

[GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND, 1546]

[38 Henry 8]

Deed of Covenant between King *Henry VIII.* and the
Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of *London*, respect-
ing the Hospitals.

27 Dec.
38 Hen VIII,
1546. [1]

THIS INDENTURE, made the twenty-seventh day
of December in the thirty-eighth year of the
reign of our Sovereign Lord *Henry* the Eighth, by
the grace of God, King of *England*, *France* and
Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and of the Church
of *England* and also of *Ireland* in earth the Su-
preme Head, between

the same our Sovereign Lord the King on the one
part, and

the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the
City of *London* on the other part,

witnesseth, that our said Sovereign Lord the King,
considering the miserable estate of the poore
aged sick low and impotent people, as well men
as women, lying and going about begging in the
common streets of the said City of *London* and the
suburbs of the same,

to the great paine and sorrowe of the same poor
aged sick and impotent people, and

to the great infection hurt and annoyance of his
Grace's loving subjects, which of necessity must
daily goe and pass by the same poore sick low
and impotent people being infected with divers
great and horrible sicknesses and diseases,

[1] his Highness, of his bountiful goodness and char-
itable mind,

moved with great pity for and towards the relief
aid succour and help of the said poore aged
sick low and impotent people, and

for the advoyeyng of the great dangers and in-
fection which daily doth and may ensue to his
loving subjects by reason of the great sickness

and horrible diseases of the same sick and low
people, and

for divers other good and godly purposes and
intents,

is pleased and contented that his Highness, by his
Grace's letters patente under his great seale of
England in due forme to be made, will give and
grant to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and
Citizens of the said City of *London* and their
successors for ever,

all that the churche and gate of the house of the
late Grey Freres within the said City of *London*;
and

all the buildings land and soil as well of the body
and two isles as of the quere of the same late
churche, and

all those houses and buildings sometime called
the fratrie the library the dortor and the chapter-
house of the said late Grey Freres; and

all the land and soil called the great cloister and
little cloister of the said late Grey Freres, within
the precincte of the scite of the house of the said
late Grey Freres in *London* aforesaid; and

those chambers and buildings now or late in the
several tenures of *George Woodward* and *Ed-
ward Metcalf*, within the precincte and circuyte
of the said house of the said late Grey Freres; and

all the houses and buildings chambers rooms
and void grounds now or late in the tenure of
Owen Moore, within the precincte of the said
scite of the said late house of the said late Grey
Freres; and

all that chamber or hall under the same, and

all the ground within the little cloister within the
precincte of the said scite of the said house of the
said late Grey Freres, now or late in the tenure
of *Hugh Willoughby*, Serjeant-at-arms, for term
of his life; and

[1] The location of the original text of this indenture is uncited; so, to be researched. This version is in *Memoranda, References, and Documents relating to The Royal Hospitals of the city of London* (London: Reprinted by Benjamin Pardon, 1863) Appendix No IV, pp 8-19; downloaded from <https://wellcomecollection.org/works/k9j5g89a>. There it is shown as one dense block of text, so for ease of reading this edition is broken into paragraphs with clause numbers in the margin.

all that part of the houses and buildings called the dortor of the said late Grey Freres now being void and unoccupied; and

all those houses buildings and voide groundes now in the tenure of *Richard Tredraye*, on the north side of the said little cloister; and

all other houses buildings gardens voide grounds and other hereditaments of the King's Highness, sett lying and being within the circuyte and precincte of the scite of the said house of the said late Grey Freres;

together with

the reversion and reversions of all and singular the premises, and

all rents and yearly profits reserved upon all manner of leases and grants made of the premises, or of any part thereof, to any person or persons; and

all other his lands grounds and soil with the appurtenances within the said precincts; and

all the lead stone iron glass timber and other things now being and remaining in and upon the premises, or any part thereof.

[2] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is also pleased and contented, and by these presents promiseth and granteth to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens, that he the same our Sovereign Lord the King, by his letters patent under his great seal of *England*, shall and will give and grant to the said Mayor and Commonaltie, and to their successors for ever,

the late hospital of Saint *Bartholomew* in West *Smithfield* nigh *London*, otherwise called the hospital of Little Saint *Bartholomews* in West *Smithfield*, nigh *London*, and

all the church of the same late hospital, and

the lead and bells of the same church, and

all ornaments of the said church, and

other things to the same church and late hospital belonging and appertaining; and

all the mansions parsonages lands tenements rents reversions fines pensions portions advowsons knight's fees profits commodities easements, and all other hereditaments and possessions, as well spiritual as temporal, of the same late hospital of Saint *Bartholomew*, and

which were heretofore accepted reputed or taken as part or parcel of the possessions or revenues of the same late hospital;

except and always reserved to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors,

all those messuages houses tenements and hereditaments called *Croke-horn* alley, and

all gardens and voide grounds to the same belonging and appertaining, situate lying and being in the parish of Saint *Andrew* in *Holborn*, in the county of *Middlesex*, that is to say, between

the messuage and tenement commonly called *Danyers Inn* on the east part, and

the tenement now or late of *Thomas Trappes*, goldsmith, of *London*, on the west parte, and a certain parcel of void ground there on the south part, and

the king's highway of *Holborn* on the north parte;

and also except and always reserved to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, all that yearly rent of thirty-five shillings payable and going out of the messuage and tenement of Sir *Martyn Bowes*, Knight, in *Fryday* street, of *London*; and

also except and always reserved to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors,

all those messuages lands tenements meadows pastures and hereditaments now or late in the tenure of *Henry Alford*, in *Laynham* in the county of *Essex*; and

all that mansion lands tenements and hereditaments in the parish of *Hanyngeye*, otherwise called *Harnesley*, and in *Totnam*, in the said county of *Middlesex*, now or late in the tenure of *Robert Heney*, Esq. or his assigns, and which sometime were letten to farm to *William Brereton*, Esq.

AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is also pleased and contented to assure or cause to be assured to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens, and to their successors for ever,

the parish churches of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Ewen* within Newgate of the City of *London*, by what name or names soever the same churches and parishes are called or known, and

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the steeples bells land and soil of the same churches, and

all the tythes and offering of the inhabitants of the same parishes; and

all messuages lands tenements pensions portions and other profits revenues and possessions, as well spiritual as temporal, of the same parish churches of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Ewen*, or to the same parish churches or to either of them, or to the parsons of the same churches or to either of them in the right of the same churches or of either of them, belonging or appertaining; and

all the tythes and offerings of the inhabitants of all the houses and buildings in the said Gate called *Newgate of London*, and of all the inhabitants within the same Gate called *Newgate*, now being parcel of the parish of Saint *Sepulchre* without *Newgate of London* aforesaid; and

all other personal profits of as much of the same parish of Saint *Sepulchre* as is within *Newgate* aforesaid; and

all the tythes and oblations and other personal profits of all the inhabitants of all the houses and buildings within the precinct of the scite of the said house of the said late Grey Freres.

[4] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented, and by these presents granteth and promiseth to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens, and to their successors,

that the said church of the said late Grey Freres shall from henceforth be a parish church, and shall be named and called *Christ Church* within *Newgate of London*; and

that the same church of the said late Grey Freres, to be erected and called *Christ Church* within *Newgate* as is aforesaid, shall be the parish church

as well of and for all the inhabitants within the precincte of the scite of the said house of the said late Grey Freres

as of and for all the inhabitants now and hereafter to be

within the limits and precinct of the said parishes of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Ewen* aforesaid, and

within the limits and precincts of that part of the said parish of Saint *Sepulchre* aforesaid that is and lieth within *Newgate* aforesaid; and

that

all the houses buildings land and soil within the precinct of the scite of the said house of the said late Grey Fryers, and the said Gate called *Newgate*, and

as many and as much of the houses buildings land and soil of the said parish of Saint *Sepulchre* aforesaid as be and lie within *Newgate* aforesaid, and

all the houses buildings land and soil within the limit and precincte of the said parishes of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Ewen* aforesaid, and

all and singular the inhabitants that now be and hereafter shall be of the same and of any part and parcel thereof,

shall from henceforth always for ever be accepted reputed and taken to be in and of and as parcel of the parish of *Christ Church* within *Newgate of London* aforesaid; and

that the said parishes and parish churches of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Ewen* aforesaid

shall from henceforth lose their name and names of parishes and churches of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Ewen*, and

shall from henceforth no more be called or known by the name or names of the parishes and churches of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Ewen*,

but shall from henceforth be part and parcel of the said parish of *Christ Church* within *Newgate* aforesaid; and

that the said Gate called *Newgate*, and as many and as much of the houses buildings land and soile of the said parish of Saint *Sepulchre* aforesaid as be and lie within *Newgate* aforesaid,

shall from henceforth be separated and taken away from the said parish of Saint *Sepulchre* aforesaid, and

shall not be taken for any part or parcel of the same parish of Saint *Sepulchre* aforesaid,

but shall from henceforth be part and parcel, and shall be accepted and taken to be part and

parcel, of the said parish of *Christ Church* within Newgate aforesaid, and of none other parish, and the inhabitants thereof to pay their tythes oblations and obventions there and not elsewhere.

[5] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented

that the said late hospital of Saint *Bartholomew* shall from henceforth be a place and house for the relief and sustentacion of poore people, and shall be called the House of the Poore in West *Smithfield* in the suburbs of the City of *London*, of King *Henry* the Eighth's foundation; and

that the church there

shall be a parish church as heretofore it hath been used for divine service to be sayd and sung, and all manner sacraments and sacramentalles to be mininistered there

as well to the inhabitants within the gate and close of the said late hospital

as to the poore people and officers and ministers from henceforth to be there, and

shall be called the parish church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* in West *Smithfield*; and

that all the houses buildings land and soil within the gate and close of the said late hospital of Saint *Bartholomew*, hereafter to be called the House of the Poore as is aforesaid, shall from henceforth be accepted and taken as part and parcel of the parish and parish church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid.

[6] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is also pleased and contented

that there shall be in the said parish church of *Christ Church* aforesaid one priest sufficiently learned, to declare preach and teach the word of God truly and sincerely to the common people, which shall be called Vicar there; and

that there shall be in the same church one other priest which shall be called the Visitor of Newgate, who shall attend to visit the prisoners of Newgate of *London* from time to time as necessity shall require; and

that there shall be in the said parish church of *Christ Church* aforesaid five other priests made

in help of the Vicar there, to sing and celebrate divine service and to minister sacraments and sacramentalles there: and

that there shall be in the said parish church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* besides West *Smithfield* aforesaid one priest which shall be Vicar there, to minister sacraments and sacramentalles, and to say and celebrate divine service to the poore people there and to the inhabitants within the precincts of the scite and close of the said late hospital hereafter to be called the House of the Poor as is aforesaid, and to the officers and ministers there to be appointed for the poore people there to be hereafter: and

that there shall be at the said late hospital, hereafter to be called the House of the Poore, one other priest over and besides the said vicar, which shall be called the Hospitler, to visit and minister to the poor people there; and

that all and every such person and persons

which shall be visitors of Newgate aforesaid, or

that shall have the rooms offices or dignities of the said other five priestes of the said church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, or

that shall be hospitaller of the poore of the said house, or

which shall be named appointed instituted or admitted in and to the same roomes offices and dignities or to any of them, or

which from time to time shall have and enjoy the same roomes offices or dignities or any of them,

shall not pay any first fruits or tenths or any sum or sums of money for or in the name of first fruits or tenths or yearly tenth part of or for the said roomes offices or dignities or any of them, due or to be due to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs or successors, or to be demanded for our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs or successors, for the same, by reason of the Act of Parliament touching and concerning the grant of first fruits and tenths of ecclesiastical and spiritual benefices promotions and dignities made in the twenty-sixth year of our said Sovereign Lord the King's reign that now is, or otherwise.

[7] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented

that the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall have and enjoy in proper use for ever

the parsonage and church of *Christ Church* and Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid, and

all the tythes oblations and other spiritual profits of the said parish and church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, and to the said parish and church of *Christ Church* assigned and appointed and to be assigned and appointed in form aforesaid, and

all the tythes oblations and other spiritual profits

of the said parish and parish church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid, and

of all the inhabitants within the said scite and close of the said late hospital hereafter to be called the House of the Poor as is aforesaid;

and that the same Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall from time to time have the nomination and appointment

of the said visitor of Newgate, and

of the said five other priestes of the said parish church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, and

of the said hospitaller, and

of all other officers and ministers of the said churches of *Christ Church* and Little Saint *Bartholomew* and of the said house of the poore.

[8] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented, and by these presents, for him his heirs and successors, granteth to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and to their successors, that it shall be lawful to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and to their successors, and that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall have full power and authority,

to amove expell and put out from their roomes and offices

the said visitor of Newgate and

the said five other priestes of the said church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, and

the said hospitaller, and every of them, and

all other ministers and officers hereafter to be in the said church called *Christ Church* within Newgate aforesaid, and in the said church of Little Saint *Bartholomew*, and in the said house of the poore,

other than the vicars of *Christ Church* and Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid, for any notable crime or offence to be committed by the said visitor hospitaller or other five priestes or other the said officers or ministers, or by any of them, or for disobeying or not doing and performing of such good and reasonable rules ordinances and precepts as shall be hereafter prescribed assigned or appointed to them or to any of them to be done executed and performed, and

that then the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors to name assign and appoint, such other meet and convenient persons to the same roomes offices and dignities as to them shall be thought mete and convenient from time to time as the case shall so require.

AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is further pleased and contented that his Highness, by his gracious letters patent under his great scale of *England*, shall and will make a sufficient incorporation of a vicarage and vicar perpetual in the said parish church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, and one other vicarage and vicar perpetual in the said parish church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid, with lycence

that the vicar of the said parish church of *Christ Church* aforesaid shall and may have and receive of the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors one annuity or annual pension of 25 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.*, and a sufficient mansion for his habitation, to be granted to him and his successors for their dotacion and endowment of their said vicarage; and

that the vicar of the said parish church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid shall and may have and receive of the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors one annuitie or annual pension of 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.*, and a sufficient mansion for his habitation, to be granted to him and to his successors for their dotacion and endowment of the said vicarage.

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[10] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens shall have and enjoy to them and to their successors for ever the advowsons gifts presentations and parsonages of the said vicarages of the said parish churches of *Christ Church* within Newgate aforesaid, and Little Saint *Bartholomew* in West *Smithfield* aforesaid.

[11] IN consideration of all which premises the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, for them and their successors, do covenant promise and grant by these presents to and with our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors,

that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens or their successors, within three months next after the said licence to be made to them for the endowment of the said vicarages and vicars perpetual in the said parish churches of *Christ Church* and Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid, shall make

a sufficient grant and assurance by writing under their common seal to the vicar of the said parish church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, and to his successors vicars there, of a convenient and sufficient mansion-house for his habitation, and of an annuity or annual pension of 25 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* payable and going out of the messuages lands tenements or hereditaments within the said City of *London* or elsewhere which were parcel of the possessions of the said late hospital; and

a like grant and assurance to the vicar of the said parish church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid, and to his successors vicars there, of a convenient and sufficient mansion- house for his habitation, and of an annuity or annual pension of 13 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* payable and going out of the said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments within the said City of *London* or elsewhere which were parcel of the possessions of the said late hospital,

with a clause of distress to be contained in the said writings of the said annuities and annual pensions for nonpayment thereof; and

that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall well and truly content and pay or cause to be contented and paid to the said vicars of *Christ Church* and

Little Saint *Bartholomew*, and to their successors for ever, their said several annuities and yearly pensions for their dotations and endowments of their said vicarages; and

that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall find and sustain continually from time to time for ever in and to the said church to be called *Christ Church* within Newgate aforesaid one other prieste, which shall be called the Visitor of Newgate, who shall attend to visit the prisoners of Newgate aforesaid as necessity shall require, and to be always resident there for that purpose, and to give to the said visitor 10 *l.* yearly for his stipend and wages; and

that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall find and sustain five other priestes to sing and celebrate divine service in the said church called *Christ Church* aforesaid; and

that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall give to every of the said other priestes, for their stipend and wages, 8 *l.* yearly; and

that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall find two clerks and one sexton yearly to serve in the said church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, and shall give to either of the same clerks 5 *l.* yearly, and to the same sexton 4 *l.* yearly, for their stipend and wages, for their living and sustentacion: and

the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, for them and their successors, further covenanting and granting to the King's Highness, his heirs and successors,

that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall make and provide at the scite of the said late hospital of Saint *Bartholomews*, hereafter to be called the House of the Poore as is aforesaid, sufficient lodging for 100 poor men and poor women, and for one matron and twelve women under her to make the beds and wash and attend upon the said poor men and women there; and

that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall find perpetually to the said 100 poor folks, and to the said matron and twelve women under her, sufficient meat

drink bedding cloathing wood coal and all other things mete convenient and necessary for them, and to give to the said matron in ready moneys 3 *l.* 5 *s.* 8 *d.* yearly, and to every of the said 12 women 40 *s.* yearly; and

that the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall find yearly one other prieste at the said late hospital, hereafter to be called the House of the Poore as is aforesaid, which shall be called the Hospitaller, and shall visit and minister to the poor folks there as necessity shall require; and

that the same Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall give to the same hospitaller 10 *l.* yearly for his stipend and wages; and

that the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall find one parish clerk and one sexton to serve in the church of Little Saint *Bartholomew* aforesaid, and shall give to the same parish clerk 6 *l.* yearly, and to the same sexton 4 *l.* yearly, for their living and sustentacion; and

that the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall find continually at the said late hospital, hereafter to be called the House of the Poor, one convenient person to be steward of and for the provision for the poor there, and one convenient person to be receiver and collector of the rents and revenues of such possessions and revenues as shall be given to and for the sustentacion of the said poor people; and

that the same Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall find continually one convenient person to be porter of the said late hospital, and one other convenient person to be butler there, and one other convenient person to be cook there, and to give to the same steward 5 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* yearly, and to the same receiver and collector 5 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* yearly, and to the same porter 6 *l.* yearly, and to the same butler 4 *l.* yearly, and to the same cook 6 *l.* yearly, for their wages; and

that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall find eight persons to be beadles to bring to the said late hospital, hereafter to be called the House of the Poore, such poor sick aged and impotent people as shall be found going abroad in the City of *Lon-*

don and the suburbs of the same not having wherewith to be sustained, and to expulse and avoid such valiant and sturdy vagabonds and beggars as they shall find dayly within the said city and the suburbs of the same; and

that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall give to every of the said eight beadles 3 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* yearly for their stipends and wages; and

that the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall finde perpetually one person sufficiently learned in the science of physic, and one other person having sufficient knowledge in surgery, to be continually attendant upon the sicke and sore people at the said late hospital, hereafter to be called the House of the Poore, and to minister to them from time to time such things as shall be needful and necessary for their sicknesses and diseases; and

that the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall give and pay to the same physician yearly 20 *l.*, and to the same surgeon yearly 20 *l.*; and

that the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors, at their proper costs and charges, from time to time shall bie and provide all manner potcary ware and other things meet necessary and convenient for the making of salves and all other things touching physic or surgery, for the help or healing of the said poor sicke and impotent people.

AND, in consideration of the great charges which the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors shall sustain and bear yearly for the causes above rehearsed, our said Sovereign Lord the King is further pleased and contented, and by these presents, for him his heirs and successors, giveth and granteth to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors, full power licence and authority to take and receive to them and to their successors for ever, to the use and sustentacion of the poor, of any of his Grace's liege subjects, by purchase bargain sale alienation gift grant bequest or otherwise, manors parsonages lands tenements tythes rents reversions, or other revenues possessions or hereditaments, to the yearly value of one thousand marks over and above the manors lands tene-

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ments and hereditaments above-said, within the City of *London*, or elsewhere, within the realm of *England*, or in *Wales*, or any other the king's dominions, although the same manors parsonages lands tenements tythes rents reversions revenues possessions or hereditaments be or shall be holden of the King's Majesty his heirs or successors in chief, the statute and statutes whereby it is provided and enacted that lands and tenements should not be put to mortmayne, or any other act or statute heretofore made or had to the contrary, or any other law custom provision matter or cause in any wise to the contrary, notwithstanding;

[14] and the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens do covenant promise and grant, for them and their successors, to and with our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, that the whole yearly profits and revenues of the said manors lands tenements tythes possessions hereditaments and other the premises appointed to be given and granted to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and to their successors, and which the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall buy and purchase, or that shall be given to them by reason of the said licence, over and besides the finding of the said vicars priestes and such other necessary ministers and officers as are before appointed to be founden by the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors, shall wholly be bestowed and go to the reliefe and sustentacion of the poor.

[15] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is therefore pleased and contented, and by these presents promiseth and granteth for him his heirs and successors to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens and their successors, that
as well the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors
as the said visitor of Newgate and
the said five other priestes which from time to time shall be in the said church of *Christ Church* aforesaid, and
the said hospitaller which from time to time shall be in the said House of the Poor, and every of them, and
the said manors lands and tenements

before appointed to be given and granted to the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens by the King's Highness in form aforesaid, and

which the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens or their successors by reason of the said licence or other wise shall have hereafter by the gift grant bargain and sale of any other person or persons to the use and intent aforesaid,

shall be clearly acquitted and discharged against the King's Highness his heirs and successors for ever

of all tenths and first fruits, and

of all and singular sum and sums of money

for or in the name of tenths or yearly tenth parte, or

for and in the name of first fruits,

of the said manors lands parsonages tenements and other the premises

before limited and appointed

to be given and granted by the King's Highness to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and to their successors, or

to be assigned or appointed to the said priestes or other officers or ministers

of the said church called *Christ Church*, or

of the said church or house of the poore, or

which the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens or their successors shall hereafter have or obtain by gift grant bargain or sale of any other person or persons by virtue of the same licence in form aforesaid,

to be due to our said Sovereign Lord the King his heirs or successors

by the said Mayor and Commonaltie and Citizens or their successors, or

by the said visitor of Newgate, or hospitaller, or

by any other of the said five priestes at any time to be appointed hereafter in the said church called *Christ Church*,

by reason of the said Act of Parliament made and provided in the 27th year of our said Sovereign Lord the King's reign for and concerning the granting of tenths and first fruits to the King's

Highness of spiritual or ecclesiastical benefices dignities and promotions, or otherwise.

[16] AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is further pleased and contented, and by these presents, for him his heirs and successors, granteth to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors,

that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors shall from henceforth be masters rulers and governors of the hospital or house called *Bethelem*, without and nigh the gate called *Bishopsgate* of the City of *London*; and

that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors

shall have the order rule and governance of the same hospital or house called *Bethelem*, and of the people there, and

shall have full power and authoritie to sue and cause the rents revenues and profits of the lands and possessions of the same hospital or house called *Bethelem* to be employed and bestowed to the relief of the poor people there, according to the true meaning of the foundation of the same or otherwise, as it shall please the King's Majesty for better order to devise for the same.

[17] AND, to the intent that the said good and godly purposes may have good successe, to the honor and glorie of God and to the aid help and relief of the poor, the King's Majesty is further pleased and contented, and for him his heirs and successors promiseth and granteth to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and to their successors, that our said Sovereign Lord the King his heirs and successors, from time to time at all times hereafter, will doe and suffer to be done all and every such act and acts, thing and things, be it by letters patent Act of Parliament confirmation or otherwise,

for the better and more perfect assurance and making sure of the said manors parsonages tythes lands tenements and all and singular other the premises appointed to be granted and made sure to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and to their successors, and

for the sure erection foundation and establishment of all and singular other the purposes and effects afore expressed in form aforesaid, as by the learned counsel of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens and their successors from time to time shall be devised or advised.

AND our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented and granteth by these presents, that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City of *London* shall have the one part of this indenture sealed with the greateseale of *England*, without any fine or fee to be paid for the same in the ha[na]per of the chancery or elsewhere.

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IN witness whereof to the one part of this indenture, remaining with the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, our said Sovereign Lord the King hath caused his great seale of *England* to be put to, and to the other part of the same indenture, remaining with our said Sovereign Lord the King, the said Mayor Commonalty and Citizens have put to their common seale, the day and year first above written.