

[GOVERNMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, 1802]

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[Royal Charter of
UNIVERSITY OF KING'S COLLEGE,
NOVA SCOTIA]

[1] **G**eorge the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith **To all** to whom these presents shall come Greeting

Whereas We have declared our Royal intention to establish within our Province of Nova Scotia in North America a College for the education of Youth in the Principles of true religion and for their instruction in the different branches of Science and Literature which are taught at our Universities in this Kingdom

And whereas the Sum of Four thousand Pounds granted by our Parliament in that part of our United Kingdom called Great Britain hath been applied in erecting a suitable Building within the Town of Windsor in our said Province on a piece of Land which had been purchased by means of a Grant of the General Assembly of our said Province for that purpose

And whereas the said Building hath been fitted for the residence of Professors and Students and an endowment of Four hundred Pounds Currency of that Province (equal to Three hundred and Sixty Pounds British sterling) *Per Annum* hath been granted for the support thereof by the said General Assembly

And whereas humble application hath been made to us by many of our loving Subjects in our said Province that We would be pleased to grant our Royal Charter for the more perfect establishment of the said College and for incorporating the Members thereof for the purposes aforesaid and for such further endowment thereof as to us should seem meet

We have taken the premises into our Royal consideration and duly weighing the great utility and importance of such an institution are willing and desirous to condescend to their request

Know ye therefore that **We** of our especial Grace certain knowledge and mere motion **Have** Willed Ordained and Granted and **Do** by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors Will Ordain and Grant

that upon the said land and in the building or buildings so erected or to be erected thereon at our Town of Windsor in our said Province of Nova Scotia there shall be established from this time One College the Mother of an University for the education and instruction of Youth and Students in Arts and Faculties to continue forever and to be called **Kings College** and that

our trusty and welbeloved Sir John Wentworth Baronet Lieutenant Governor of our said Province or the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of our said Province for the time being the Right Reverend Father in God Charles Inglis Bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia or the Bishop of the said Diocese for the time being

our trusty and welbeloved Samuel Salter Blowers Chief Justice of our said Province of Nova Scotia or the Chief Justice of our said Province for the time being

Our trusty and welbeloved Alexander Croke Judge of our Court of Vice Admiralty in Nova Scotia or the Judge of our Court of Vice Admiralty in our said Province for the time being

our trusty and welbeloved Richard John Uniacke Speaker of our House of Assembly and Attorney General of our said Province of Nova Scotia or the Speaker of our House of Assem-

[1] From a transcription of the original charter, "Collated with the original, preserved in the College Library", in University of King's College Nova Scotia "Purple Book", pp 3-5, included in their webpage *Rules and Policies Overview*, <https://policies.ukings.ca/>, apparently dated 16 August 2016, downloaded 17 October 2024.

bly and the Attorney General for our said Province severally for the time being

our trusty and welbeloved James Stewart Solicitor General for our said Province of Nova Scotia or the Solicitor General of our said Province for the time being

our trusty and welbeloved Benning Wentworth Secretary of our said Province of Nova Scotia or the Secretary of our said Province for the time being

together with such other person or persons as shall be elected in manner herein-after mentioned

shall be Governors of the said College and

that the said College shall consist of one President three or more Fellows and Professors and twelve or more Scholars at such Salaries and subject to such Provisions Regulations Limitations Rules Qualifications and Restrictions as shall hereafter be appointed by the Statutes Rules and Ordinances of the said College and until such Statutes Rules and Ordinances shall have been framed subject in all respects to the Orders and directions and eligible and removable at the pleasure of the said Governors or of the major part of them And

that the said Governors or the major part of them shall have the Power

of electing the President of the said College for the time being to be a Governor of the said College And

also of electing any other Person or Persons not exceeding three in number subject to such Regulations as shall be appointed by the Statutes Rules and Ordinances of the said College to be a Governor or Governors of the said College

And We do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors will ordain and grant

that the said Governors President and Fellows and their Successors for ever shall be one distinct and separate body Politic and Corporate in Deed and in Name by the Name and Style of "**The Governors President and Fellows of Kings College at Windsor in the Province of Nova Scotia**" And

that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal and

that they and their Successors shall from time to time have full power to break alter make new or change such Common Seal at their Will and Pleasure and as shall be found expedient and

that by the same name the said Governors President and Fellows and their Successors from time to time and all times hereafter shall be a Body Politic and Corporate in Deed and in Law and be able and capable to have take receive purchase acquire hold possess enjoy and retain

And We do hereby for Us and Heirs and Successors give and grant full authority and free licence to them and their Successors by the name aforesaid

to have take receive purchase acquire hold possess enjoy and retain to and for the use of the said College notwithstanding any Statutes or Statute of Mortmain any Manors Rectories Advowsons Messuages Lands Tenements Rents and Hereditaments of what kind nature or quality soever (so as that the same do not exceed in yearly value the Sum of Six thousand Pounds above all charges) **And**

Moreover to take purchase acquire have hold enjoy receive possess and retain notwithstanding any such Statute or Statutes to the contrary all or any Goods Chattels Charitable and other Contributions Gifts and Benefactions whatsoever And

that the said Governors President and Fellows and their Successors by the same name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued implead and be impleaded answer and be answered in all or any Court or Courts of Record or Places of Judicature within our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland And our said Province of Nova Scotia and other our Dominions and in all and singular Actions Causes Pleas Suits Matters and Demands whatsoever of what kind and nature or sort soever in as large ample and beneficial manner and form as any other Body Politic and Corporate or any other our Liege Subjects being Persons able and capable in law may or can have take purchase receive hold possess enjoy retain sue implead or answer or be sued impleaded or answered in any manner whatsoever

And We do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors will ordain and grant that the Governors of the said College or the major part of them shall have power and authority

to frame and make Statutes Rules and Ordinances touching and concerning

the good Government of the said College

the performance of Divine Service therein

the Studies Lectures Exercises Degrees in Arts and Faculties and all matters regarding the same

the election qualification and residence of the President Fellows and Scholars

the management of the Revenues and Property of the said College

the Salaries Stipends and Provision for the President Fellows Scholars and Officers of the said College And

also touching and concerning any other matter or thing which to them shall seem good fit useful and agreeable to this our Charter And

also from time to time to revoke augment or alter all every or any of the said Statutes Rules and Ordinances as to them or the major part of them shall seem meet and expedient

Provided that the said Statutes Rules and Ordinances or any or them shall not be repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of this our Realm And of our said Province of Nova Scotia

Provided also that the said Statutes Rules and Ordinances or any revocation augmentation or alteration thereof be subject to the approbation of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being and shall be forthwith transmitted to the said Lord Archbishop for that purpose and

that in case the said Lord Archbishop shall signify in writing his disapprobation thereof within three years of the time of their being so made and framed or of their being so revoked augmented or altered the same or such part thereof as shall be so disapproved by the said Lord Archbishop shall from the time of such disapprobation being made known be utterly void and of no effect but otherwise shall be and remain in full force and virtue

And We do hereby for Us our Heirs and Successors charge and command that the Statutes Rules and Ordinances aforesaid subject to the said Provisions shall be strictly and inviolably observed kept and performed from time to time so long as they shall respectively remain in full vigour and effect under the Penalties to be thereby or therein inflicted or contained

And We do by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors will order direct and appoint that the said Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being shall be Patron of the said College and

the Bishop of Nova Scotia for the time being shall be Visitor of the said College

And We do further Will ordain and grant that the said College shall be deemed and taken to be an University and shall have and enjoy all such and the like Privileges as are enjoyed by our Universities in our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland as far as the same are capable of being had and enjoyed by virtue of these our Letters Patent

And that the Students of the said College shall have liberty and Faculty of taking the Degrees of Batchelor Master and Doctor in the several Arts and Faculties at the appointed times and shall have liberty within themselves of performing all scholastic Exercises for the conferring such Degrees in such manner as shall be directed by the Statutes Rules and Ordinances of the said College

And We Will and by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors Do grant and declare that these our Letters Patent or the Inrolment or Exemption thereof

shall and may be good firm valid sufficient and effectual in the Law according to the true intent and meaning of the same And

shall be taken construed and adjudged in the most favorable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said Governors President and Fellows of the said College at Windsor aforesaid as well in all our Courts of Record as elsewhere and by all and singular Judges Justices Officers Ministers and other Subjects whatsoever of Us our Heirs and Successors

any misrecital non-recital omission imperfec-
tion defect matter cause or thing whatsoever to
the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding
without Fine or Fee great or small to be for the
same in any manner rendered done or paid to us
in our Hanaper or elsewhere to our use

And lastly We do hereby promise and declare
for Us Our Heirs and Successors that We and they
shall and will at all times hereafter give and grant
to the aforesaid Governors President and Fellows
and their Successors such other reasonable Pow-
ers and Authorities as may be necessary for the
Government of the said College and the more
effectual execution of the Premises

In Witness whereof We have caused these our
Letters to be made Patent

Witness Ourself at Westminster the twelfth day
of May in the forty-second year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal
Bathurst and Bathurst
