly, and meeting of the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the aforesaid Royal Society, and of their successors, for the ordering and arranging of their affairs and other matters concerning the same Royal Society.

And further we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do ordain, constitute, and appoint, that if any abusus or differences hereafter shall arise and happen concerning the government or other matters or affairs of the aforesaid Royal Society, whereby any injury or hindrance may be done to the constitution, stability, and progress of the studies, or to the matters and affairs of the same;

Licence to hold a Literary Correspondence, on Philosophical, Mathematical, or Mechanical subjects, with all sorts of foreigners; by letters sealed with the Common Seal of the Society, and signed by the President in the presence of the Council or any seven or more of them.

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Licence to build a College or Colleges in London, or within ten miles of London.

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If any abusus or differences arise,

[10] Sic, for *fruendi*.

heredibus et successoribus nostris [ordinamus] [11] autorizamus nominamus assignamus et constituimus praefatum praedilectum et perquam fidelem Consanguineum et Consiliarium nostrum Edwardum, Comitem Clarendon, Cancellarium nostrum Regni nostri Angliae, per seipsum durante vita sua, et post ejus mortem, tunc Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, Cancellarium vel Custodem Magni Sigilli Angliae, Thesaurarium Angliae, Episcopum Londinensem, Custodem Privati Sigilli, et duos Principales Secretarios, pro tempore existentes, aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum, easdem discrepantias et abusus reconciliare componere et reducere.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus omnibus et singulis Justiciariis Majoribus Aldermannis Vicecomitibus Ballivis Constabulariis et aliis officariis ministris et subditis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscunque, quod de tempore in tempus sint auxiliantes et assistentes praedictis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis in omnibus et per omnia, secundum veram intentionem harum Litterarum nostrarum Patentium.

Eò quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo vel de certitudine praemissorum sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum sive praedecessorum nostrorum praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis ante haec tempora factis, in presentibus minimè facta existit; aut aliquo statuto actu ordinatione provisione proclamatione sive restrictione in contrarium inde antehac habito facto edito ordinato sive proviso, aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non obstante.

In cujus re testimonium has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patent. TESTE ME ipso, apud Westminsterium, quinto decimo die Julii, anno regni nostri decimo quarto.

Per ipsum Regem.
HOWARD.

that then and so often, by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, we do authorize, [ordain], nominate, assign, and appoint our aforesaid very well-beloved and very trusty Cousin and Councillor Edward, Earl of Clarendon, our Chancellor of our Realm of England, by himself during his life, and, after his death, then the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal of England, the Treasurer of England, the Bishop of London, the Keeper of the Privy Seal, and the two Principal Secretaries for the time being, or any four or more of them, to reconcile, compose, and adjust the same differences and abuses.

And further we will, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, firmly enjoining, do order and command all and singular the Justices, Mayors, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and other officers, ministers, and subjects whomsoever of us, our heirs, and successors, that they be from time to time aiding and assistant to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society aforesaid, and to their successors, in and by all things, according to the true intention of these our Letters Patent.

Although express mention of the true yearly value or of the certainty of the premises, or of any of them, or of other gifts or grants before these times made by us or by any of our progenitors or predecessors to the aforesaid President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society, is not made in these presents; or any statute, act, ordinance, provision, proclamation, or restriction to the contrary thereof heretofore had, made, enacted, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

In witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves, at Westminster, the fifteenth day of July, in the fourteenth year of our reign [1662].

By the King himself.
HOWARD.

they shall be reformed and settled by the Lord Chancellor Clarendon alone, while living; afterwards by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, or Keeper, the Lord Treasurer, the Bishop of London, the Lord Privy Seal, and the two Secretaries of State for the time being, or four or more of them.

[16.] General Clauses.

[11] From the Patent Roll.