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OF THE  
CITY OF SALISBURY

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AND THE ENROLMENT IN THE  
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A PROPOSAL made by the late Dr. S. R. Gardiner for the publication of this charter was perhaps the last manifestation of his long and active interest in the publications of the old Camden Society, an interest which did not slacken after the amalgamation of the latter body with the Royal Historical Society.

It was Dr. Gardiner's original intention to have printed this charter in the 'English Historical Review,' but the length of the text presented serious difficulties. The Council of the Royal Historical Society, however, was readily induced to undertake, in October 1900, the expense of transcription and publication, with a view to the inclusion of this charter, edited by Dr. Gardiner, in a volume of the 'Camden Miscellany.' It was also in contemplation to make some researches in connexion with the contemporary charter in the possession of the corporation of Swansea for the purpose of elucidating the general conditions of the municipal charters of the period; but these have been fully described by Dr. Gardiner himself in his 'History of the Commonwealth and Protectorate.'<sup>2</sup>

Dr. Gardiner has given his reasons for believing that the revision of certain municipal charters, with one or two exceptions, was prompted by local rather than political considerations. One such motive in the present instance would obviously be found in the anxiety of the corporation to obtain a formal confirmation of their recent acquisition of the Dean and Chapter's lands. A less convincing reason for the revision of the charter is given as the necessity for reducing the number of the governing body, owing

<sup>1</sup> The date in the Salisbury copy is given as 20 September.

<sup>2</sup> Vol. iii. p. 260 *seq.*

to the difficulty of obtaining duly qualified burgesses, as the result of a depressed trade.<sup>1</sup> It would appear, however, from an important order of the Wiltshire Justices in Quarter Sessions, made a few months previously, that this was a season of remarkable prosperity.<sup>2</sup> Moreover in their own petition for a new charter the corporation had demanded an additional market to be held every fortnight, besides two additional great markets, or fairs, yearly. Whether we are justified in assuming that the reduction in the numbers of the governing body under this new charter was effected at the expense of a certain political section is a question which need not be discussed here.<sup>3</sup> It is, however, noticeable that one of the first acts of the 'Rump,' after the removal of Richard Cromwell, was to order the corporation of Salisbury to revert to their previous charter (granted by Charles I.), and to deliver up the charter of 1656 to be cancelled.<sup>4</sup>

Unfortunately the muniments of the corporation have not yet been calendared by the Historical Manuscripts Commission, which has dealt (in a memorable report prepared by Dr. R. L. Poole) with those of the Dean and Chapter. For the purpose of verifying the extracts given from the corporation muniments in Hoare's valuable 'History of South Wiltshire,' Mr. A. R. Malden, to whom the Society is indebted for a careful collation of the transcript made for Dr. Gardiner with the copy preserved amongst the corporation muniments, has ascertained, from an inspection of the 'Leger Book,' that no meeting of the City Council is recorded

<sup>1</sup> It would seem that two petitions were presented by the Corporation for the revision of their Charter. The first of these was referred, on 29 November, 1655, to a Committee of the Council (*Calendar S. P., Dom.*, 1655-6, p. 41). The second petition was apparently drafted in December 1655 (Hoare, *Hist. of Wilts (Salisbury)*, p. 436 sq.), and was presented, after further consideration, in January 1656. It was referred on 21 February, 1656, to a committee (*Cal. S. P., Dom.*, 1655-6, p. 195), and was again referred on 29 February (*ibid.* p. 204) to a committee which may be identified with the Committee on Municipal Charters, whose operations have not hitherto been traced to an earlier date than April 1656 (*ibid.* p. 253, and Gardiner, *History*, iii. 289). This committee reported on the petitions referred to on the 22 May, 1656 (*Cal. S. P., Dom.*, p. 330).

<sup>2</sup> *Historical Manuscripts Commission, Various Collections*, vol. i. p. 170.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. S. R. Gardiner, *op. cit.*, p. 292; Hoare, *op. cit.*; *Wilts Archaeological Magazine*, vol. xxv. p. 152 and vol. xxviii. p. 51.

<sup>4</sup> *Commons Journals*, 2 August, 1659. Whether the cancelled charter is still preserved amongst the papers of the House of Commons has not been ascertained, but it is not preserved with similar instruments amongst the records of the Exchequer.

between 14 March and 15 September, 1656. On the latter date he finds the entry, 'The Charter graunted by his Highness the Lord Protector to the Maior and Coiãltie of this Citie was openly readd in the Councell howse.' Thereupon the Council proceeded to the election of a mayor. Mr. Malden has also noted that a contemporary copy of the portion of the charter which relates to St. Nicholas Hospital is preserved amongst the muniments of that house, and that an initial protocol is prefixed to this extract to give it the semblance of a separate charter.<sup>1</sup>

It will be gathered from the above remarks that the original charter under Seal is no longer preserved amongst the corporation muniments. No enrolment appears to exist amongst the Chancery Patent Rolls, nor can any subsidiary instrument or draft be traced at the Record Office amongst the Chancery Records.<sup>2</sup> We learn, however, from the charter itself that an enrolment was required to be made in the Exchequer, and it is, in fact, there enrolled.<sup>3</sup>

This Record may, indeed, be regarded as supplying a preferable text to the uncouth and somewhat illiterate copy preserved in the place of the original charter. As, however, the transcript of the latter had already been printed before the discovery of the Exchequer enrolment, and as the publication of an enrolment was not in contemplation by Dr. Gardiner himself, a collation of the latter with the Salisbury copy has been made to the extent only of indicating verbal but not literal variants. These are indicated by the letter T, and the heading of the Exchequer enrolment has also been given in a foot-note.

That this collation was not superfluous will perhaps be conceded from a comparison of the two passages printed in italics on

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *S. P., Dom.*, Interregn., p. 330, and *Wills Arch. Mag.* xxv. 152. The official account of the negotiations for a revision of the charter is given in Hoare, *l. c.*

<sup>2</sup> Lists of the Commonwealth Charters and Privy Seals will be found in the Deputy Keeper's Reports, iv. ii. 189, and v. ii. 246; but these were purely fiscal instruments. The MS. Chancery Index of Patents ends in the year 1655, and there is no bundle of Privy Seals, King's Bills, or Warrants for the date. This charter is not mentioned in the account of the fees of the Hanaper ending December 1656, though the charters to London and Swansea are noted therein.

<sup>3</sup> L. T. R. Memoranda Roll, No. 679, rot. 71. There is a gap in this series between the roll for Michaelmas Term 1656 (No. 680) and that for 21 Charles II. Fortunately, however, the record of Hilary Term 1656-7 appears to have been misplaced, forming part of the roll for Easter and Trinity Terms 1656.

pp. 174 and 178, with the readings given from the Exchequer Record.

It is true that, apart from these two instances of the deliberate falsification of this presumably official copy of the charter, the variants supplied by the Exchequer text are neither very numerous nor important. Such mis-scripts as the omission of the Protector's protectorship of Scotland in the superscription of the Salisbury copy, and the date given as the 20th<sup>1</sup> instead of the 12th of September in the datal clause, may fairly be attributed to carelessness. We may even place a charitable construction upon the ingenious emendation of the direction that the mayor and clerk of the Statutes shall have 'one Seal each, as they from time to time shall think fit to make use of,' the true reading being given by the Exchequer enrolment as 'one seal, such as,' &c.

Finally, it may be remarked that, apart from its political importance as incidentally furnishing the missing clue to the origin of the important Commonwealth committee on municipal charters,<sup>2</sup> this charter has some diplomatic interest as a specimen of an official English style and as an indication of the disordered state of this department of the Chancery during the last years of the Commonwealth.

The duty of preparing this text of the Salisbury Charter for the press was one that devolved upon the editor, in default of a scholar specially versed in this period, within a few days of the appointed date of publication. The researches that have been made for the purpose of elucidating the history of the MSS. can, therefore, scarcely be regarded as exhaustive.

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<sup>1</sup> We have no positive confirmation of the date given in the Exchequer version. The Hanaper account, however, has no entries for fees paid in September later than the 15th of that month.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *supra*, p. 164, n. 1, and Gardiner, *op. cit.* iii. 289.

# CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY

12 SEPTEMBER 1656<sup>1</sup>

OLIVER Lord Protector of the Common-wealth of England<sup>2</sup> & Ireland & the dominions ther vnto belonging, To all to whome these presents shall come greeting,

Whereas our Cittie of New Sarum in o<sup>r</sup> County of Wilts is a very ancient Cittie & populus & the Cittizens of the sd Cittie haue ben antiently A body Politique & Corperate & for<sup>3</sup> the tyme whereof the memory of man is not to the Contrary the Cittizens of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie haue held vsed & enjoyed aswell within the same as els wheare In England diverse & sundry Rights Royalties Liberties Privileges franchises free Costomes Jurisdiccions Pre-eminences advantages Emoluments & Immunities aswell by prescription as by sundry Charters Letters Pateents grants & Conformations of Divers Kings & Quenes of England And

<sup>1</sup> Transcribed from the contemporary copy of the original charter in the possession of the mayor and corporation, and collated (to indicate verbal variants only) with the official enrolment on the Memoranda Roll of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer (Hil. T. 1657, rot. 71). The record of this enrolment is as follows:—

Wilts. City of Bee it Remembred that the Maior and Cominalty of the Cittie of  
New Sarum New Sarum in the County of Wilts the three and twentieth day of  
January this Terme came before the Barons of this Exchequer and  
by their Attorney Christopher Barnard brought heere in Court a certen Charter  
under the great Seale of England bearing date the twelwe day of September in the  
yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fiftie and six conteyning a confirmation  
of certen Liberties and of alteracions of former Charters with further Jurisdiccions  
and Priviledges to them the said Maior and Cominalty graunted by his Highnes  
Oliver Lord Protector of the Common wealth of England Scotland and Ireland  
with the dominions thereto belonging and prayed that the same might be inrolled  
of Record in this Court as by the said Charter is required And it was commanded  
by the Barons that the same should be inrolled accordingly The tenor whereof  
followeth in these words that is to say.'

<sup>2</sup> [England, Scotland T.]

<sup>3</sup> [from T.]

whereas Diverse Mannors Lands Teniments and hereditaments Juresdictions Libertyes Immunityes & priviledges haue heretofore bin giuen & granted or mencioned to be giuen & granted to the Cittizens & Inhabitanter of o<sup>r</sup> sayd Cittie somtymes by the name of the Cittyzens of the Cittie of New Sarum Sometymes by the name of <sup>1</sup> Maior & Cittizens of New Sarum Sometymes by the name of <sup>1</sup> Maior Bayliffes & Cominaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum Somtymes by the name of <sup>1</sup> Maior & Cominaltie of New Sarum Somtymes by the name of <sup>1</sup> Maior Aldermen & Cominaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum And by divers other names as by ther severall Letters Pattents Charters Grants Writings & Miniments amongst other things may more fully appeare. And wheareas since the takeing a way of Archbisshops Bishops Deanes Deanes & Chapters by Authority of Parlim't the Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum by the Name of the Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie haue at ther great costs & Charges purchased to them & ther successors (amongst other things) a teniment within the sd Cittie Commonly called the Guild Hall, together with the prisson & prisson house there, being p'te of the sd Guild Hall with ther appurtinances Late parsell of the possessions of & belonging & appertayning to the late Bishops of Sarum, And alsoe all waysts lying & being w<sup>h</sup>in the sd Cittie & all fayers & Markets vsually holden & kept w<sup>h</sup>in the sd Cittie And the benifets & p'fets commodities & advantages therof, And all & all manner of Courts Courts Leets Veues of ffranke pledge & whatsoever ther vnto belongeth Courts Baron & Courts Pleas & all other Courts vsually holden & kept w<sup>h</sup>in the sd Cittie, And all fines, Issues & Amercm'ts aswell at the sd Courts & everie of them, As at the Assises & Sessions of the peace holden & to be holden for the sd Countie of Wilts & payable & <sup>2</sup> happening from tyme to tyme to be payable by any the Inhabitants of the sd Cittie And the power & priviledge to hold & keep the afores'd Courts & every of them from tyme to tyme And to award & Issue the accustomed Writs & p'cesse to be Issued and awarded out of the sd Courts which should from henceforth <sup>3</sup> beare Teste in the name of the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being And the sd Courts to be kept by the sd Maior or Recorder or by the Stewards <sup>4</sup> or Bayliffe of the sd Maior & Cominaltie & ther Successors for the

<sup>1</sup> [of the T.]<sup>2</sup> [or T.]<sup>3</sup> [thenceforth T.]<sup>4</sup> [Steward T.]

tyme being And such other Officers of the said Maior & Cominaltie & ther Successors for ever to be from tyme to tyme attendant vpon the sd Courts to serue & execute the writs & p'cesses <sup>1</sup> & other matters & things in the sd Courts as weare vsually attendant vpon the sd Courts in the tyme of the <sup>2</sup> late Bishops of Sarum, And power to distrayne for all Rents & soms of Mony payable by Reason of the premises & all other remidydes & Means for the haueing Receueing Levyng & enioyeing the sd premises & every p'te thereof, And alsoe all Waifes Strayes deodans & goods of felons happening & being within the sd Cittie, And all sum & soms of Monyes to be pd as <sup>3</sup> post fine or post fines upon any fine or fynes from tyme to tyme to be levyed of any Lands or Teniments w'hin the sd Cittie, And all Lands tenim'ts Milles Meadowes Rents Courts fayres Markets Royalties Services Amunities <sup>4</sup> Libertyes franchezes, priviliges Immunityes & other possessions & heriditaments whatsoever of what nature quallitie & Condition soever <sup>5</sup> scituate lying & being happeining arisseing or cominge w'hin the sd Cittie of New Sarum & the Libertyes ther of which at any tyme within ten yeares before the begininge of the Parliment beganne the third day of Novembr in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God one thousand six hundred & fortie weare belonging to the late Bishope of Salsbury or his predecessors late Bishope <sup>6</sup> of Salsbury or his Assignes as pr'sell of the possessions of the late Bishoppes <sup>7</sup> of Salisbury as by ther deed of purchase therof beareing date the fifteenth day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord one thousand six hundred fortye & <sup>8</sup> seaven And in the three & Twentyeth yeare of the Raygne of the late King Charles & Inrolled of Record in o<sup>r</sup> Chancery of Westmister in our Countie of Midlesex may more fully appeare, All & every which sd premises in the sd Deed of purchase specified weare (amongst other things) by the sd late King Charles by & with the advise & Consent of the Parliment of England then sitteing at Westmister aforesd Confermed to the sd Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & there Successors by the Letters Pattents of the sd late Kinge Charles vnder the great Seale of England beareing date at Westmister the Nyneteneth day of January in the fower & twentieth yeare of his Raygne, As by the sd Letters Pattents remayneing also of Record

<sup>1</sup> [p'cess T.]<sup>2</sup> [the said late T.]<sup>3</sup> [as a T.]<sup>4</sup> [Annuities T.]<sup>5</sup> [whatsoever T.]<sup>6</sup> [Bishoppes T.]<sup>7</sup> [Bishopprick T.]<sup>8</sup> [T omits and.]

in o<sup>r</sup> sd Court of Chancery (relation being therevnto had) may more fully appeare, And Whereas the Now Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum haue humbly besought vs to be graciously pleased to grant ratifie And Conferme vnto them & ther successors all & singuler the aforesd premises & all & every the libertyes Priviledges franchasses Rights Royaltyes free costomes Jurisdiccions preheminences advantages emoluments & immunities Lands teniments & heriditamts aforesd & all & every other the libertyes priviledges franchezes Rights Royalties fre Customes Jurisdiccions preheminences advantages emoluments & Immunities whatsoever heretofore granted or mencioned to be granted to the sd Maior & Cominaltie or to the Cittizens of the sd Cittie by ther several names of Incorporacion of any of them or otherwise howsoever, or to the Late Bishope or Bishopps of Sarum within the sd Cittie or within the Circute of grownd in or adioyneing to the sd Cittie called the Closse of New Sarum & which have heretofore ben lawfully enjoyed by them or<sup>1</sup> any of them respectiue by prescription or grant or any other 'Tittle whatsoeu<sup>r</sup> with such alteracions additions & explanations as we should thinke fite, And further that the sd Close of New Sarum might be vnited & annexed to the sd Cittie & be subiect to the same government of<sup>2</sup> the same Cittie, And that the sd Maior & Cominaltie & ther Successors may hold exercise & enioye such & the same libertyes priviledges franchezes Rights Royaltyes free Customes Jurisdiccions & Immunities within the seyd Closse as they haue or ought to haue w<sup>h</sup>in the sayd Cittie KNOWE YEE therefore that we at the humble pettition of the Now Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & for diverse other good causes & Consideracions vs herevnto moueing of our Especiall grace Certayne knowledge & Mere Motion. Haue giuen granted rattified & Confermed & by these presents for vs and o<sup>r</sup> successors doe giue grante ratifie Conferme & approue to the s<sup>d</sup> Maior & Cominaltye of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors the aforesd Teniment in the sd Cittie of New Sarum called the Guild Hall Together with the aforesd prisson & prisson house ther now or late being parte or esteemed parte thereof & ther & every of ther rights members & appurtinances And alsoe all the aforesd wastes lying & being in the sd Cittie, And the aforesd faires & Markets vsually holden

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& kepte within the sd Cittie, And the benifit profite Commodity & advantayge of the sd faires & Markets, And all and every the aforesd Courts Leete Veuves of franke pledge & whatsoever thervnto belongeth Courts Barron & Courts of pleas & all other Courts vsually holden and to be holden within the sd Cittie And all fines Issues & Amercements aswell at the sd Courts & every of them as at the Assizes & Seassions of the peace holden & to be holden for the sd County of Wilts & payable or happening from tyme to tyme to be payable by any the Inhabitant or Inhabitants of or within the said Cittie, And alsoe all & every the powers & Authorityes herein before mencioned for the holding & keepinge of the aforesd Courts & every of them from tyme to tyme & to Award & Issue the accustomed writts to be Issued & awarded out of the sd Courts & the same to beare Teste in the name of the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being & the sd Courts to be kept by the sd Maior or by the Recorder of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or by the Steward or Bayliffe of the sd Maior and Cominaltie & ther Successors for the tyme being, And that such other officers of the sd Maior & Comminaltie & ther Successors for ever shalbe from tyme to tyme attendant vpon every of the sd Courts to serve & execute the Writs & p'cesses<sup>1</sup> & other Matters & things in the sd Courts as weare vsually attendant thervpon in the tyme of the sayd late Bischoppe<sup>2</sup> of Sarum as aforesd, And alsoe the aforesd power to destrayne for all Rents & other sums of Mony payable by reason of the sd premisses & all other lawfull remedies & meanes for the haveing Receaueing Levyng & Enioyeing the sd premises & every p'te therof, And alsoe all Waifes Estraires Deodans & goods of fellons happening & being within the sd Cittie, And alsoe all & every sum & sums of mony to be p'd as a post fine or post fines vpon any fine or fines from tyme to tyme to be levyed of any Lands or Teniments or heriditam'ts within the sd Cittie, And alsoe all & every such other Mannors Lands tenim'ts Milles Meadowes feedings Rents Courts Faires Markets Royalties Services Amunities<sup>3</sup> Liberties Franchezes priviledges Immunities & other possessions & heriditaments whatsoever as the Maior and Cominaltie aforesd or any ther predicessors haue at any tyme or tymes heretofore by whatsoever name or names or by whatsoeu<sup>r</sup> Incorporacion or pretext of any name or names of Incorporacion had held vssed or

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<sup>2</sup> [Bishoppys T.]

<sup>3</sup> [Annuities T.]

enjoyed or ought to haue had held vsed or enjoyed or now doe hold vse & enioye to them & ther Successors of Estate of Inheritance by reason & pretext of any grant or grants Charter or Charters or Letters Pattents by any the late Kings or Quenes of England heretofore granted or Confermed either to them the sd Maior & Comminaltie & ther Successors or to any of the late Bishoppe or Bishops of Sarum or by any other Lawfull Right tittle Custome vsuayge or prescription whatsoever although the same or any of them haue bin forfeited or lost & although the same or any of them haue bin ill vsued<sup>1</sup> or not vsed or abused or discontinued & although the same or any of them are not in these presents particularly expressed & in Certayne named & specified TO HAUE HOLD & enioye all & singular the premises to the sd Maior & Comminaltie of the Sayd Cittie of New Sarum & to ther successors for ever Rendring & payeing therefor yearely To vs & o<sup>r</sup> successors Such & the like Rents Services Sumes of Mony & demands as haue bin heretofore rendred & pd or ought to haue bin rendred or pd vnto vs for the same. Wherefore we will & by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> successors doe fermely enioyne & Command, That the aforesd Maior & Cominaltie of the Cittie aforesd & ther successors shall & may frely and quietly haue hold vse & enioye for ever all & every the aforesd Liberties Authorities Jurisdictions Franchezes Rights Royalties priuiledges Exemptions & quietances lands teniments & heriditaments aforesd according to the tenor & effect of the aforesd letters Pattents Prescriptions & Customes & of these o<sup>r</sup> Letters Pattents of grant & Confermation without the let or<sup>2</sup> hindrance or Impedim't of us or our Successors or of any o<sup>r</sup> Justices Shreffes Excheators Baylifes or other officers or Minnisters of vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors whatsoever, And that the said Maior and Cominaltie of the sd<sup>3</sup> Cittie aforesd or ther Successors or any of them in the free vse & enioym't of the premisses or of any of them by vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors or by any of our Justices Shreffes Bayliffes or other<sup>4</sup> Minnisters of vs or our Successors or by any of them shall not be hindred molested or in anywise disturbed WEE also willing & by these presents Commanding & requeering aswell the Treasurer Commissioners of the Treasury Chancellor & Barons of the Exchequer at Westmister for the tyme being & all other the Justices of vs And our Successors as alsoe o<sup>r</sup> Attorny & Sollicittor

<sup>1</sup> [used T.]<sup>3</sup> [T omits said.]<sup>2</sup> [T omits or.]<sup>4</sup> [other officers or T.]

Generalle for the tyme being and all other Officers & Minnisters whatsoever of vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors, That neither they nor any of them shall make or cause to be made continued or p'secuted any Write or Summons of Quo Warranto or any other write or p'cesse whatsoeu<sup>r</sup> agaynst the aforesd Maior & Cominaltie of the Cittie aforesd or ther Successors or any of them for any causes things matters offences clayme or vsurpation by them or any of them heretofore vnduely claymed vsed or attempted had or vsurped before the day of the date of these presents Willing alsoe & by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors Commandinge & requiering That the Maior & Cominaltie of the Cittie aforesd or ther Successors or any of them by any the Persons Justices officers or Ministers aforesd in or for the vndue vse Clayme or Vsurpation of any other Liberties Franchezes Jurisdictions within the City aforesd or the Lymitts or precincts therof before the day of the date of these presents shall not be molested or disquieted or Compelled to answare to them or any of them And whereas alsoe in & by a Certaine Grant or Charter<sup>1</sup> of the late Kinge James made & granted to the sd Maior & Comminaltie of the sd Cittye of Newe Sarum & ther Successors beareinge date at Westmister the second day of March in the Nineth yeare of his Raygne ouer England, And in & by one other Charter or Grant made by the Late Kinge Charles beareinge date at Canterbury<sup>2</sup> the seavententh day of August in the Sixth yeare of his Raygne or by one of the sd Charters it is (amongst other things) granted & Confermed to the Maior and Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie and ther Successors that in the sd Cittie there should be one Maior one Recorder fower and Twenty Aldermen & eyght and fortie Assistants NOW FOR AS MUCH as we are informed that o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum is lesse populous then heretofore whereby trade & commerce ther is of late decayed soe that the aforesd number of Aldermen & Assistants ther cannot with Conveniency to the present well government of the sd Cittie be had & Continued as in tymes paste, We therefore for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors doe will & ordayne & grant vnto the Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors by these presents That for the better government of our sd Cittie Liberties & presincts therof ther shalbe for ever hereafter within the sd

<sup>1</sup> [Charter or Grant T.]

<sup>2</sup> [Canbury T.]

Cittie a Maior & Recorder fifteene Aldermen & fower & Twentye Assistants to be nominated chossen & sworne as is herein after mencioned who shalbe & shalbe for ever hereafter called the Maior & Cominaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum, And that there shalbe for ever hereafter Two Chamberlins one Bayliffe one Towne Clarke one Corroner & fower high Counstables Thirteene Sub Counstables & Three Sergants at the Mace within the sd Cittie, to be Chossen in Manner & forme herein after mentioned, And of o<sup>r</sup> Lik especiall grace Certayne knowledge & meere mocion We doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors Will ordayne declare constitute grant & appoynt that the <sup>1</sup> *Maior Recorder fiftene Aldermen & fower & Twentye Assistance of o<sup>r</sup> said Cittie of New Sarum for the tyme being, And they which hereafter shalbe the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants* within the same & ther Successors for ever hereafter be & shalbe by force of these presents one Body Corperate & Politique in deede facte & name by the name of the Maior & Comminaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum, And then by the name of the Maior & Comminaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum one body Politique & Corperate <sup>2</sup> in deed facte & name We doe for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors really and ffully Create ordayne make Constitute & conferme <sup>3</sup> by these presents, And that by the same name of the Maior & Cominaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum they may have perpetuall Succession, And that they & there Successors for ever by the name of the Maior & Commonaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum be & shalbe for ever hereafter p<sup>r</sup>sons able & in Lawe cappable to plead & be Impleaded answare & be answered vnto deffend & be deffended in all or any the Courts of vs & o<sup>r</sup> successors & other places whatsoever, And before any Judges Justices & other p<sup>r</sup>son or p<sup>r</sup>sons whatsoever in all & all manner of actions Sutes Complaynes Demands pleas Causes & matters whatsoever of what nature kind or quallitie soev<sup>r</sup> in the same & in the like manner & forme as other people of England being p<sup>r</sup>sons able & in lawe Capable may plead & be Impleaded answare and be answered vnto defend & be defended by any lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoever, And that the sd Maior & Comminaltie of the Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors shall & may for ever hereafter haue one Common Seale to serue for the

<sup>1</sup> [After this word T reads *cittizens of our said citty of New Sarum and they which hereafter shall be cittizens* and omits the words printed in italics.]

<sup>2</sup> [Corperate and Politick T.]

<sup>3</sup> [continue T.]



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named & constituted o<sup>r</sup> welbeloued Nicholas Beach & George Masters Citizens & Inhabitants of the sd Cittie to be the present Chamberlins of the Cittie aforesd, And we haue assigned named Constituted & appoynted And by these presents doe assigne name Constitute & appoynt o<sup>r</sup> welbeloued Thomas Cuttler one other of the sd Cittiezens there to be the present Baylife of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie who shall continue in that office untell another fit prson be Chossen & Sworne in his place, And alsoe we haue assigned chossen named & Constituted our welbeloued Edward Frowde Ambrose West Thomas Wrens & John Horne Cittizens & Inhabitants of the sd Cittie to be the present high Constables of the sd Cittie whoe shall Continue in that office of High Constables of the sd Cittie vntell other fite prsons be Chossen and Sworne in ther places, And alsoe we doe assigne chuse nominate and Counstitute our welbeloued Thomas Ray Lying Drapr William Cooper Henry Gantlett Richard Floud Nicholas Stapells John Eastman John Hill Roger Basket William Gapin William Spender Stephen Smith Robart Gray and Thomas Lawne alsoe Cittizens & Inhabitants of the sd Cittie to be the present Sub counstables of the sd Cittie who shall continue in the sd office vntell other fit persons be Chosen & sworne in ther places, And alsoe we haue assigned chossen nominated & Constituted & by these presents doe assigne chuse nominate & constitute o<sup>r</sup> welbeloued Robart Haytor<sup>1</sup> Cittizen of the sd Cittie to be the present Principall Sergeant at Mace within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & Francis West & George Nicholas Cittizens & Inhabitants there to be the two other present Sergeants at Mace AND we will & by these presents for vs & our successors doe grant to the sd Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum and ther successors That the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being shall & may haue a Sworde to be borne before him & a Cap of Mayntenance in such sort as is used before any other Maiors of any of our Citties In England, And that for ever hereafter there be & shalbe an officer of the sd Cittie who shalbe called the Sworde bearrer therof whose office shalbe to beare a Sworde & to weare a Cap of Mayntenance before the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being, And we haue assigned chossen nominated & Constituted and by these presents doe assigne Chuse nominate & Constitute our welbeloued Richard Floud Cittizen & Inhabitant of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie to be the first & present Sword bearrer of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & doe hereby will & appoynt

<sup>1</sup> [Hatter T.]

that the sd officer shall haue precedency of place before the Ser-  
 gents at Mace of the sd Cittie ALSOE we will & by these presents  
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 o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & theire Successors, That the Maior  
 Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme  
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 or more of the Assistants for the tyme being be & shalbe called the  
 Common Counsell of the sd Cittie & shall or may haue full power  
 & Authoritie by vertue of these presents from tyme to tyme to call  
 & hold Common Counsell within the Counsell house of the sd  
 Cittie and ther to make Lawes<sup>1</sup> ordinances & Constitutions in  
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 rulle & goverment of the sd Cittie & Liberties of the same & of  
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 habitants of the sd Cittie Liberties & prescints aforesd, which sd  
 Lawes ordinances orders & Constitutions shalbe binding to all and  
 every of the Inhabitants of the sd Cittie Liberties & precints  
 aforesd, AND further we will & grant that the sd Common Councell  
 of the sd Cittie for the tyme being as often as they shall make  
 ordayne & establish such lawes orders ordinances & Constitutions  
 as aforesd shall or may make ordayne limite pvide sett imposse &  
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 offending agaynst such lawes orders ordinances & Constitutions or  
 any of them to be made ordayned & established as aforesd, And  
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 may be found within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie Liberties & Precints therof  
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 other lawfull ways or means whatsoever AND we doe by these  
 presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors appoynte & ordayne that the ellec-  
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house of the sd Cittie out of the fittest ablest & discrettest Cittizens or Inhabitants of the said Cittie for the beareing & executing of the severall offices & places before mencioned by the Maior Recorder & the sd fifteene Aldermen & fower & Twentye Assistants for the tyme being or any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelve or more of the Assistance<sup>1</sup> (the Maior & recorder for the tyme being or either of them being present who shall continue in the sd severall offices vntell others be Chossen & Sworne into their respective places & offices AND we doe alsoe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors give & grant full power and Authoritie vnto the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelve or more of the Assistants the Maior & Recorder for the tyme being or either of them being present as aforesd on the Wensday before the feast of St Mathew the Apostell yearely in the Councill house of the sd Cittie *if they shall think fitte*<sup>2</sup> to nominate elect & Choose out of the Cittizens or<sup>3</sup> inhabitants of the sd Cittie fite & able prsons to be in the respective offices & places of<sup>4</sup> Aldermen and Assistants of the sd Cittie, And that such person as shalbe soe ellected & Chossen Maior as aforesd shall on the Wensday mounth next after the feast of St. Mathew the Apostell then next followeing in the Councill house aforesd take his Oath Before the Recorder<sup>5</sup> and Assistants for the tyme being or before any fivie or more of the Aldermen for the due execution of his sd office, And that the sd Maior soe to be Chossen as aforesd shall remayne & Continue in the sd office vntell another fitte person shalbe chossen & Sworne into his place of Maior of the sd Cittie in manner as aforesd, which<sup>6</sup> oath the sd Recorder Aldermen & Assistants or any fivie or more of the Aldermen shall & may lawfully administer & haue hereby power to administer vnto the sd Maior soe elected as aforesd from tyme to tyme accordingly AND further we will that the Recorder Aldermen & Assistants Bayliffes Chamberlins high Counstables Sword bearer Sub Counstables Sergeants at the Mace & all other officers of the sd Cittie, before they or any of them shalbe admitted to enter vpon & execute ther respective offices shalbe Sworne to execute the same before the Maior or any three or more of the Aldermen of the sd Cittie for the tyme being And we doe by these presents for

<sup>1</sup> No parenthesis sign in T.

<sup>3</sup> [*and inhabitants* T.]

<sup>5</sup> [*Recorder, Aldermen* T.]

<sup>2</sup> T omits the words in italics.

<sup>4</sup> [*Maior Aldermen* T.]

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vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors giue power and Authoritie to the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or any three of the Aldermen of the sd Cittie for the tyme being to administer the sd Respective Oaths vnto them accordingly. AND further we will & by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors doe grant that the Maior & Recorder of the said Cittie for the tyme being & five or more of the Aldermen of the sd Cittie (not exceeding the number of eight Aldermen) being such as have borne the office of the Maior there shalbe Justices & Keepers of the peace of vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors & Justices of Oyer & Terminer of vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors within the sd Cittie & the Liberties & precincts thereof. AND that they or any three or more of them (whereof the Maior & Recorder of the sd Cittie for the tyme being we will to be Two) shall & may for ever hereafter have power & Authority by vertue of these presents to here & determine all & all manner of petty Treasons Murders Felons<sup>1</sup> Riots Routs oppressions extortions Forestallers<sup>2</sup> Regratures And all other Trespasses & offences whatsoever within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & the Liberties & precincts aforesd from tyme to tyme arisseing & happening & which shall arise or happen & any ways belonge<sup>3</sup> to the office of Justices of peace or Oyer & Terminer, And the Correction and punishm<sup>t</sup> of the offences aforesd & every of them according to the Lawes of England & to doe & execute all other things within the sd Cittie Liberties & precincts aforesd Soe fully and in as ample manner as to the Comissioners assigned & to be assigned for the keeping of the peace within the sd Countye of Wilts or elsewheare in England doth or may any way belonge & as fully & amply as any Justices of Oyer & Terminer by vertue of any Commission of Oyer & Terminer heretofore appoynted or hereafter to be appoynted (Matters of high Treason only excepted) haue vsed to doe & execute or may doe & execute AND we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors Inhibite & forbide all & singuler the Comissioners assigned & to be assigned for the keeping of the peace and Comissioners of Oyer & Terminer of o<sup>r</sup> sd Countye of Wilts for the tyme being that they or any of them doe not intermedle with or exercise any Jurisdiction as Justices of peace or as Justices of Oyer & Terminer for any Matter or thing whatsoever arising within o<sup>r</sup> said Cittie & Liberties & precincts thereof for or<sup>4</sup> Concerneing any offence or offences whatsoever

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(except for high Treason only as afforesd AND we doe by these presents will &<sup>1</sup> declare assigne & appoynt that the present Maior & Recorder of o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Cittie herein before mencioned &<sup>2</sup> named & John Ivie Senior James Abbot Humphrye Ditton Edward Edmonds Senior and Richard Phelps be o<sup>r</sup> present Justices of peace & Justices of Oyer & Terminer within the sd Cittie Liberties & precincts aforesd AND further we will that o<sup>r</sup> Justices of peace & Justices of Oyer & Terminer before named nor any of them nor any other person or persons hereafter to be chossen Justice or Justices of the peace or Justices of Oyer & Terminer within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie or<sup>3</sup> Libertyes therof doe take upon him or them the execution of the office of Justice of peace or of Justices of<sup>4</sup> Oyer & Terminer ther vntell such person or prsons shall haue taken the oath appoynted or to be appoynted for such Justice & Justices before the Maior & Aldermen of the Cittie or any three or more of them for the tyme being And the sayd Maior & Aldermen of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or<sup>3</sup> any three or more of them shall have by vertue of these presents full power and Authoritie to giue & administer the oath & oaths aforesd vnto any<sup>5</sup> prson & prsons & every of them as shalbe Chossen Justice or Justices of<sup>6</sup> peace & as by vertue of these presents shalbe Justice & Justices of the peace & Justices of Oyer & Terminer within the sd Cittie & Liberties therof, AND MOREOUER we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> successors will & appoynt That the Justices of the peace of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & the Justices of Oyer & Terminer within the sd Cittie & the Liberties therof (except the Maior & Recorder for the tyme being) be yearely Chossen on the aforesd Wendnesday next before the feaste of St. Mathewe the Appostle in the Councell house of the sd Cittie by the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie or by the Maior &<sup>7</sup> eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being And that the aforesd Justices of the peace & Justices of Oyer & Terminer there for the tyme being & every of them soe Chossen & Sworne as aforesd & alsoe the Maior & Recorder of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being by ther<sup>8</sup> or either of ther Warrants all & every prson or<sup>3</sup> prsons for high Treason or for petty Treason or for suspition therof & for other fellones whatsoever & all Malifactors & disturbers of the peace & other offenders for other Misdemenors

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<sup>1</sup> [T omits *and*.]    <sup>2</sup> [T omits *mentioned and*.]    <sup>3</sup> [*and T.*]    <sup>4</sup> [*or justice of, T.*]  
<sup>5</sup> [*any such T.*]    <sup>6</sup> [*of the T.*]    <sup>7</sup> [*and any T.*]    <sup>8</sup> [*or any or T.*]

(who shall be apprehended within the sd Cittie or the Libertie thereof) shall & may send & Comitte or cause to send<sup>1</sup> & committed [*sic*] to the Common Goale of the sd Cittie ther to remayne & to be kept in saffe Custody by the Keeper of the sd Goale or his deputie for the tyme being, vntell such offender & offenders shalbe Lawfully delivered thence And we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors charge & Requier the Keeper & Keepers of the sd Goale for the tyme being & his & ther deputy & deputyes to Receave take & in saffe Custody to keepe all & singuler such person & persons soe apprehended or to be apprehended & sent & committed to the sd Goale by warrant of the sd Justices or any of them as aforesd vntell he or they soe sent & Committed to the sd Goale shall from thence be deliued by Due Course of Law AND further we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors grant vnto the sd Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & ther Successors, that the sd Maior & Comminaltie & ther Successors shall for ever hereafter haue full power & Authoritie by vertue<sup>2</sup> of these presents to cause a paire of Gallowes to be set up within the Cittie Liberties & precincts aforesd to hange Malifactors adjudged to death within the sd Cittie according to the Lawes & Statuts of England or ells to cause the same Malefactors adiudged to death to be ledd to the Gallows erected or to be erected at Fisherton Anger in the Countye of Wilts ther to be hanged AND we will ordayne Constitute & appoynt by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors that the Recorder of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being be & shalbe CUSTOS ROTULORUM of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie AND that the Maior of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being & Christopher Batte who is hereby appoynted the present<sup>3</sup> Clarke of the Statuts there, haue & by vertue of these presents shall haue power as formerly to take Recognizens of debts ther accordinge to the forme of the Statute of Marchants & the Statute of Acton Burnell And that the Maior of the sd Cittie & Clarke of the Statuts ther for the tyme being shall by vertue of these presents haue full power & authoritie to doe & execute all things by force of the same Statutes or either of them as doth may or ought to belonge to them or eyther of them to doe &<sup>4</sup> execute AND further we doe for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors will & grant by these presents that the sd Maior & Clarke of the Statuts within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being may haue one seale each<sup>5</sup> as they

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from tyme to tyme shall thinke fite to make vse of, And that the sd seale shalbe of Two peeces of which one pte shalbe called the greater & shall remayne with the said Maior for the tyme being & the other parte shalbe called the Lesser & shall remayne with the Clarke of the Statutes for the tyme being to Seale such Statuts Marchant or Recognizens in the nature of Statutes Marchants hereafter to be acknowledged before them or Certificats as well of any such Statuts or Recognizens heretofore acknowledged as of such Statuts or Recognizens hereafter to be acknowledged within the sd Cittie according to the Statutes aforesd or either of them, And we will that the sd Clarke of the Statuts for the tyme being doe writte & Inrolle the sd Statutes Marchants or Recognizens aforesd soe to be taken & shall doe all other things expedient & belonging to the sd office. AND we doe likewise by these presents for vs and o<sup>r</sup> successors will & grant That the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistance of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being & the Maior Recorder or any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants for the tyme being shall vpon the Death or Remouall of the sd Clarke of the Statuts for the tyme being have full power & authoritie by vertue of these presents at ther will & pleasure & within convenient tyme to chuse one other fite prson to be the Clarke for the takeing of such Statuts or Recognizens of debts within the sd Cittie as aforesd, And alsoe from tyme to tyme to chuse such person or prsons as they shall thinke fite to be Coroner of the sd Cittie, Towne Clarke, Clarke of the Peace, Clarke of the Court of Pleas & to be Clarke & Clarks of the other other [*sic*] Court and Courts to be holden within the sd Cittie & the <sup>1</sup> liberties & precincts thereof when and as often as the sd severall places shall happen to be voyd. AND we do by these presents Constitute & appoynt o<sup>r</sup> welbeloued Thomas Gardner gentleman to be the present Corroner: Towne Clarke Clarke of the peace Clark of the Court of Pleas & Clerke of the other Court & Courts to be holden within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & the libertie & precincts therof. AND further we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors requier & strayghtly Charge & Command that the Bayliffe of the sd Cittie, the Towne Clarke, Clarke of the peace the High Constables Swordbearer Sub Counstables & Sergants at Mace within o<sup>r</sup> sayd Cittie for the tyme being & every of them.

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respectiuely joyntly or severally as cause shall requier shall attend vpon the Maior Recorder & Aldermen & Justices of the peace of the sd Cittie for the tyme being & every or any of them according to the dutye of their respectiue places in & about the executing of such the Commands Precepts Warrants & pcesse of them & every of them as belongeth &<sup>1</sup> appertayneth to be done or executed. And in casse the Maior of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie ffor the tyme being shall dureing the tyme of his Maioraltie misbehaue himself in that office WEE doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors will & declare that it shall & may be lawfull to & for the Recorder Aldermen & Assistants or for eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelve or more of the Assistants of the sd Citty for the tyme being to remoue such Maior from his sd office of Maiorallitye for Misgoum<sup>t</sup> or Mis-behauour therin, And in such casse or in case of the death of the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being in the tyme of his Maiorallitye We will that within fower dayes or other convenient tyme next after such remoueall or death the Recorder Aldermen & Assistants or eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelve or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being doe Chuse another fit & discreet prson in the place of him soe dead or remoued to be Maior of the sd Cittie, And least ther should be a failer of Justice & gouernment in o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Cittie in such Intervall, We doe for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors will that the Senior or Eldest Alderman of the sd Cittie for the tyme being shall take vpon him the place & office of the Maior ther & shall exercisse the same vntell another fitte prson shalbe Chossen as aforesd, And in casse of the disabillitye of such eldest Alderman that then the next Alderman in Senioritye of place to him shall take vpon him the sd place & office of Maior of the sd Cittie & libertyes thereof & shall exercisse the same as aforesd, And that such senior or eldest Alderman or Such Alderman next in Senioritye of place to him shalbe Immediatly after the death or Remoueall of the former Maior Sworne to execute the same accordingly before three or more of the Aldermen of the sd Cittie for the tyme being who are hereby authorized to administer the same oath in that behalfe AND we do likewise by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors grant vnto the said Maior & Cominaltie of the sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors that the Maior Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior & any eight or more of the

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the Recorder  
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Aldermen & Twelve or more of the Assistants of the said Cittie for the tyme being shall haue power & authoritye by vertue of these presents at ther pleasure to Remoue the Recorder of the sd Cittie ffor the tyme being from his sd place or office of Recorder there And in casse of such remoueall or in casse of the death of the Recorder of the sd Cittie for the tyme being to chuse & elect another fit prson learned in the Laws of England to be Recorder ther & soe to continue dureinge pleasure as aforesd. AND further that the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior & eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the said Cittie for the time being shall haue power from tyme to tyme by vertue of these presents to remoue any of the Justices of the peace within the sd Cittie for the tyme being (other than the Maior & Recorder therefor the tyme being) from the office of Justices of the peace ther for misbehaiour or other iust or reasonnable Cause, And in <sup>1</sup> casse of Remoueall or in case of the death of any of the Justices of the peace ther, in convenient tyme to make choise of and Nominate & elect one or more of the Aldermen of the sd Cittie who hath or haue borne the office of Maior ther to be a Justice or Justices of the peace within the sd Cittie in the place of such Justice or Justices of the peace soe remoued or dead as aforesd AND further we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors grant vnto the sd Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther successors that if any Alderman or Aldermen of the sd Cittie shall at any tyme hereafter Misdemeane him or themselues in the execution of his or ther places of Aldermen ther It shalbe lawfull to & for the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior or any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being in such casse to remoue such Alderman or Aldermen (soe Misdemeaning him or themselues) from holding or exercisseyng such place or places of Alderman or Aldermen of the sd Cittie, And in such casse of remoueall or in casse of the death of any of the Aldermen of the sd Cittie in convenient tyme to chose other fit person or prsons to be Alderman or Aldermen of the sd Cittie in the place or places of him or them soe remoued or dead. AND if any of the Assistants of the sd Cittie Bayliffe Coroner Towne Clarke, Clarke of the peace Clarke of the Court of Pleas & other

To remoue  
the Justices

To remoue  
any Alderman

<sup>1</sup> [in such T.]

Courts aforesd Clarke of the Statutes Chamberlynes high Counstables Sword bearrer Sub Counstables Sergeant <sup>1</sup> at the Mace for the tyme being or any of them shall Misbeaue him or themselues by neglect or otherwise in the execution of ther or any of ther respectiue place or places then and in such casse it shall & may be lawfull to & for the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior or any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme beinge by vertue of these presents to remoue him or them from his & ther place or places for such his or ther Misbehaviour & neglect therein And in such case of remoueaill or of the death of any prson or persons in such office or offices as aforesd in convenient tyme to chose other fit prson or prsons to be in ther <sup>2</sup> place or places of him or them soe dead or remoued. AND alsoe we will & by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors doe grant to the sd Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors that if any of the Cittizens of the sd Cittie or Inhabitants within the Liberties & precints therof that shall hereafter be elected nominated & chossen to the office of Maior Justice of the peace Alderman Assistant Bayliffe or Chamberline of the sd Cittie as aforesd & haueing notice of his or ther sd election shall refusse or deny to take vpon him or them & to execute that office to which he or they shalbe soe chosen & nominated that then & soe often it shall & may be lawfull for the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior & any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being to Tax assese & Imposse vpon such person or prsons soe refusinge or denyeing such Resonnable & Moderate fines & somes of mony as to ther discretions shalbe thought most fite, soe as the sd fine penalty or som of mony for Refusseing or denying to hold & execte the office of Maior of the sd Cittie doe not exceed the some of one hundred pounds And the fine for refussing or denyeing to hold & execute the place of an Alderman doe not exceed the sum of fortie pownds, And the fine for refusseing or denying to hold & execute the place of an Assistant doe not exceed the sune of Twenty pownds And soe as the fine for refusseing or denyeing to hold & execute the respectiue places of Bayliffe or Chamberlaine of the sd Cittie doe not exceed the some of Tenn powndes AND we

To remoue  
any Assistant  
or any other  
officer

Mayor re-  
fusseing to be  
fined not ex-  
ceeding £100

Aldermen not  
exceeding £40  
Assistants not  
exceeding £20

<sup>1</sup> [serjeants T.]

<sup>2</sup> [the T.]

Baylife or  
Chamberline  
not exceeding  
£10

doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors Authorize the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior &<sup>1</sup> eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants there for the tyme being to frustrate & make voyd the ellection of such prson or prsons soe refusing or denyeing as aforesd & then & in such casse<sup>2</sup> any other fit & able prson or prsons Cittizen or Cittizens of the sd Cittie or Inhabiteing<sup>3</sup> within the liberties and precincts thereof in convenient tyme to elect a new to execute such office or offices soe denied or refused to be executed as aforesd And that if it shall happen that such prson or prsons soe to be elected a new shall refuse or deny to take upon him or them any of the sd office or offices vnto which he or they shalbe so chosen & elected as aforesd then & in such casse the sd Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being or the sd Maior<sup>4</sup> & any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants there for the tyme being shall & may set & impose vpon him or them for<sup>5</sup> denying or refusing such & the like moderate fines penalties & sumes of mony for such refusall & denyeing to hold & execute any of the sd offices or places as aforesd not exceeding the respectiue sune & sumes hereby before limited for denial & refusal to hold & execute each of the sd places as aforesd & soe to continue to make voyd the ellection of prsons refusing & to fine the refusers & to elect & chuse others vntell the sd respectiue places shalbe full, All which sd fines soe to be taxed assessed set & imposed we will & grant by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors shalbe & shall remayne & belong vnto & shall be put into the possession & Seison of the Maior & Cominaltie of the sd Cittie for the tyme being & their successors to be leyyed & taken by warrant vnder ther Common Seale & by distresse & Sale of the goods & chattells of the severall prsons soe refusing or denyeing as aforesd if such goods & chattells may be fownd within the Cittie liberties & precincts aforesd (Rendring to the parties the overplus) or by any other lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoever To the only vse of the sd Maior & Comminaltie of the sd Cittie of New Sarum and ther Successors without any accoumpt to be rendred made or done to vs or our Successors for the same AND further of o<sup>r</sup> more ample grace certayne knowledge & mere mocion we doe by these presents

Fines levied  
by warrant

<sup>1</sup> [and any T.]

<sup>2</sup> [and cases T.]

<sup>3</sup> [Inhabitants T.]

<sup>4</sup> [T omits said.]

<sup>5</sup> [soe T.]

for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors grant & conferme to the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors, That the cittizens of our sd Cittie or any of them shall not at any tyme hereafter be distrayned or compelled to go out of the sd Cittie or the liberties & precints thereof to serue vpon or tutching any pleas Assises, Juries or Inquests to be taken (ynless the same doe concerne vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors or the Comminaltie of the said Cittie as hath bin ther accustomed AND we doe likewise by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors grant unto the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors that the Maior and Recorder of the sd Cittie or either of them for the tyme being shall by vertue of these presents have power to take connisans of Record & duely to inrolle any deed or deeds in writteing made or to be made by any prson or prsons whatsoever (married woemen excepted) of for or tuching any lands teniments rents heriditaments debts goods & chattells whatsoever within the sd Cittie & the liberties & precints therof which acknowledgment & Inrollement ther shalbe & shall be adiudged reputed & taken to be as good & valued in the law as if the same had been taken or acknnowledged before any other prson or prsons authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds or writtings & Inrolled in o<sup>r</sup> Court of Chancery or in any other<sup>1</sup> Courts of Record AND further know yee that we for the better govern<sup>t</sup> of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & for the welfare of the Cittizens Tradsmen and Inhabitants thereof doe by these presents for vs and o<sup>r</sup> Successors giue & grant to the Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & ther successors That the Maior Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the s<sup>d</sup> Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior & any Eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the s<sup>d</sup> Cittie for the tyme being shall from tyme to tyme & at all tymes hereafter haue full power & authoritye at any Common Counsell to be held within the sd Cittie vnder ther Common Seale to make free Cittizens of the sd Cittie and liberties therof, And that no prson or prsons whatsoever (other than such free Cittizens shall hereafter vse any Art trade Mistery or manuall occupation within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie & the liberties & precints therof (saveing in the tyme of the faiers there to be kept and dureing the Continuance of such faiers only) And in casse any prson or prsons whatsoever not being free Cittizens of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie as aforesd shall at any tyme hereafter vse or exercise any Art Trade Mistery or Manuall occupation or shall

No Cittizens  
Compeld to  
serue in  
Juries out of  
the Cittie

To make free  
Cittizens  
vnder ther  
Common  
Seale

None but such  
to vse a trade

<sup>1</sup> [other our T.]

fine not ex-  
ceeding 10s.  
per diem

by himselfe or them selues or others sell or expose to sale any manner of Merchandize or Wares whatsoever in any house shoppe place or standing within the sd Cittie or the liberties and precincts therof (no fayre being then kept in the sd Cittie) & shall persist therein after warneing to him or them giuen or to be giuen or left by the appoyntm<sup>t</sup> of the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being at the place or places wher such person or prsons shall soe vse or exercise any Art trade Mistery or Manuall occupation or shall sell or expose to salle any Wares or Merchandize as aforesd Then it shalbe lawfull for the Maior of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being to cause the shoppe windowes of such prson or prsons to be shut vp & alsoe to Imposse such Reasonable fine or fines vpon such offender or offenders as the s<sup>d</sup> Maior for the tyme being shall think fitte soe as the sd fine doe not exceed Ten shillings for every tyme such person or prsons shall open or cause to be opened his her or ther shoppe or windowes with intent ther to put to sale any Wares or Marchandize or there to vse or exercise any trade Art Mistery or manuall occupacion or shall elsewhere within the Cittie or liberties or presincts thereof vse or exercise any Trade Arte Mistery or manuall occupation or sell or expose to salle or cause to be sould or exposed to salle any ware or Marchandize after such warneing giuen or left to the contrary as aforesd And the same fine or <sup>1</sup> fines soe to be imposed to levie or cause to be levied to & for the vse of the Maior and Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Cittie & there Successors by warrant vnder the hands & seales <sup>2</sup> of the Maior of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being by distresse & Sale of the goods & Chattells of such offender or offenders within the sd Cittie & liberties therof Rendring vnto such offender & offenders the overplus or by any other lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoever, And to haue & detainne the same to the vse of the sd Maior & Comminaltie & ther Successors without accoumpt to be giuen <sup>3</sup> rendred made or done to vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors for the same, And WEE doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors giue & grant full power & authoritie vnto the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & their Successors that the sd Maior & Comminaltie & ther Successors be & shalbe for ever hereafter prsons able & capable to haue take & purchase any Mannors Lands teniments & hereditaments whatsoever of vs or our Successors or of any other person or persons bodies Politique

<sup>1</sup> [and T.]

<sup>2</sup> [scale T.]

<sup>3</sup> [T omits giuen.]

or Corperate, And the same Mannors, Lands, teniments & heriditam<sup>t</sup>s to haue hold possesse & enioye to them & ther Successors for ever, soe as such Mannors lands teniments & heriditaments to be hereafter purchassed exceed not in the whole the yearely value of five hundred pounds over & above all Charges and Reprizes The S[t]atute of Mortmaine or anything therin contayned or any other Act Statute Ordinance Matter cause or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, And the same mannors lands teniments & heriditim<sup>t</sup>s & every or any pte or pcell thereof to demise grant let set ouer assigne & disposse at their owne will & pleasure And to make seale & accomplishe any deed or deeds leese or leeses evidences & writeings of for & concerneing the same or any pte therof which shall happen to be made & granted by the <sup>1</sup> Maior & Comminaltie of the sd cittie for the tyme being AND whereas we have Receaued Informacion that all that the sd circute of ground commonly called & knowne by the name of the close of New Sarum wherein the Cathedrall Church there commonly called St. Maris Church now standeth is & hath ben in tymes<sup>1</sup> past reputed to be prsell of the sd Cittie of New Sarum within the ward there commonly called New Streate ward & that the same hath ben heretofore within the Rulle & goverment of the sd Cittie vntil the sd late King James by his Letters Pattents vnder his great seale of England beareing date the second Day of March in the Nineth yeare of his Raygne ouer England at the Instance of the then Bishoppe of Sarum severed the Same from the sd Cittie and therby (amongst other things) granted to the sd Bishoppe & to the Deane and Chapter & ther successors, That the sd Bishoppe & the Deane of Sarum & their successors & Robart then Erle of Salsbury & Lord Treasurer of England & then Clarke of the sd Bishopp's Courts there & the Clarke of sd <sup>1</sup> Courts for the tyme being and his deputye Clarke of the sd Courts Henry Erle of Northampton then Lord priuey Seale & Counstable of the sd Church & his Deputye Counstable And William then Earle of Pembrooke & then cheife Bayleiffe of the Liberties of the sayd Bishope & the Bishopps Bayliffe for the tyme being & his Deputye & the Precentor of the Cancellor & Archdeacon & Treasurer of the same church and the Precentor of the Chancellor of the Diocesse of the Bishopp of Sarum for the tyme

To purchase  
not above  
£500 per an<sup>t</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [the said T.]

being & alsoe the Cannons resident of the same Church for the tyme being And Lawrrence Hide & John Lowe esqres the then Councell learned for the sd Church & any Two of them who should be then after of Councell learned for the sd Church should be the Justices of peace and Justices of Oyer & Terminer of the sd late King James & his Successors within the same Church & within the Seite Circute & precincts of the walls & Close of the same Church, And within the precincts of the Buildings and Mantion houses there from the place there called Harnham gate vnto & vpon the Brige called Harnham Brige mencioned in the same Letters Pattents to be within or neare the sd Cittie of New Sarum & alsoe within the Guildhalle and goale of the sd Cittie in the tyme of the Sessions of the peace there to be holden for the Closse of the Cannons of the sd Cathedrall Church forbidding the Justices of the peace of the sd Countye of Wilts & of the sd Cittie of New Sarum to enter or intromite themselves to doe any thinge respecting the offices of Justices of the peace of<sup>1</sup> Oyer and Terminer ther As by the sayd last mencioned Letters Pattents of the sd late Kinge James (relacion being thervnto had) may more fully appeare AND whereas by reason of the takeing awaye of the sd Archbishopps Bishoppes Deanes & Deans & Chapters by authoritye of Parliment as aforesd<sup>2</sup> the sd goverment in & by the sd last mencioned letters Pattents soe established & circumscribed within the said Closse & within the Circute & precincts thereof & other the places before mencioned is ceased wherby ther hath bin of late a failer of Justice there KNOWE yee therefore further that we for remidy therof of o<sup>r</sup> like especiall grace certayne knowledge & meere mocion & for the due & orderly goverment of the prsons & Inhabitants for the tyme being dwelling & resideing within the precincts aforesd & of the sd Close precincts & places, for vs & o<sup>r</sup> successors do by these presents will ordayne constitute declare & appoynt & do for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors grant vnto the said Maior & Comminaltie and ther successors, That the aforesd Close called & knowne by the name of the Close of New Sarum with the liberties & precincts thereof be & shalbe for ever hereafter estemed & taken to be prcell of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum AND we doe for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors by these presents vnite and annexe the same & every part & prsell therof vnto o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum for ever,

The Close  
granted to be  
prcell of the  
Cittie

And vnited to  
the Cittie

<sup>1</sup> [or justices T.]

<sup>2</sup> [as aforesaid follows Deans and Chapters in T.]

And doe will & grant that the same shalbe reputed deemed & taken for ever hereafter to be pte & pcell of the sd Cittie AND further we doe for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors giue & grant vnto the sd Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors by these presents, And we doe hereby will constitute ordayne & declare that the Motes limits & bounds of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum shall extend into & through the sd Close & into & through all the Scite Circute & precints thereof & the walls & close of the sd Church & buildings & the Mancion houses there & from Harnham gate aforesd vnto Harnham Brige aforesd & into & through all & every other the places before Mencioned & every pte & pcell thereof AND further we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors giue & grant vnto the sd Maior and Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther successors & we doe hereby will ordayne & appoynt that the Inhabitants of & within the sd Close & precints therof & within all & every the places before mencioned for the tyme being shalbe for euer<sup>1</sup> ordred rulled rated taxed & governed from tyme to tyme & at all tymes hereafter with & as the rest of the Cittizens & Inhabitants of the sd Cittie of New Sarum are or shalbe ordred rulled ratted taxed & gouerned according to the lawes and Statuts of England & according to the lawful grants Costomes and vsuages of the sd Cittie. AND that the sd Cittie of New Sarum together with the Close aforesd & the liberties & precints therof shalbe for ever hereafter a free Cittie & called & knowne by the name of the Cittie of New Sarum in the Countye of Wilts And that the sd Maior and Comminaltie & ther successors shall for ever hereafter haue hold exercise & enioye within the sd Circute of ground called the Close of New Sarum such & the same liberties pruilidges franchezes Rights Royalties free Costomes Jurisdiccions & Immunitys as by vertue of these presents or otherwise they may or ought<sup>2</sup> haue hold exercise or enioye within the sd Cittie or any pte therof. PROVIDED never the lesse that if at any tyme hereafter it shall appeare vnto us or our Successors to be Inconvenient to haue the Close aforesd annexed to o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum That then vpon Declaracion to be made by vs or our Successors of such inconvenience this o<sup>r</sup> grant as to the annexeing & Incorporating of the sd Close to & with o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie shall cease determine & be vtterly voyd as if the same had never

Vnder govern-  
ment of the  
Cittie

a pvision

<sup>1</sup> [hereafter ordered T.]

<sup>2</sup> [might T.]

The Hospetall  
of the Holly  
Trinity  
granted

ben annexed therunto or Incorporated with the same, Any thinge in these presents contayned to the contrary notw<sup>h</sup>standing AND FURTHER knowe yee that we of o<sup>r</sup> more especiall grace certayne knowledge & mere mocion haue giuen & granted & by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors doe giue & grant to the Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors that the Hospitall within o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie commonly called the Hospetall of the holy Trinitye & the pore people ther, be & from hence forth for ever shalbe gouerned & Rulled by the Maior & Comminaltie of the sd Cittie & ther Successors, And that the sd Maior & Cominaltie & ther Successors be & shalbe the Masters & gouerners thereof And we haue willed ordayne declared granted & confermed & by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors doe will ordayne declare grant & conferme that the Maior & Comminaltie of our sd [Cittie] of New Sarum & ther Successors together with the pore of the sd Hospitall for the tyme being shall from hence forth & for ever hereafter be continued<sup>1</sup> and Remayne one body Politique and Corperate in deed & in name by the name of the Masters and pore people of the Hospetall of the holy trinitye fownded in the City of New Sarum Sarum [*sic*] & them by the name of the Masters & pore people of the Hospitall of the h oly Trinitye fownded in the Cittie of New Sarum into one Body Politique & Corperate we doe for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors really & fully Create ordayne Constitute & Make by these presents, And that by the same name they shall haue perpetuall Succession & that they & ther Successors for ever hereafter shall & may be prsons able & capable in the Law to take purchase haue hold & enioye any Mannors Lands &<sup>2</sup> Teniments in Mortenname, And to plead & be impleaded answare & be answared vnto defend & be defended in all or any the Courts of vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors & other places whatsoever & before any Judges Justices or other prson or prsons whatsoever in all & all manner of Suts Complaynts demands Pleas or Actions prsonall reall or mixte & in all other Causes Matters & demands whatsoever & of what nature kind or quallitie soever as other the people of this Nation being prsons able & capable in law may plead & be Impleaded answare & be answared vnto defend & be defended by any lawfull ways or Means whatsoever, And that by the same name of the Masters & pore people of the Hospitall of the holy

<sup>1</sup> [continue T.]

<sup>2</sup> [or T.]

trinitye fownded in the Cittie of New Sarum they & ther Successors for ever may seeke for Improue haue enioye & possesse & may grant & demise all & singuler Lands & Teniments pfetts heriditaments goods Chattells & Rights whatsoever now belonging & which shall or may hereafter belong to the sd Hospetall, And alsoe that they & ther Successors for ever may have a Common Seale to serue for the Sealling of demises grants & leases & other businesses whatsoever to be from tyme to tyme made & executed by them & ther Successors tuching or conserneing the sd Hospitall or any the Mannors Lands teniments heriditaments goods or Chattells thervnto belonging or hereafter to belonge or appertayne And that it shall & may be lawfull to & for the sd Masters & pore people of the Hospitall of the holy Trinitye fownded in the Cittie of New Sarum & there Successors at ther will & pleasure to breke deface change alter & make Newe the sd Seale when & as often as to them it shall seme most convenient AND further we doe by theise presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors giue & grant vnto the Masters & pore people of the Hospetall of the holy Trinity fownded in the Cittie of New Sarum & to ther Successors that they shall or may lawfully enioye & possesse all & singuler the mannors lands teniments pfets & heriditaments & all goods Chattells & rights whatsoever to them belongeing or which shall hereafter belonge & that w<sup>th</sup>out the Impediment lete or hindrance of vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors in such manner as they haue heretofore vsed & enioyed the same vpon this trust & confidence neverthelesse that the pfets & benefitts of all & every such lands goods chattells & premises shall from tyme to tyme hereafter be employed to & for the benefite of the pore of the sd Hospetall according to such allowance for Releife of the sd pore people as in tyme past hath been vsed & allowed & to & for no other vse Intent or purpose whatsoever. AND WHEREAS ther is one other Hospettall Commonly Called the Hospetall of St. Nicholas scituate & being in or neare o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum heretofore fownded & Intended for the Mayntenance of pore people there to be kept & containd <sup>1</sup> the care Right of Patronage visitation & Inspection of which sd Hospetall & of the Revennue therevnto belongeing was in tymes past & vpon the first fowndation thereof committed to the Deane & Chapter of New Sarum aforesd for the tyme being And whereas the Care right

<sup>1</sup> [*maynteyned T.*]

of patronage visitation & Inspection of the sd Hospetall & of the Revenue thereto belonging is now devolued to vs & is now in o<sup>r</sup> hands KNOWE yee therefore futher that we of o<sup>r</sup> more ample grace certayne knowledge and mere mocion & for the better ordring & managing of the affayres of the sd Hospetall of St Nicholas & the Revenue thereof & the goods and Chattells therto belonging haue giuen & granted & by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors doe giue & grant to the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors for ever that from henceforth & for ever hereafter the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum and there Successors shall haue the perpetual care vissitation Inspection right of patronage & free dispossession of the sd Hospetall of St. Nicholas AND we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors giue & grant vnto the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Citty of Newe Sarum & ther Successors that the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie for the tyme being or the Maior of the sd Cittie for the tyme being & any eight or more of the Aldermen & any Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being shall haue full power & authority from tyme to tyme & attall<sup>1</sup> times hereafter when it shall seeme to them expsedient to summon & call before them the Master of the sd Hospetall that now is & which for the tyme being shalbe & him & them to call to an account for the revenue of the sd Hospetall And if they shall see cause to displace the sd Master & Masters & all other<sup>2</sup> officer or officers to the sd Hospetall now & hereafter belonging & to belonge And to Nominate & appoynte other fite & Meet prson & prsons to be Master & to be officer & officers of for & w<sup>h</sup>in the sd Hospetall & to that end to call for & take into ther hands & custody all deeds Evidences Rent Rolles Books of account Legeir books & all manner of writtings whatsoever which belong to or any way concerne the right & Revenue of the sd Hospetall & to Inquier and Informe themselves by examinacion vpon oath (which oath we doe hereby giue them power to administer) of any prson or prsons whatsoever Touchinge the present condition & estate of the said Hospetall as alsoe to discover what estate or estates haue ben granted to any Tenant or Tenants of the sd Hospetall what fines haue bin thervpon taken & what Rents reserued as alsoe to inquiere of & concerneing what

St. Nicholas  
Hospetall  
granted

Power to call  
the Master to  
account

To displace  
the Master or  
officers

<sup>1</sup> [at all time and T.]

<sup>2</sup> [other the T.]

Wastes Spoyles incrochments or allinacions haue bin made of in & vpon all or any of the sd lands teniments woods and vnderwoods of Right belonging or any wayes appertayneing to the sd Hospetall of St. Nicholas from the tyme & at all tymes since the power & order of the late Deane & Chapter there hath ceased & ben exstinguished, And by all lawfull wayes & meanes to find out & discover all Sume & Sumes of money whether Rents Arreriges of Rents fines or any other Sume or Sumes of monye which now are or ought to be in right & to the vse of the sd Hospetall & which are in the hands of the present Master of the sd Hospetall or<sup>1</sup> any other prson, And thervpon to demand & Receue the same & likewise to Recover Satisfacion according to lawe in kind or in value to the vse of the sd Hospetall for whatsoever Measuages teniments lands Woods vnderwoods heriditaments Rents pfets or other the Revenue of the sd Hospetall haue ben or are or shalbe detayned withheld wasted or spoyled, AND we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors will ordayne & appoynte that the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Saram [*sic*] for the tyme being or the Maior & any eyght or more of the Aldermen & any Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being shall haue power & authoritye by vertue of these presents at alle tyme & tymes hereafter eiether upon the death or remouall of the Master of the sd Hospetall of St. Nicholas for the tyme being to elect Chuse nominate & appoynt some able knoweing & sufficient person (who shall for the most part reside in or about the sd Cittie) to be Master & governer of the sd Hospetall who shall haue power to demise & grant the Lands & Teniments of the said hospetall & to Receaue the rents thereof & pvide for the mayntenance and goverment of the pore people of the sd Hospetall & to doe all other things in as full and Ample manner as any Master of the sd Hospetall formerly did or might haue done AND we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> successors declare o<sup>r</sup> further will & pleasure to be that Such person & persons respectiuey who shall hereafter be master & governer of the sd Hospetall shall yearely & every yeare giue & make his accompte vpon oath to the Maior & Cominaltye of the sd Cittie of New Sarum for the tyme being or to the Maior or any eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being of the Surpluges & remaynder of Moneys that shall arise any Manner of

To elect a  
new Master

The Master  
to accompt  
vpon oath

<sup>1</sup> [of T.]

waye out of the Rents & Revenue of the sd Hospetall ouer & aboue what shall defray the severall allowances to the pore people of the sd Hospetall or any other publique Charge or expence nessecary for the repayreing & better preserueing of the sd Hospetall AND we will that the Maior & Cominaltie of the sd Cittie of New Sarum for the tyme being or the Maior & any eight or More of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being doe make & giue to the Master & governer of the sd Hospetall soe accounting as aforesd Such reasonable & fiting allowance or Stipend for his paynes & care in governeing the sd Hospetall & lokeing after the Rights & Revenues therof as in ther good discreations shall seme to them most mette and Just, And all such Stocke & Surpluges of the Rent & Issues & pfts of the sd Hospetall which vpon the account of the Master or governer of the sd Hospetall shall from tyme to tyme appeare to remayne in his hands WEE will & doe by these presents appoynt to be pd & shalbe pd by the sd Master or governer of the sd Hospetall for the tyme being vnto the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum for the tyme being to be disposed of by them for & towards the reliefe of the pore of the sd Cittie or otherwise to be disposed of according to the will & appoyntment of vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors AND we Will & command for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors that the Accountts of the premises soe made & to be made as aforesd shalbe duely and fayerly written & kept from tyme to tyme for ever by the Maior & Cominaltye for the tyme being AND further we doe by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors grant to the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & there Successors for ever full power & Authoritie that the sd Maior & Cominaltie of the sd Cittie & ther successors or the Maior for the tyme being & eight or more of the Aldermen & Twelue or more of the Assistants of the sd Cittie for the tyme being shall or May by vertue of these presents chang or alter any the Rulles orders & statuts of the sd Hospetall & make Constitute & ordayne new Rulls orders & Statutes <sup>1</sup> for the better goverment & preseruation thereof & of the Rights & members thereof as to them shall seme nessecary & convenient & shall or may doe & execute any other thing or things relateing to the sd Hospetall & that in as large & ample Manner & forme to all intents Constructions & purposes whatso-

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ever as the late Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of New Sarum or any of there predecessors Deans & Chapters there at any tyme or tymes heretofore did make & Constitute or Might haue made constituted done or executed & this without the Impediment lett or hindrance of vs or o<sup>r</sup> successors AND FURTHER KNOWE YEE that we being willing that the Maior & Comminaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors may haue hold vse & enioye All & Singuler the<sup>1</sup> Mannors Lands Teninents heriditaments Liberties franchaceyes priuiledges & Immunities according to the true Intent & meaneings of these our Letters Pattents not withstanding any Ambiguities defects or misprissions whatsoever in these our Letters Pattents happening WEE doe therfore will & by these<sup>2</sup> doe signifye & declare o<sup>r</sup> will & pleasure to be & doe hereby for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors Covenant & grant to & with the sd Maior & Comminaltie & ther Successors that if & whensoever it shall Happen any doubts questions ambiguities or defects at any tyme hereafter to arise or to be found in these o<sup>r</sup> Letters Pattents for or in Respect that the sd Liberties franchises priuiledges & Immunities & other the premises mentioned or Intended to be granted or confermed by these presents to the sd Maior & Cominaltie & ther successors or that any of them are not fully and playnely expressed or granted with words sufficient & large enough or for any other cause or matter whatsoever Soe as the sd Maior & Comminaltie or ther Successors by vertue & force of these presents the sd premises hereby granted or confermed or ment to be granted or confermed cannot or may not fully haue vse and enioye according to the true Intention of these o<sup>r</sup> Letters Pattents, That then & soe often vpon the humble petticion of the sd Maior & Comminaltie or ther Successors to vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors in that behalfe to be exhibitted and prefered & vpon due examination & Certificate of such Ambiguities or defects in that behalfe by the Attorney Gennerall of England of vs or our Successors for the tyme being to be made Wee or o<sup>r</sup> Successors will make & cause to be made to the sd Maior & Comminaltie & ther Successors other Letters Pattents to Passe the great Seale of England with Explanation amendment & Supply of all such doubts Ambiguities & defects as to vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors in that behalfe shall seme Requisite & Reasonnable & for the better giueing granting securing & Confermeing of the sd premisses to the sd Maior & Com-

<sup>1</sup> [T omits *the.*]<sup>2</sup> [*these presents T.*]

inaltie & ther Successors according to o<sup>r</sup> true Intention & according to the true Intention & playne Significacion of the words in these o<sup>r</sup> Letters Pattents conteyned Anything herein contayned to the Contrary notwithstanding AND further we will And by these presents for vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors doe grant to the sd Maior & Cominaltie of o<sup>r</sup> sd Cittie of New Sarum & ther Successors that these our Letters Patents or the Inrollement thereof and every Clause Matter & thing therein Contayned shalbe in & by all things for ever firme valid good sufficient and effectuall in Law agaynst vs & o<sup>r</sup> Successors aswell in all o<sup>r</sup> Courts of Record as else wheare without any further Confermacion Licences or Tolleracions of vs or o<sup>r</sup> Successors hereafter to be had p<sup>u</sup>red or obtayned Notw<sup>h</sup>standing the ill meaneing<sup>1</sup> or ill recitteing or not nameing or recitteing the Lands Liberties priviledges Customes & Immunities & other the premises by these presents granted or Confirmed or ment mencioned or intended to be hereby granted & confermed or any of them or any p<sup>t</sup>e or prsell therof AND notwithstanding the not nameing or reciteing or ill nameing mencioneinge or Reciteing the severall Charters grants & Letters Pattents intended to be hereby Confermed AND notwithstandinge the misnameing or not rightly nameing of the aforesd Hospetalls or ther Lands liberties & priviledges AND notwithstanding the Statute made in the eyghteeneth of the Reign of King Henry the Sixth late Kinge of England AND notwithstanding any other defect or defects in the not truly & rightly nameing the nature kind forme quantity or quallitie of the premises or of any of them or of any part or parcell thereof AND notwithstanding any Law Statute Provision ordenance Direction or Restraynt, or any other cause matter or thinge whatsoever to the contrarye hereof in any wise notwithstanding<sup>2</sup> AND LASTLY o<sup>r</sup> will & pleasure is that the sd Maior and Comminaltie shall Inrolle or cause to be Inrolled these o<sup>r</sup> Letters Pattents in the office of the Second Remembrancer otherwise called the Treasurers Remembrancer of o<sup>r</sup> Exchequer within six mounths after the date hereof to the end the same may ther remayne of Record to o<sup>r</sup> vse In wisse whereof we haue caused these o<sup>r</sup> Letters to be made Pattent, Wisse our selfe at Westmister the Twentyeth<sup>3</sup> day of September in the Yeaere of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty & sixe<sup>4</sup> BEALE  
By Writ of Privy Seale

<sup>1</sup> [nameing T.]:<sup>2</sup> [notwithstanding T.]<sup>3</sup> [Twelfth T.]

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