



THE CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE

CURRENT ROYAL CHARTERS

1685 - 1978

(a copy of the original Charter of 1514 is also appended)

Trinity House,
London, EC3.

THE ROYAL CHARTER OF CONFIRMATION
Granted by His most Excellent Majesty King JAMES II.
to the TRINITY HOUSE of DEPTFORD STROND.

*Foundation of
this Charter.*

JAMES the Second, By the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.* To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas our well-beloved Lieges and Subjects, *Shipmen and Mariners* of this our Realm of *England*, consisting of *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the Guild or Fraternity of the most glorious and undividable *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the Parish Church of *Deptford-Strond* in our County of *Kent*, are, and have been of long time, a *Corporation*, and have enjoyed sundry Grants, Liberties, Privileges, and Immunities, by Force of divers Charters, and Letters Patents, heretofore made unto them by several *Kings and Queens* of this Realm. And whereas the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, have humbly besought Us to renew and confirm their said Charters, and to grant unto them such further Authorities and Privileges, as well for the good Government and Increase of the *Navigation* of this *Kingdom*, as for the better ordering and establishing of the said *Corporation*, and the relief of the *poor Mariners, their Widows and Orphans*, as We in our Princely Care should think meet.

Former Charters

The Ends thereof

*The Corporation
confirmed.*

KNOW ye therefore, that We taking the Premises into our Royal Consideration, and well weighing how highly it imports the good State and Welfare of this our *Realm*, and of our good Subjects thereof, and the increase of *Navigation*, that all Disorders in the said *Corporation*, should be redressed; and out of an earnest Desire, that such good and decent Orders may be established and practised in the said *Corporation*, as may most tend to those Ends for which the said *Corporation* was first instituted, and to the Promoting of the general Good; Have of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, *Given, Granted, and Confirmed*, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do Give, Grant, and Confirm unto our said trusty and well-beloved Subjects, the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said *Guild or Fraternity* of the most glorious and undividable *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the Parish Church of *Deptford-Strond* in the said County of *Kent*; That they, from henceforth be, and shall be called and accounted one *Body Corporate and Politick* in deed and in name, by the Name of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the *Guild, Fraternity or Brotherhood* of the most glorious and undivided *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the Parish of *Deptford-Strond* in the County of *Kent*.

Their Name.

AND them by the same Name of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the *Guild, Fraternity or Brotherhood* of the most glorious and undivided *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the Parish of *Deptford-Strond* in the County of *Kent*, We, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do erect, make, ordain, constitute, declare and confirm by these Presents one *Body Corporate and Politick* in Deed and in Name.

*Their
Successional.*

AND that by the said Name of *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood* of the most glorious and undivided *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the Parish of *Deptford-Strond* in the County of *Kent*, they shall from henceforth have perpetual Succession, and that they, and their said Successors,

*Old Rights
continued.*

by the same Name, be, and shall be, at all Times hereafter, a body Corporate and Politick, and Persons able, and capable in Deed and in Law, not only to have, hold, occupy, possess, enjoy, and retain all and singular the Usages, Customs, Liberties, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Franchises, Preheminences, Benefits, and Commodities whatsoever, which they or their Predecessors, by the same, or any other Name or Names of like Corporation, have heretofore had and enjoyed, or at this present do hold and enjoy: But also to have hold, occupy, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy, and retain any other Liberties, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Franchises, Preheminences, Benefits, and Commodities, of what Kind, Nature, or Quality soever they shall be, to them and their Successors for ever.

New allowed.

*To hold Lands,
&c*

AND also by the same Name to have, hold, purchase, receive, take, possess, and enjoy; and also to give, grant, demise, alien, assign, and dispose Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and Goods, and Chattels, or any of them, and to do and execute all, and singular, other Thing and Things whatsoever.

*To plead and
be impleaded.*

AND that they and their Successors by the same Name may plead, and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all, or any whatsoever Court or Courts, Place or Places, Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions, and before whatsoever Judge, Judges, and Justices, and other Persons and Officers, in all and singular Actions and Pleas, Pleas, Suits, Quarrels, Causes, and Demands whatsoever, of whatsoever Kind, Nature, Quality, or Sort, in such Manner and Form, and by all those Ways and Means, and to such End and Purpose, as any other our Liege People of this our Realm of *England*, being Persons able and capable in Deed or Law, may, or can have, hold, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy, retain, give, grant, demise, alien, assign, dispose, plead, and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, or do permit and execute.

*To have, break
and alter their
Common-Seal.*

AND that the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, or the greater Part of them (whereof the said *Master* for the Time being to be always one) may make or cause to be made, and have for themselves a *Common-Seal*, to serve for all the Causes, Business, and Occasions of them and their Successors in that Corporation: And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, the same *Seal* to break again, and from time to time, at their Will and Pleasure, to alter, change, and make new, when, and as often as to them, or the greater Part of them (whereof the *Master*, or the *Master's Deputy* for the time being to be always one) shall seem convenient.

To have a Master.

AND further, We will, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do ordain, That there shall be from henceforth for ever, *One* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to be elected and appointed, in such Form, as hereafter in these Presents touching the same is expressed, which shall be called the *Master* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the Time being.

Four Wardens

AND that there shall be also from henceforth for ever, *Four* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (to be elected and appointed, in such Form as hereafter in these Presents touching the same is likewise expressed) which shall be called the *Wardens* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the time being.

Eight Assistants

AND also that there shall be from henceforth for ever, *Eight* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (to be elected and appointed in such Form, as hereafter in these Presents touching the same is also expressed) which shall be called the *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being.

Eighteen Elder Brethren.

AND also there shall be from henceforth for ever, *Eighteen* (besides the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* for the time being) who are and shall be also *Elder Brethren* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, (to be elected and appointed in such manner as hereafter in these Presents touching the same is also expressed) which shall be called the *Elder Brethren* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, for the Time being.

And a Clerk.

AND also that there shall be from henceforth for ever, *one Person*, who shall be called the *Clerk* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*.

Their first Master.

AND for the better Execution and Accomplishment of this our Will and Grant in that behalf, We have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these Presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute, and make our trusty and well-beloved *Samuel Pepys, Esquire, Secretary* of our *Admiralty of England*, to be the *first* and present *Master* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, to continue in the said *Office or Place* by himself, or his sufficient *Deputy*, (the said *Deputy* to be always elected, chosen, and sworn by the *Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, or the more Part of them, by themselves, or their said *Deputies* as aforesaid, whereof the *Wardens, or Wardens Deputy* to be always some, in Manner and Form, as hereafter in these Presents touching the same shall be limited and appointed) from henceforth until the Morrow after *Trinity-Sunday*, commonly called *Trinity-Monday*, now next coming; and so from thence forward in default of a new Election or Choice then to be made of another *Master*, until himself, or some other of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, shall in due manner, according to the Intent and true Meaning of these Presents, be chosen and sworn unto the said *Office or Place of Master*, according to the Ordinances and Provisions hereafter in these Presents touching the same expressed and declared, if the said *Samuel Pepys* shall so long live.

His Deputy and how chosen.

Determination of his Office

The four first Wardens.

AND also We have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute, and make *Captain John Nichols, Captain Henry Mudd, Captain Nicholas Kerrington, and Captain William Green*, to be the *four first* and present *Wardens* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, to continue in the said *Office or Place of Wardens* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, by themselves or their sufficient *Deputies* (the same *Deputies* to be elected, chosen, and sworn, by the *Master, Assistants, and the rest of the Elder Brethren* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, or the more Part of them, by themselves, or their said *Deputies*, as aforesaid, whereof the said *Master, or Master's Deputy*, as aforesaid, for the Time being to be always one, in Manner and Form also, as hereafter in these Presents, touching the same shall be likewise limited and appointed) from henceforth also until the said Morrow after *Trinity-Sunday*, commonly called *Trinity-Monday*, now next ensuing; and so from thence forward in Default of a new Election or Choice then to be made of other *Wardens*, until themselves or some other of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood* shall in due manner, according to the Intent and true Meaning of these Presents be chosen and sworn unto the said *Office or Place of Warden*, according to the Ordinances and Provisions hereafter in these Presents likewise touching the same also expressed and declared, if they the said *Wardens* shall so long live.

Their Deputies, and how chosen.

Determination of their Offices.

The eight first Assistants.

AND further, We have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute, and make, our right trusty, and right intirely beloved *Cousin Henry Duke* of

Grafton, and our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin and Counsellor *William Earl of Craven*, and our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *George Earl of Berkley*, and our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor *George Lord Dartmouth*, our trusty and well beloved Sir *Thomas Allen*, Captain *Simon Nichols*, Captain *Isaac Woodgreen*, and Captain *Thomas Brown*, to be the *Eight First*, and present *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to continue in the said Office or Place of *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, by themselves, or their sufficient *Deputies*, (the same *Deputies* to be always chosen. elected and sworn by the *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and the rest of the *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the Time being. or the more part of them, by themselves or their said *Deputies* as aforesaid, whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the time being to be always one, in Manner and Form also hereafter in these Presents. touching the same, shall be likewise limited and appointed) from henceforth, for and during the Term of their natural Lives, according to the Ordinances and Provisions hereafter in these Presents, touching the same, likewise expressed and declared.

*Their Deputies,
and how chosen.*

*Their Office for
Life.*

*The eighteen first
Elder Brethren.*

AND We have also assigned, nominated, constituted and made, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do assign, nominate, constitute and make, our trusty and well-beloved Subjects, Sir *Richard Haddock*, Sir *John Berry*, Sir *John Narborough*, Sir *Matthew Andrews*, Sir *Anthony Dean*, Knights; Captain *Henry Sheer*, Captain *Hugh Till*, Captain *Samuel Chamblet*, Captain *Thomas Collier*, Captain *Anthony Young*, Captain *John Hill*, Captain *Francis Wilshaw*, Captain *Robert Fisher*, Captain *James Bonnel*, Captain *Ralph Sanderson*, Captain *Thomas Wilshaw*, Captain *Samuel Rutter*, and Captain *Richard Goodlad*, to be the *First* and present *Eighteen Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to continue in the said Office or Place of *Elder Brethren*, from henceforth, for and during the Term of their natural Lives, according to the Ordinances and Provisions hereafter in these Presents likewise expressed and declared.

*Their Office for
Life.*

AND We have assigned, named, constituted, and appointed, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do assign, name, constitute and appoint our trusty and well-beloved *Samuel Hunter*, Gentleman, to be the *Clerk* to the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood aforesaid, to execute the said Office by himself, or his sufficient *Deputy* or *Deputies*; which said *Deputy* or *Deputies* to be first approved of by the *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and *Elder Brethren* of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, aforesaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them.

Their Clerk

*His Deputy and
how to be chosen.*

*Who are Younger
Brothers*

AND our further Will and Pleasure is, and we do hereby declare and grant, that all the rest of the *Seamen* and *Mariners*, of, and belonging to the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and their Successors in the said Corporation shall be called and accounted *Younger Brother*.

*Time, Manner
and Place of
choosing their
Master.*

OUT of which said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and eighteen (being all in number *One and Thirty* Persons) *Elder Brethren*, shall, and may be chosen, from henceforth yearly for ever, on the Morrow after *Trinity-Sunday*, or in any other time of the Year, and in such convenient Place, as for the Commodity of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, it shall be thought fit and convenient, by a consent of most Voices of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (as well of *Elder* as *Younger Brothers*) one *Master*, in the Stead and Place of such *Master* as shall then be wanting by Death, displacing, absence, or serving forth of

his Time, in such sort, manner, and form as hereafter in these Presents touching the same shall be declared and set forth; That is to say, the said Person, so to be elected and nominated to the Office or Place of *Master*, shall be *Master* of the said Guild, Fraternity or Brotherhood, from the Time of the said new Election and Choice, until the Morrow after the said *Trinity-Sunday*, commonly called *Trinity-Monday*, then next following, and so from thence forward until the next new Election and Choice of another *Master*, as is aforesaid.

The Master's Oaths

Duration of the Master's Office

AND yet nevertheless, the same Person being so elected and nominated to be *Master* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as is aforesaid, before he or they be admitted to the Execution of the said Office, or Place, shall make, take, and receive upon the holy Evangelists, a Corporal *Oath*, before, or in the Presence of the said *Wardens* and *Assistants*, and *Eighteen* Persons of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or their *Deputies* as aforesaid, or the more part of them, *That he, from Time to Time, during his Mastership shall well and truly execute and perform the said Office or Place of Master in all Things concerning the same;* and also touching the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, according to the *Statutes in that Case* made and provided; and that immediately after the said *Oaths* so taken, he shall and may execute and use the said Office and Place of *Master* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for one whole Year, from thence next and immediately following, or until the said *Trinity-Monday* then next following, and so forward unto the Time of the next new Election or Choice of another *Master*.

The Master removable, and how.

And another to be chosen in his room

The Master's fine for refusing or neglecting to serve.

AND moreover, Our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do give and grant unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and to their Successors, that when, and as often as it shall happen, the *Master* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, to die, or to have served forth his Time, or to be displaced, or removed, from his said Office or Place of *Master*, (which *Master* not demeaning himself well in his said Office, or Place of *Master*, We will, shall be from time to time removable at the Will and Pleasure of the said *Wardens*, *Assistants*, or their *Deputies* as aforesaid, or the greater Part of them, whereof Two of the said *Wardens*, or Two of the said *Wardens* *Deputies*, for the time being, to be always some, together with the residue of the *Elder Brothers* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them) that then, and so often, it may and shall be lawful to and for the said *Wardens* and *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies* (whereof Two of the said *Wardens*, or Two of the *Wardens* *Deputies* for the time being, to be always some) together with the said residue of the *Elder Brethren* of the same Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or by the more or greater Voice of them all, at their Will and Pleasure, to displace and remove him from the said Office or Place of being *Master*, and immediately upon the same to proceed to their new Election and Choice, either of him or some other into the said Office, or Place of being *Master*, in such sort, manner, and form, as before in these Presents touching the same is limited and appointed.

AND if any Person, elected and appointed to be *Master* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as aforesaid, shall *refuse* the said Office or Place; or shall, after he hath agreed thereto, *neglect* the same, he shall forfeit and lose for every such Default, *Twenty Pounds* of lawful Money of *England*, in the Name of a *Fine* to be imposed upon him so neglecting, to the Use of the said Corporation :

And how to be raised.

And if the said *Twenty Pounds* so imposed, shall be denied to be paid, or be not paid within *one Month* (accounting eight and twenty Days to the Month) next after Request thereof made by one of the said *Wardens*, or his *Deputy* for the time being, then the same shall, and may be levied, either by *distress* of the Goods and Chattels of such Persons so assessed and refusing or neglecting, to be taken by one of the said *Wardens*, or his *Deputy* for the time being; which *Distress* shall be ordered as *Distresses* taken for Amerciaments in Leets, or otherwise to be sued for, by, and in the Name of any Four of the *Wardens* and *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or their *Deputies* for the time being, in any Court of Record, or Lords Court, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no *Essoin*, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed to the Defendant; and this to be done from time to time, when and as often as the Case shall require.

Master's Deputy removable, and how

AND also our Will and Pleasure is, and for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do further give and grant, unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and their Successors, that when, and as often as it shall fortune the *Master's Deputy* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, to die, or to have served forth his time, or be displaced or removed from his Office or Place of *Master's Deputy*, (which *Master's Deputy* not demeaning himself also well in his said Office or Place, we Will to be removable at the Will and Pleasure of the said *Wardens* and *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies*, together with the major Part of the residue of the said *Elder Brethren* for the time being, whereof Two of the said *Wardens*, or Two of the *Wardens' Deputies* for the Time being to be always some) That then, and so often it shall, and may be lawful to and for the said *Wardens* and *Assistants* for the Time being, or their said *Deputies*, or the greater Part of them, together with the major Part of the Residue of the said *Elder Brethren* (whereof Two of the said *Wardens*, or Two of the *Wardens' Deputies* to be always some) within convenient time after the Death, displacing, or removing of any such *Master*, or *Master's Deputy* as aforesaid, to assemble themselves together, at, or in such convenient Place as is aforesaid, for the New Election of some one of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother*) for *Master's Deputy*, and shall and may, then and there, before their Departure from the said Place, elect and nominate either him again so to be displaced or removed, or some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (being an *Elder Brother*) to be *Master's Deputy* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the Place and Stead of him that so shall die, or be displaced, or removed; which Person being so nominated and elected into the Office and Place of *Master's Deputy* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, shall, and may have, and exercise the same Office and Place in the Absence of the said *Master*, for and during the residue of the said Year, and so forwards, until a new Election or Choice of another *Master* or *Master's Deputy* shall be made, according to the Purport and true Meaning of these Presents; He and they taking first such *Corporal Oath*, as is aforesaid, for the *due Execution* and *Performance* thereof, and of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, as aforesaid.

And another to be chosen in his room.

Duration of the Office of Master's Deputy

Oath for the Master's Deputy.

Master's Deputy's Fine, for refusing or neglecting to serve.

AND if any Person, appointed and elected to be *Master's Deputy* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforesaid, shall *refuse* the said Office or Place without just Excuse or Cause of Lett, or shall, after he hath agreed thereunto, *Neglect* the same, he shall forfeit and lose for every such Default, *Ten Pounds* of lawful Money of *England*, in the name of a *Fine* to be imposed upon him so refusing or neglecting, to the Use of the said *Corporation*, to be demanded

And how to be raised.

and levied within such time, and in such manner, as the said *Fine of Twenty Pounds* hereby imposed upon any *Master's* refusing his Office, is hereby directed to be demanded and levied, and so from time to time, when, and as often as the Case should so require.

The Choice of the Wardens.

AND also our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and to their Successors, that the said *Master, Wardens, or Assistants*, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies*, together with the major Part of the rest of the said *Elder Brethren* as aforesaid, (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the time being to be always one) shall and may from henceforth for ever hereafterforth of that number of *One and Thirty Persons* (being *Elder Brethren*) elect and choose yearly, on the said Morrow after *Trinity-Sunday*, or in any other Time of the Year, when, for the Commodity of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, it shall be thought fit and convenient, by a general Consent of most Voices of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (as well of *Elder as Younger Brethren*) *Four Wardens*, or so many of them as shall be then wanting by death, displacing, absence, or serving forth of his or their time, in such sort, manner, and form, as hereafter in these Presents touching the same shall be declared and set forth.

The Distinction of Lower and Upper Wardens.

THAT is to say, the *Two Younger or Nether Wardens*, or *One Younger or Nether Warden*, so to be nominated or elected in the said Office or Place of *Warden or Wardens*, shall be *Wardens or Warden* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, from the Time of the said New Election or Choice, for *Two whole Years* next and immediately following, or until there shall be as aforesaid, some New or further Election or Choice either of themselves, or some others to supply the Place of *Wardens*, to be called and accounted in the *First Year* of their supplying or serving in that Place, *The Two Younger or Nether Wardens*; And the *Two Elder or Upper Wardens*, so nominated and elected into the said Office or Place of *Wardens*, shall be also *Wardens* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, from the time of the said New Election or Choice until the Morrow after the said *Trinity-Sunday* then next following, and so from thence forwards until the next New Election or Choice of other *Wardens*, and those to be called and accounted in the *Second Year* of their supplying or serving in that Place, *The Two Elder or Upper Wardens*; And this Course to be always holden and kept in the Choice and Degree of the *Wardens*.

Wardens Oath.

AND yet nevertheless, the said Person or Persons being so nominated and elected to the Place or Office of *Warden or Wardens* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforesaid, when he or they shall be thereunto elected, before he or they be admitted to the *Execution* of his or their said Office or Place, shall make, take, and receive a like Corporal *Oath* upon the Holy Evangelists before the said *Master and Assistants* of the same Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them, or their *Deputies*, and the rest of the *Elder Brethren* as aforesaid, (whereof the said *Master, or Master's Deputy*, for the time being to be always one) *That he, they, and every of them, shall and will well and faithfully execute and perform their said Offices and Places of Wardens or Warden in all Things concerning the same*; and also touching the *Allegiance and Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, as aforesaid; And that immediately after the said *Oaths* so taken, he or they shall and may Execute and Use the said Offices or Places of *Warden or Wardens* of the said Guild, Fraternity,

Duration of the Wardens Office.

or Brotherhood, for *Two whole Years* from thence next and immediately following, or unto the Time of the next new Election and Choice of other *Wardens* or *Warden*, according to the Purport and true Meaning of these Presents, as is aforesaid.

Wardens Deputy.

AND further, We will by these Presents, That the said *Warden* or *Wardens* so as aforesaid, from Time to Time to be elected, nominated, and sworn, during the time, that he, or they, or any of them, shall continue in his or their said Offices or Places of Wardenship, be from Time to Time, to the best of their Abilities and Skill, aiding, counselling, and assisting unto the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, in all Causes, Matters, and Things, touching or concerning the Good and Welfare of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood.

Wardens removable and how.

AND also our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do give and grant unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors, that when, and as often as it shall fortune, all or any of the said *Wardens*, within the said *Two Years* next after that they, or any of them shall be nominated, elected, and sworn into the Office or Place of *Warden* or *Wardens* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as aforesaid, to die, or be displaced, or removed from the said Office or Place of Wardenship (which *Warden* or *Wardens*, not demeaning him or themselves well in his or their said Offices or Places, We will to be removeable at the Will and Pleasure of the *Master* and residue of the *Wardens* and *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their Deputies as aforesaid, whereof the *Master*, or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one, together with the residue of the said *Elder Brethren*, and by the more or greater Voice of them all) That then, and so often, it shall and may be lawful also to and for the said *Master*, and residue of the *Wardens* and *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their said Deputies (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) together with the residue of the said *Elder Brothers*, and by the more or greater Voice of them all, within convenient time after the death, displacing, or of removing any of the said *Wardens*, to assemble themselves together, at or in such convenient Place as aforesaid, for the new Election or Choice either of him or them so displaced or removed, or of some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, being *Elder Brothers*, for new or other *Wardens* or *Warden* as is aforesaid; and shall and may, then and there, before their departure from the said Place, nominate and elect him or them again so removed or put out, or some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Elder Brothers*) to be *Wardens* or *Warden* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the places or stands, place or stead of him or them that so died, or were, or was so dead, displaced, removed, or put out.

And other to be chosen in their Rooms, and how.

New Election of Wardens.

New Wardens to act, how and how long.

WHICH Person or Persons being so elected and nominated to the Office or Offices, Place or Places of *Wardens* or *Warden* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as is aforesaid, shall and may have and exercise the said Office and Offices, Place and Places of *Wardens* or *Warden*, for and during the residue of the said *Two Years*, and so forward, and also unto the Time of a new Election and Choice of the like *Wardens* or *Warden* as aforesaid, according to the Purport and true Meaning of these Presents; he or they taking first a like Corporal Oath upon

After Oaths first taken.

the Holy Evangelists, as is aforesaid, for such due *Execution and Performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance and Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors as aforesaid.

Wardens Fine for refusing or neglecting to act when chosen.

AND if any Person, appointed and elected for a *Warden* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as aforesaid, shall *refuse* the said Office or Place without just *Excuse*, or Cause of Lett; or shall after he hath agreed thereto, *neglect* the same, he shall forfeit and loose for every such Offence. *Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence* of lawful Money of England, in the Name of a *Fine* to be imposed upon him so refusing or neglecting, to the Use of the said *Corporation*; to be demanded and levied within such time, and such manner as the *Fine* so to be imposed upon the *Master* is hereby directed to be demanded and levied

Wardens Deputies

Removable.

And others to be chosen.

AND also our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do further give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, that when, and as often as it shall fortune, all or any of the *Wardens Deputies* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being to die, or to have served forth his or their Time, or to be displaced or removed from his or their Office or Place of *Wardens Deputies* or *Deputy* (which *Wardens Deputies* or *Deputy* not demeaning him or themselves well in the said Office or Place, We Will to be removeable at the Will and Pleasure of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them by themselves, or their *Deputies*, together with the major Part of the residue of the said *Elder Brethren*, whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) that then, and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or the greater part of them, by themselves and their *Deputies*, and the major Part of the residue of the said *Elder Brethren* as aforesaid (whereof the said *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the time being to be always one) within convenient Time after the death, or removing of any such *Warden's Deputies* or *Deputy*, to assemble themselves together at, or in such convenient Place as is aforesaid, for the new Election of some one or more of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother*, or *Brethren*) for *Warden's Deputies*, or *Deputy*, and shall and may, then and there, before their Departure from the said Place, nominate and elect either him or them again so displaced or removed, or some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother* or *Brethren*), to be *Warden's Deputies*, or *Deputy* of the same Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the place and stead, or places and steads of him or them that so died, or was so displaced, or removed: Which Person or Persons being so nominated and elected unto the Office or Place of *Warden's Deputy* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, shall and may have, and exercise the same Office or Place, in absence of the *Wardens* or *Warden* there, into whose place or stead he or they shall be so chosen, to serve for and during the residue of the said *Two Years*, or one *Year*, and so forward, unto the time of a new Election or Choice of other *Wardens* or *Warden*, or other *Deputies*, according to the Purport and true Meaning of these Presents; he or they taking first such Corporal Oath as is aforesaid, for the due *Execution and Performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance and Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, as aforesaid.

With Power to act, how, and how long.

After Oaths taken.

Deputy Wardens Fine for neglect.

AND if any Person or Persons, so to be appointed and elected to be a *Warden's Deputy*, or *Deputies* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as

aforesaid, shall *refuse* the said Office or Place, without just Cause of Lett so to do, or shall after he or they hath or have agreed to it, *neglect* the same, he and they shall forfeit and lose severally for every such Default, *Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence*, of lawful Money of *England*, in the Name of a *Fine* to be imposed upon him or them severally, so refusing or neglecting, to the Use of the said *Corporation*, to be demanded and levied within such Time, and in such Manner, as the said *Fine* to be imposed upon the *Master* is hereby directed to be demanded and levied; and so from Time to Time, so often as the Case shall require.

New choice of Assistants, upon deaths, and displacings.

AND further, We will and grant by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and to their Successors, that the said *Master, Wardens*, and residue of the *Assistants* for the Time being, and *their Successors* or the greater Part of them by themselves, or their *Deputies*, together with the major Part of the residue of the *Elder Brethren* as aforesaid (whereof the *Master* for the Time being, or his said *Deputy* to be always one) shall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, upon the death, deposing, displacing, expulsion, or remove of them, or any of them, that are or shall be *Assistant or Assistants*, there for the Time being, or the like Days, Times, and Places, when, and as often as it shall seem good to them so to do, have like Authority and Power, yearly, and every Year, to assemble and meet together; and that they being so assembled and met, it shall and may be lawful to and for them, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies* as aforesaid) whereof the said *Master, or Master's Deputy* for the Time being, to be always one) to nominate and elect so many of that Number of Eight of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Elder Brothers*) as shall be then wanting by death, deposing, displacing, expulsion, or remove as aforesaid, to the Office or Place of *Assistants or Assistant* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood; which Person or Persons so to be nominated and elected, shall be *Assistants or Assistant* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for and during the Term of their natural Lives, as aforesaid.

Assistants to be sworn.

AND yet nevertheless, the said Person being so to be nominated and elected to be *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforesaid, when he or they shall be thereunto voted and elected, before he or they be admitted to the *Execution* of his or their said Offices or Places, shall also make, take, and receive a like Corporal Oath upon the Evangelists before the *Master, Wardens*, and residue of the said *Assistants*, and *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or their *Deputies* for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, as aforesaid, (whereof the *Master, or Master's Deputy*, for the Time being, to be always one) *That he, they, and every of them, shall and will, well, and faithfully execute and perform their Offices and Places of Assistant or Assistants in all things concerning the same;* and also touching the said *Allegiance and Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, as aforesaid.

Assistants Oath.

Assistants Office for Life.

AND that immediately after the said *Oaths* so taken, he or they shall, and may execute and use the said Office or Place of *Assistant or Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Term of his or their natural Lives, from thence next and immediately following, or unto the Time of the next new Election or Choice of other *Assistant or Assistants*, according to the Purport and true Meaning of these Presents, as is aforesaid.

Assistants Deputy.

AND further, We will by these Presents, that the said *Assistants or Assistant*, so as aforesaid, from Time to Time to be elected, voted, and sworn, during the

Time that he, or they, or any of them, shall continue in their said Offices, and Places of *Assistantship*, be from Time to Time, to the best of their Endeavours, and Abilities, and Skills, aiding, assisting, and counselling unto the *Master* and *Master's Deputy*, and *Warden* and *Warden's Deputies*, of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, in all Cases, Matters, and Things, touching and concerning the Good and Welfare of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood.

Assistants removable.

AND also our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do give and grant unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and to their Successors, that when, and as often as it shall happen, all or any of the *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, at any Time or Times next after that they, or any of them, shall be voted, elected, and sworn to the Office or Place of *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as is aforesaid, to die, or to be displaced, or removed from the said Office or Place (which *Assistant* or *Assistants* not demeaning him or themselves well in the said Offices or Places, We Will to be removeable at the Will and Pleasure of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and residue of the *Assistants* and *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies*, as aforesaid, whereof the *Master*, or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) that then, and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and residue of the *Assistants* and *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies* as aforesaid (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) within convenient Time after the death, displacing, or removing of any of the *Assistants* or *Assistant*, to assemble themselves together, at, or in such convenient Place as aforesaid, for the new Election or Choice of some other Person or Persons of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Elder Brothers* for new or other *Assistants*, and shall or may, then and there, before their Departure from the said Place, elect and nominate him or them so removed, displaced, or put forth, or some other of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Elder Brothers*) to be *Assistant* or *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in Places or Steads, Place or Stead of him or them that so died, or were, or was so displaced, or removed: which Person and Persons being so elected and nominated to the Office or Offices, or Place or Places of *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, shall and may have, and exercise the said Office and Offices, Place and Places for, and during his or their natural Lives, or unto the Time of a new Election and Choice as aforesaid; he or they taking first a like Corporal *Oath* upon the Holy Evangelists, for such due Execution and Performance thereof, and of the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, as is aforesaid.

And others to be chosen.

With power to act for Life.

After Oaths first taken.

Assistants Fine for refusing, or neglecting to act.

AND if any Person, and Persons, nominated and elected to be an *Assistant* or *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as aforesaid, shall refuse the said Office or Place without just excuse or cause of Lett, or shall after he or they hath or have agreed thereto, neglect the same, he and they shall forfeit and lose severally for every such Default, *Five Pounds* of lawful Money of *England*, in the name of a *Fine*, to be imposed upon him or them severally so refusing or neglecting, to the use of the said *Corporation*: to be demanded and levied within such Time and in such Manner, as the said *Fine* to be imposed upon the said *Master* is hereby directed to be demanded and levied.

*Assistants
Deputies
removable.*

AND also our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do further give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, That when, and as often as it shall fortune all or any of the *Assistants Deputies* of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being to die, or be displaced or removed from his or their Office or Place of *Assistant's Deputy, or Deputies*, (which *Assistant's Deputies* or *Deputy* not demeaning him or themselves well in his or their said Office or Place of *Deputy Assistantship*, We will to be removable at the Will and Pleasure of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies*, together with the major Part of the rest of the *Elder Brethren*, whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) that then, and so often, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies*, as aforesaid (whereof the said *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) within convenient Time after the death, displacing, or removing of any such *Assistant's Deputy* or *Deputies*, to assemble themselves together, at or in such convenient Place as aforesaid, for the new Election of some one or more of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother, or Brethren*) for such *Assistants Deputies* or *Deputy*, and shall and may then and there, before their departure from the said Place, nominate or elect either him or them again, so displaced or removed, or some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother* or *Elder Brothers*) to be *Assistants Deputies* or *Deputy* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the Place and Stead, or Places and Steads of him or them that so died, or was so displaced or removed; which Person or Persons so nominated and elected unto the Office or Place of *Assistant's Deputy* or *Deputies* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, shall and may have and exercise the same Office or Place in absence of the *Assistants, or Assistant* there, into whose Place or Stead he or they shall be so chosen to serve, for and during the Term of his or their Life or Lives, into whose Place or Stead he or they shall be elected or chosen, to supply his or their Absence, or unto the Time of a new Election or Choice of other *Assistant* or *Assistants Deputies* or *Deputy*, according to the Purport and true Meaning of these Presents; He or they first taking such *Corporal Oath*, as is aforesaid, for the *due Execution and Performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance and Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, as is aforesaid.

*And others to be
chosen.*

*With power to act
for Life.*

*Upon Oaths first
taken.*

*Assistants
Deputies, their
Fine for refusing,
or neglecting to
act when chosen.*

AND if any Person or Persons so appointed and elected to be an *Assistant's Deputy* or *Deputies* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforesaid, shall *refuse* the said Office or Place, or shall after he or they, hath or have agreed thereunto, *neglect* the same, he or they shall forfeit or lose for every such Default *Fifty Shillings*, of lawful Money of *England*, in the name of a *Fine* to be imposed severally upon him or them to the Use of the said *Corporation*, to be demanded and levied within such Time, and in such Manner, as the *Fine* to be upon the *Master* is hereby directed to be demanded and levied.

Elder Brethren.

AND our Will and Pleasure also is, and by these Presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and to their Successors, that when, and as often as it shall happen, all or any of the *Eighteen Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, at any Time or Times next after that they or any of them shall be nominated, elected, and sworn to the Office or Place of *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as is aforesaid, to die, or to be displaced, or

removed from the said Office or Place (which *Elder Brother* or *Elder Brethren*, not demeaning himself or themselves well in the said Office or Place, we Will to be removed at the Will and Pleasure of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and residue of the *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies*, as aforesaid, whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) that then, and so often it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and residue of the *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the Time being, or the greater Part of themselves, or their *Deputies* as aforesaid, (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) within convenient time after the death, displacing, or removing of any of the *Elder Brethren*, to assemble themselves together, at or in such convenient Place as aforesaid, for the new Election or Choice of some other Person or Persons of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Younger Brothers*) for New or *Elder Brother* or *Brothers*; and shall and may, then and there, before their departure from the said Place, elect and nominate him or them so removed, displaced, or put forth, or some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Younger Brother* or *Brothers*) to be *Elder Brother*, or *Brothers* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the Places or Steads, Place or Stead of him or them that so died, or were, or was so displaced or removed.

Removable.

And others to be chosen.

Elder Brethren now elected, to have Power to act, how, and how long

After Oath first taken.

Power of appointing and displacing all inferior Officers, &c

WHICH Person or Persons, being so elected and nominated to the Office or Offices, or Place or Places, of *Elder Brother* or *Brethren* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, shall and may have and exercise the said Office and Offices, Place and Places, for and during his or their natural Lives, unless removed as aforesaid; and first taking a Corporal Oath upon the Holy Evangelists, for such due Execution and Performance thereof; and of the Allegiance and Supremacy of Us, our Heirs, and Successors; and this to be done likewise from Time to Time when and so often as the Case shall require.

AND our further Will and Pleasure is, and we do hereby declare and grant, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and *Elder Brethren*, and their Successors, or *Deputies* for the Time being as aforesaid, or the greater Part of them, (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy*, for the Time being to be always one) from Time to Time, when, and as often as occasion thereunto shall require, or unto them in that behalf it shall seem expedient, likewise, to name, place, and appoint any other *Inferior Officers*, *Ministers*, and *Members*, as shall be convenient and needful, in, to, for, and concerning the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the good Government thereof; and the same, and every, or any of them, again, at all Times, and from Time to Time, at their like Will, and Pleasure, to displace, remove, expel, or discharge, and him, and them, or others, in his or their *Place*, *Room*, or *Stead*, so removed, expelled, displaced, or discharged, to take in again, place and appoint anew, and in like Manner to do and perform, when they or any of them shall fortune to die, or depart this Life, before he or they be so removed, expelled, displaced, or discharged.

Power of electing and removing younger Brothers: who, and how.

AND also we Will and Grant, by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and to their Successors, That they the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors, for the Time being, by themselves or their *Deputies*, or the greater Part of them, together with the major Part of the residue of the said *Elder Brethren* (whereof the said *Master*, or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) shall and may

from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, at their like Will and Pleasure, admit, receive, and take in whatsoever Person and Persons (our natural Subjects) as well within this our Realm of *England*, and other our Realms and Dominions, and Places being under our Obedience, and not others, which would be and shall be desirous to be of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as Brothers of the said *Corporation*. And all and every such Person so to be admitted, received, and taken in by the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies*, together with the major Part of the residue of the said *Elder Brethren* as aforesaid, (whereof the *Master, or Master's Deputy* for the Time being, to be always one) shall from the Time of such his or their Admission, receiving, and taking in, be called and accounted *Younger Brothers* in Deed and in Name, and them, and every, or any of them so admitted, received, and taken in, they may also again at their Wills and Pleasure, remove, and displace, of and from the said *Corporation*, when and as often as to them, or the greater Part of them in that Behalf, shall seem expedient.

Every Brother to have power of taking Apprentices; who, and how.

AND further we will and grant by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and to their Successors, that from henceforth it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, and every other Brother of the said *Corporation* for the Time being, not only to have, take, and keep one or more *Apprentice or Apprentices* to be brought up in the Trade of *Mariners or Sea-faring Men*, every of the said *Apprentice or Apprentices* to be to them bound for *Seven Years* at the least, and every *Apprentice* so taken (being above *Seven Years* of Age at the time of his entry into his Apprenticeship) shall be by the same Covenant bound to be ordered and used to all Intents according to the Custom of our City of *London*, so that the same *Bond or Covenant of Apprenticeship* be made by Writing, indented and enrolled before themselves in the said *Corporation*, by some Under-Officer of theirs, thereto to be appointed; and that there be not taken for every such Enrollment above *Twelve Pence*: But also for the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, or the greater Part of them, by themselves and their *Deputies*, and the major Part of the rest of the said *Elder Brethren* as aforesaid, (whereof the *Master, or Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) to make and set down Orders and Pains for the *Masters and Governors* of such *Apprentice and Apprentices*, well training and breeding them up in their Trade of *Navigation and Sailing*, and also for the said *Apprentice or Apprentices* due behaving of themselves, and their Obedience and Diligence towards their said *Master and Governor*, the *Statute* for taking, having, and enrolling of *Apprentices*, or any other *Statute, Law, Custom, Usage, or Privilege* to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

To examine and certify the Proficiencies of the Mathematical Children of Christ's Hospital, and see them bound.

AND further, We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors, strictly charge and command the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood aforesaid, now and for the Time being, to examine into, and certify the Abilities and Fitness of such *Children* of the *New Royal Foundation in Christ's Hospital*, who are or shall be admitted to, and initiated in the *Practice of the Art of Navigation*, and to be bound forth *Apprentices*, and to take care that the *Indentures* of Apprenticeship of such *Children* be executed by the respective *Masters* to whom they shall be bound, in the presence of the *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, of the said Guild, or Fraternity, or the major Part of them, at some publick Meeting of the *Corporation*.

*Power of
ministering Oaths
in all Marine
Causes, and other
Occasions of the
Corporation.*

AND for that it oftentimes falleth out that for the avoiding of long depending of *Suits in Law*, and great Expences incident to the same, many *Marine* and *Admiral Causes*, in *Controversy* between Party and Party, in the *High Court of Admiralty*, are referred by and forth of the said *Court*, or by and from the *Judge* thereof, or his lawful *Surogate*, or *Deputy* in that behalf for the Time being, to the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, of the said *Guild*, *Fraternity*, or *Brotherhood*, or their said *Deputies* for the Time being as aforesaid, to hear and determine, the which the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their said *Deputies*, are not able many times to accomplish, by reason that they have hitherto wanted a sufficient *Power* and *Authority* in themselves, to minister an *Oath* unto the *Witnesses*, to be produced on either Side: For the *Reformation* whereof, We of Our further Grace, do by these Presents Will and Grant for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors, that they by themselves, or their *Deputies* aforesaid, (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) shall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, when, and as often as Occasion shall thereunto require, not only in the Case aforesaid, minister an *Oath* to every Person that shall be produced or used as a *Witness*, for the testifying and declaring the *Truth* in any such Case, but also at the electing of every *Master*, *Warden*, *Assistant*, and their *Deputies* as aforesaid, minister to every *Master*, *Warden*, and *Assistant*, and his or their *Deputy* and *Deputies*, and the said *Elder Brethren*, the said *Oath* of well *Ordering* and *Governing* of themselves in their said *Offices* and *Places*, and to every *Younger Brother* and *Officer* of the said *Society*, and to all and every *Apprentice* and *Apprentices* to be bound as aforesaid, when he or they shall be made free, the *Oaths* of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*, and the usual *Oath* to the *Corporation*.

*Power of appointing
all Pilots, and
Loadsmen into and
out of the River of
Thames.*

AND for that many times unskillful and indiscreet Persons, not having Knowledge or due Understanding either of our *Channel*, or how to guide and govern *Ships*, or other *Vessels* aright, have taken upon them to be *Pilots*, *Loadsmen*, and *Guides*, for the safe bringing up of *Strangers Ships*, *Hoys*, *Flyboats*, *Barks*, or other *Vessels*, into our *River of Thames*, and for want of such Knowledge and Understanding, have cast away the said *Ships* and other *Vessels*, to the great Annoyance and Decay of our said *Channels*, and Loss and Hindrance both of our *Merchants*, and others going ordinarily to *Sea*, and to the Slander and evil Report of the more skillful and better Sort of our *Seamen* and *Mariners* amongst foreign *Nations* using the *Traffick* hither. For *Reformation* whereof, Our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do give and grant unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and to their Successors, and do straitly Charge and Command that no manner of Person or Persons, *Seamen*, or *Mariners*, or other Person whatsoever, at any Time hereafter, shall take upon him or them, or otherwise presume to suffer themselves to be *Pilots*, *Loadsmen* or *Guides*, to or for the bringing in, or carrying forth of the *River of Thames*, or any other *Creek* belonging or running into the same, of any *Ship* or other *Vessel*, by what Name or Names soever they shall be called, except such Person or Persons so taking upon him or them such *Pilotship*, *Loadsmenage*, or *Guidance*, shall be thereunto first appointed, and authorised by the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or their *Deputies* for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, together with the major Part of the rest of the said *Elder Brethren*, (whereof the said *Master*, or *Master's Deputy*, for the Time being, to be always one) under the *Common Seal* of their *Corporation*, and confirmed under the Hand and Seal of the *Lord High Admiral* of *England* for the Time being, without any Charge or Fee to the *Secretary* of the *Admiralty* for the same.

*To be confirmed by
the Lord High
Admiral.*

*To appoint Pilots
to all Aliens Ships
out of the River of
Thames.*

AND moreover, That no such Ship or other Vessel (whereof any *Alien* or *Stranger*, not being born within or under Our Obedysance, shall be Owner or Part Owner) shall go down, or out of the said River of *Thames* to Seawards, without a *Pilot, Loadsmen, or Guide* to them, in that behalf assigned and appointed in writing by the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies*, together with the major Part of the rest of the *Elder Brethren*, whereof the *Master, or Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one.

*Power of Rating
the Pilotage to all
Alien Ships*

AND for the better Execution thereof, on the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their *Deputies* behalf as aforesaid, such *Pilots, Loadsmen, and Guides*, shall and may be appointed to every, or any such Ship or other Vessel (whereof the said *Alien* or *Stranger* is, or shall be Owner, or part Owner) by the said *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies*, as aforesaid, for such competent sum of *Money*, and reasonable Rate to be paid, yielded, and given by the said *Alien, or Stranger*, or his Deputy, unto the said *Pilot, Loadsmen, or Guide*, so to be appointed, and conducting them, according to the greatness or charge of every such Ship, or other Vessel, as shall be reasonable; and so from Time to Time deemed by the said *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, and their Successors, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies* for the Time being, whereof the said *Master or Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one.

*No Master Pilot to
take Charge into or
out of the Thames,
without being
examined by this
Corporation.*

AND also, that from henceforth no Seaman or Mariner, shall presume to take upon him or them to be a *Master Pilot, Loadsmen, or Guide*, of or to any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, to sail, go, or put forth of the said River of *Thames*, or any other *Creeks* thereof, into the *Seas*, or from the *Seas*, homewards into the said River of *Thames*, or any *Creek* thereof, other than such as shall have been first examined by the *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, or the major Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies*, whereof the said *Master, or Master's Deputy* for the Time being, to be always one, and from them shall have obtained a *Certificate* in Writing, under the *Seal* of the said *Corporation*, shewing and testifying thereby the *Countries, Coasts, and Places*, to and for which he, they, and every or any of them, shall be sufficient, apt, and meet to take such Charge upon them; and after that, also an *Approbation* or Allowance thereof, of and from the *Lord High Admiral of England* for the Time being, as aforesaid; upon pain to forfeit, for every such Time of his or their doing to the contrary therein, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* of lawful *Money of England*, to be levied of his or their Goods or Chattels, by way of *Distress*, to be taken by one of the said *Wardens, or his Deputy* for the Time being; which *Distress* shall be ordered and used in like manner, as of *Amerciaments* in *Court Leets*, or otherwise to be sued for, by, and in the name of the *Master or Master's Deputy*, and any two of the *Wardens or Assistants* of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, or his, or their *Deputies* for the Time being, in any *Court of Record, or Lord's Court*, by *Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information*, in which no *Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law*, shall be allowed unto the *Defendant*.

*And their par-
ticular knowledges
on this or that
Coast certified by
them.*

*Lord Admiral to
approve of all
Masters, Pilots
and Loadsmen.*

*Twenty Pounds
Fine upon all un-
licensed Masters,
Pilots, &c.*

*A Grant of all
ancient Profits,
Dues, &c. from
Loadsmen,
Pilotage, and
Primage.*

AND further, We of our more abundant and especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, and to their Successors, for ever, That they, by their *Officer or Officers* thereto from Time to Time to be appointed, shall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, levy,

have, receive, and take within the said River of *Thames*, and Port of *London*, and in all, or any of the *Creeks*, *Harbours*, and Places, within the Precincts, Limits, or Liberties thereof, all and singular such Profits, Dues, Duties, and Sum, and Sums of Money, whatsoever, which at any Time or Times heretofore, by themselves or their Predecessors, by any Name or Names of like Corporation, or by Virtue of and from any *Charters* and *Letters Patents* to them, or any of them heretofore given or granted, or by any lawful Usage, Prescription, or Custom, they have received, had, or taken in the said River, Port, Harbours, Creeks, and Places, or any of them, in, or by way of *Loadsmange*, or *Pilotage*, and *Primage*, that is to say, of and from every *Master*, *Loadsmen*, or *Pilot* of every Ship or other Vessel coming into the said River of *Thames*, Port of *London*, or *Creek*, or *Harbour* of the same, and receiving, *Loadsmange*, or *Pilotage*, and *Primage*, or which may or ought to receive the same: that is to say, by way of *Loadsmange*, or *Pilotage*, of and for every *Twenty Shillings* *Loadsmange*, or *Pilotage*, *Two Shillings*; and of every *Ten Shillings*, *One Shilling*, and of every *Six Shillings Eight-pence*, *Eight-pence*; and so after that rate and proportion for greater or lesser Sums, in such sorts as they have used and accustomed time out of mind of Man to receive the same.

Loadsmange, and Pilotage, how much.

Primage, how much.

AND likewise of, and from the said *Master*, *Loadsmen*, or *Pilot*, by way of *Primage*, *Two-pence*, as out of every Mariner his *Primage*; That is to say, *Two-pence* for every Man which at any time hereafter shall serve as a Mariner in any such Voyage, and shall return into the said River of *Thames*, or Port of *London*, or *Creek*, or *Harbour* of the same, in such Manner and Form as heretofore by the like time out of mind of Man hath been accustomed.

The proceeding Duties, how to be recovered.

AND if any Person or Persons chargeable with payment of the said *Loadsmange*, or *Pilotage*, and *Primage*, or either or any of them, shall deny, withhold, or keep back the same, contrary to the meaning of these our *Letters Patents* in that behalf; that then, and so often, it shall and may be lawful, and by these Presents, We for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give full Power and Authority unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their *Deputies* and Successors for ever, that they, or any of them, by their *Officer* or *Officers* thereunto to be appointed as aforesaid, shall and may *Arrest* and *Attach*, or cause the said Party or Parties so offending, with-holding, or denying, for his or their Contempt in that behalf to be *arrested*, or *attached*, and commit him or them to Ward in the *Prison* of our *Marshalsea*, or in the safe Custody and Charge of the *Marshal* of the *Admiralty* for the Time being; there to remain in restraint and safe keeping, until such time as the said Offender or Offenders have paid and satisfied, or else taken Order by good and sufficient *Surety*, for Satisfaction of the Duty which shall be so due or payable, by reason of this our present Grant. And if the Party or Parties which should pay or answer any such *Loadsmange*, or *Pilotage*, and *Primage*, or either of them, do so absent him or themselves, or cannot be found, whereby he or they may be arrested or attached as aforesaid, that then and so often, it shall and may be lawful to and for one or more of the said *Wardens*, or his or their *Deputies* for the Time being, to arrest, or stay, or cause to be put under arrest and stay, the Ship, or other Vessel, wherein the said *Master*, *Loadsmen*, or *Pilot* went, or was employed, until such time as the said Duties, and every of them shall be fully paid and satisfied, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof. Or otherwise it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, by one or more of the said *Wardens*, or his or their *Deputies* for the Time being, to *distrain* the Goods and Chattels of the

Party or Parties so offending, denying, or keeping back the aforesaid Duties, wheresoever the said Goods and Chattels, or any of them shall and may be found; and the same Distress or Distresses, so had or taken, to their use to detain and keep, until they be fully satisfied of their Right and Duty, with the Charges of taking the same Distress, and keeping thereof, according to the Purport and true Meaning of these Presents.

Power of holding Courts, how, where, and for what.

AND further, Our Will and Pleasure is, and by these Presents of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion for Us, our Heirs, and Successors. We do give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and to their Successors, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, and their Successors, (provided that the majority at least of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or their *Deputies* for the Time being, be always some) from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, upon reasonable Warning thereof to be given, to assemble themselves for, and about any the Matters, Causes, Affairs, or Business of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in any Place within the City of *London*, or County of *Middlesex*, or in any other Place or Places for the same convenient; and then and there to hold and keep Court for the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and the Affairs thereof, and the Perquisites, Issues, and Profits of the said Court so to be holden and kept, to levy, take, and receive, to and for the Use of the said Corporation, for the better Maintenance and Preservation thereof, without any Account to be made or rendered to Us, our Heirs, and Successors, in that behalf.

Their Profits how to be employed

Without Account.

AND also that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, or the more Part of them, being so assembled, by themselves or their *Deputies* (provided that the majority at least of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or their *Deputies* for the Time being, be always some) to treat, commune, and agree amongst themselves, or with any other Person or Persons whatsoever, of and upon the *Conservation, good Estate, and wholesome Government*, as well of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as upon the like *Conservation, good Estate, wholesome Government, Maintenance, and Encr ease of the Navigation* of this Our Realm, and of all *Mainers, and Sea-faring Men*, within the same, and of all and every the *Apprentices, Servants, and their Masters and Governors*, and other Persons, to the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, belonging, or coming, or being within our River of *Thames*, or any of the *Creeks or Harbours* of the same; and for the good Orders to be made amongst them, or any of them, of, and upon all and singular Articles, any manner of way touching or concerning the Premises, or any Part thereof; or the Cuning, Knowledge, or Science of Seamen, and Pilots, for the better and more safe Guiding, and Conducting of all manner of Ships and other Vessels.

General subject of their Duties, and Trust.

Power to make and alter Laws.

AND at, and upon the same their Assemblies, Meetings, or Conference, or any of them, to make, ordain, and constitute besides, such and so many reasonable *Laws, Constitutions, Orders, and Ordinances*, as to them, or the greater Part of them, being then and there present, (whereof the *Master, or Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) shall seem necessary and convenient touching the Premises, and for the better advancement, and continuance of the same; and the same *Laws, Constitutions, Orders, and Ordinances* so made, or any of them, to put in *Ure and Execution* accordingly, and at their Pleasures again to *revoke, alter, or change*, when, and as often as occasion thereto shall require.

Their Laws binding to all within the River of Thames.

AND further, That whatsoever is, or shall be concluded and agreed upon, at any such Assembly or Meeting, the same shall be holden as *Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes* amongst them to be put in *Use and Execution*, and shall bind all the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, and all other Seamen and Mariners of the said River of *Thames*, or of any other Place, Port, Haven, or Town (as well the Subjects of this Realm, as *Strangers*) for the time of their being at or in the said River of *Thames*, or *Creeks, or Harbours* of the same, to obey and observe the same.

Proviso about their said Laws.

So always, that the said *Laws, Ordinances, Statutes*, or any of them be not contrary or repugnant to the *Laws, Statutes, Rights, or Customs* of this our Realm of *England*, or Derogatory to the Jurisdiction and Preheminence of the *Lord High Admiral of England*, for the Time being, or to the *Court of Admiralty of England*, or to the *Judge, Register, or Marshal* of that Court for the Time being, or any of them.

Infringers of Laws and to be punished and how.

AND whosoever against the said *Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes*, shall in any part *offend*, or shall *violate*, or break any of them, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, or the greater Part of them, their *Successors and Deputies* aforesaid (whereof the said *Master, or Master's Deputy* to be always one) in their Discretions, according to the greatness and quality of the Fault, to punish and correct; and the Pains, Penalties, Amerciaments, and Forfeitures, or any of them, in the said *Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes*, or any of them to be appointed and specified, of the Offenders, and every of them to ask, levy, gather, and receive; and for the same, if need so be, the said Offender and Offenders, as well by his and their Goods and Ships, or either of them, as by his or their Bodies (as the Case shall require) according to the *Laws and Customs* of this our Realm of *England*, or our Court of *Admiralty*, to destrain and arrest, and by their own Officer for that Purpose to be appointed (if they shall so think it meet) to commit to Ward, there to remain, until the same Pains, Amerciaments, and Forfeitures, with the Charges of the Imprisonment be fully answered, satisfied, and paid, to the Use and Benefit of the said Corporation; and also the same Parties, Offenders, and every of them, to release and set free again, as to the said *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren, and Deputies*, aforesaid, or the greater Part of them for the Time being, in that behalf shall seem expedient.

Uses of their Monies, arising from Fines, Forfeitures, &c.

Repair of their Houses, and Alms-Houses.

Relief of poor Brothers, and their Widows.

General Charities.

AND that all and singular Sum and Sums of Money, whatsoever, due or hereafter to be due, and received by the said *Decrees, Orders, Agreements, Fines, Forfeitures*, or otherwise, shall be to the Use, Commodity, and Profit of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, unto and for the repairing of a certain House, or Tenement, commonly called or known by the Name of *Trinity-House*; and of other *Tenements and Alms-Houses*, situate and being in *Deptford-Strond*, aforesaid, and *Upper Deptford*, in the said County of *Kent*, belonging to the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*; and for the finding of certain poor Persons, *Brethren, and the Wives of Brethren*, of the said *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, which are fallen into Decay, Misery, Poverty, and Need, or hereafter shall fortune to fall into Decay, Misery, Poverty, and Need; and also for Relief of other *poor Mariners and Seafaring-Men*, such as by them, and their *Successors*, shall be thought meet and necessary therewith to be relieved; and for other *publick Uses* of the said Society.

To hold and dispose of their Revenue without Account.

WHICH Sum and Sums of Money so received, and to be received to the Use of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, it shall and may be lawful to, and for the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, their Successors and *Deputies*, to hold, possess, and enjoy, for ever, to the Use aforesaid, without any *Accompt* or other Thing, therefore to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be yielded, paid, rendered, made, or done, in that behalf, and without any *molestation* or *trouble* thro' any invented Colour and Device, by any Person or Persons, either of the said *Trinity House of Deptford-Strond*, or of any other Place or Places, to be attempted, practised, or put in *Ure* against the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants, Successors* and *Deputies*, or any of them, by any Means whatsoever, for and concerning the same.

Their Laws, Fines, &c. to be binding upon a Condition.

ALL and singular which *Laws, Constitutions, Orders, and Ordinances* as aforesaid to be made, We will to be duly observed and kept, under the Pains and Penalties therein to be contained; so always, as the said *Laws, Constitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, Imprisonments, Fines, and Amerciaments*, be *reasonable*, and not contrary or repugnant to the *Laws, Statutes, or Customs* of this our Realm; nor *Devogatory* to the Jurisdiction or Preheminence of the *Lord High Admiral of England* for the Time being, or to the *High Court of Admiralty of England* for the Time being, or to the *Judge, Register, or Marshal* of that Court for the Time being, or any of them.

Six Months Absence (saving for Sickness) to be punished by dismissal.

PROVIDED always, That if any *Master, Wardens, Assistant, or Elder Brother*, shall upon any Pretence whatsoever, except *Sickness*, (whereof good Proof by *Oath* is to be made) fail to give his *Attendance* at any of the *Courts* summoned or other usual Meetings of the Corporation, for the space of *Six Months* together, he shall be displaced and dismissed by the Corporation, or major Part of them, from being an *Elder Brother*; and the *Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren*, of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood aforesaid, or the major Part of them, as aforesaid, shall proceed to the Election of some other fit Person or Persons, in the Room of him or them so removed.

The Oaths and Subscription enjoyned the Master.

AND further, We Will, and by these Presents do hereby charge and command, that the *Master* by these Presents herein before named and constituted, before he be admitted unto his said Office, shall take the *Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy*; and the *Oath* prescribed and mentioned in the *Act* for the well governing and regulating of Corporations, made in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *Charles the Second*; and also shall *subscribe the Declaration* prescribed and mentioned in the said *Act*, and also the *Oath* for the due Execution of the said Office of *Master*, before the said *Wardens*, in these Presents before named and constituted, or any Two of them, whom we do hereby authorize to give and require the same accordingly.

Oaths generally enjoyned upon the Wardens, Assistants, Elder Brethren, and Clerk.

AND further, We do hereby charge and command the *Wardens, Assistants, Elder Brethren*, and *Clerk*, herein before-named and constituted, that before they, or any of them be admitted unto their said respective Offices, they and every of them respectively shall take the said *Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy*, and make the *Declaration and Subscription* aforesaid, and also take the *Oaths* for the due Execution of their said Offices respectively, before the said *Samuel Pepys*, herein before-mentioned, *Master* of the said Fraternity, or Brotherhood, whom we do hereby give full Power and Authority to require and administer the same accordingly, without any further Warrant or Authority from Us, to be had or obtained in that behalf.

Power to the Master of administering them.

Power reserved to the King, of displacing any Master, Warden, Elder Brother, or Clerk, and how.

PROVIDED always, and We by these Presents, reserve full Power and Authority to and for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, to remove or displace, by Order of our, or their Privy Council, any Master, Warden, Assistant, Elder Brother, or Clerk, of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and thereupon the Office or Place, Offices or Places, of such Person and Persons so removed, or declared to be removed, shall be (*ipso facto*) void, to all Intents and Purposes, and other fit Person or Persons shall be elected, chosen, and sworn into the Place or Places of him or them so removed, according to the Provisions in that behalf herein before expressed; and this as often as the Case shall so happen, any thing to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

The Master, Wardens and Assistants, &c. to be always at the King's Call

AND for as much as the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and their Deputies, being oftentimes in themselves, their Servants, Apprentices, and Ships, to be charged and employed at One Hour's Warning, in our Service at the Sea, in and for the good and necessary Defence of Our Realms and Kingdoms, cannot give their due Attendance therein, with such Diligence as their Duty was and is to do, by reason that they be many times compelled to bear Armour, or to contribute to the Charge thereof for Land Service, as also to serve upon Inquests, and Juries, at Assizes, Sessions, Courts Leet, Courts Baron, before the Coroner, and in all other Courts, Commissions, and Places of Jurisdictions, to the great Vexation and Burthen of the said Corporation, and to the Peril of the said Service at the Sea, by reason they cannot conveniently attend both the one and the other. Therefore We of our more abundant Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, do Will and Grant by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, that they, and every of them, and all and every other Brother, and Ministers of the same, being Mariners, and Sea-faring Men, and their, and every of their Servants and Apprentices, that now be, or at any Time or Times hereafter shall be, their Successors, and the Successors of every of them, from Time to Time, and at all Times from henceforth, shall be discharged, and exempted of and from the bearing or finding of any Armour, to or for any Land Service, at, or upon any general Muster, or other View to be taken of Armour, in any of the Counties or Places, where they, or any of them shall make their Abode or Dwelling, at the time of the said Musters or View taken, and from being and contributing to the setting forth of any Soldiers to be employed or set forth to or for Land Service, other than as Mariners, and Seamen, in Sea Services; as also that they, and every of them shall be in like manner discharged and exempted from being summoned and put in Assizes, Juries, Inquests, Inquisitions, Attaints, and other Recognizances, taken, or summoned within the said Counties or Places, or any of them; unless that they the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and other Seamen and Mariners aforesaid, be thereunto compelled, or compellable by reason of their Tenures, or unless it be for Our Service at every Admiral Sessions, which they, and every of them, shall be always tied and bound to attend upon their Perils, being thereunto lawfully summoned as heretofore; and moreover, that they, and every of them, shall be likewise exempted and discharged from being otherwise taxed, to, for, or with any manner of Land Service whatsoever, other than is aforesaid, or to be contributory to the same: And that if at any Time or Times hereafter, the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any of them, or any other Brother, Officer, Minister, or Member of the said Corporation for the Time being, by any Ways or Means be appointed for bearing or finding of Armour, or taxed to or with any manner of Land Service, (other than is aforesaid) or to be contributory to the same, or summoned, or put in

And therefore to be exempted from all Land Service and Contributions thereto

And from all Assizes, Juries, &c.

Saving in Case of Tenures, or Admiralty Sessions

Assizes, Juries, Inquests, Inquisitions, or other Recognizances, (other than as aforesaid) taken or summoned within the said Counties, Jurisdictions, or Places, where they, or any of them shall remain or abide, other than as in regard of their said Tenures, or for our Services at or in the Admiral Assizes or Sessions as aforesaid, that then the said Appointment, or Summons, and also the said Taxation to be utterly void and of none effect, any Order, Custom, Law, or Usage to the contrary before this Time had or used in any of the said Counties, Jurisdictions, or Places notwithstanding.

This exemption nevertheless recalled by an Order of Council.

PROVIDED always, That if the Lords, and others of the *Privy Council*, of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, or any Six or more of them (whereof the *Lord High Admiral of England*, for the Time being to be always one) by any Warrant or Warrants signed with the Hands of them, or any Six or more of them (whereof the *Lord High Admiral of England* for the Time being to be one) shall at any Time or Times, Will and Command the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, to perform, execute, or do any *Land Service*, or to be contributory to the Charge of any *Armour, Munition*, or any other Thing appertaining to such *Land Service*; that then and so often, the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, shall upon and after the Receipt of any such Warrant, perform and execute all and every such Thing as shall be commanded and enjoined unto them or any of them, in and by the same, any Thing before in these Presents to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Power to stop all unlicensed Masters and Pilots, and to licence thereto such as are sufficient: admitting them into the Brotherhood, and certifying their particular Abilities.

AND further, by these Presents, We do for Us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and to their Successors for ever, that from henceforth for ever hereafter, it shall and may be lawful to and for them, and the rest of the *Elder Brethren*, of the said Society, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies* as aforesaid, (whereof the *Master, or Master's Deputy* for the Time being, to be always one) to forbid, stay, and keep back, all and every *Seaman and Mariner* coming into, or going forth of the River of *Thames*, or any the Creeks or Harbours of the same, to begin to take Charge upon him or them, as *Master, Pilot, Loadsmen, or Guide*, of any Ship or other Vessel, to go forth of the said River of *Thames*, or Creeks or Harbours of the same, outwards into the Sea; or from the Sea Homewards into the said River or Creeks, or Harbours of the same, other than such as shall be first allowed of by them, or the more Part of them as aforesaid; and if upon Examination and Trial had of any, they shall find the same sufficient (being naturally born our Subjects, within our Obedience) the same and every such they shall receive into the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and give him, them, and every of them, a Writing, under the Seal of their Corporation, signifying thereby the Countries, Coasts, and Places, for which he, and every of them is, and shall be sufficient to take Charge, whereby Men to whom he or they shall be unknown, when they shall have occasion to Hire him, them, or any of them, may be truly certified and satisfied for what Places he or they, is, or are fit and sufficient; and this Order we do expressly Command to be observed, to the intent thereby to avoid both ignorant Pilots, and the placing and preferring of unskilful Men to take Charge hereafter, which some Men heretofore have done and procured for Affection to the Person only, without regard had to his, or their sufficiency in Knowledge and Aptness thereunto.

Power to imprison, or Fine unlicensed Masters or Pilots, at Discretion.

AND whosoever doth, or shall at any Time or Times hereafter, presume to take upon him Charge as *Master, or Pilot* forth of the said River of *Thames*, or Creeks, or Harbours of the same, outwards into the Seas, or from the Seas homewards

into the said *River*, or *Creeks*, or *Harbours* of the same, before he or they be examined and allowed as aforesaid, it, shall and may be lawful to, and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and the rest of the *Elder Brethren*, and their *Successors*, or the greater Part of them by themselves, or their *Deputies*, (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) to punish such *Offender* or *Offenders*, by *Imprisonment* or *Fine*, or by both, according to their *Discretion*.

*Our Channels,
Sands, &c. to be
kept Secret.*

AND to the end the *Channels*, *Sands*, *Flats*, and *Rocks*, arising, growing, or lying in or near any the *Seas* or *Sea-Coasts* within any our *Dominions*, should for the more *Strength* and *Safety* of Our *Realms* and *Kingdoms*, be kept secret within ourselves, and altogether unknown to *Aliens* or *Strangers*, of other *Nations*. We do furthermore by these *Presents*, give and grant for Us, our *Heirs*, and *Successors*, unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their *Successors*, full *Power* and *Authority* of and by themselves, or their *Deputies* as aforesaid, or the greater Part of them (whereof the *Master* or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) to forbid or restrain, that none do take any *Alien* or *Stranger* born, to sail or serve in any *Ship* or other *Vessel* belonging unto any of our *Subjects*, coming into or going forth of the said *River* of *Thames*, except such *Person* or *Persons*, for urgent *Causes*, or other good *Considerations*, shall be thought meet to be allowed, and so certified, by the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and the rest of the *Elder Brethren*, or their *Successors*, and *Deputies*, as aforesaid, under the *Seal* of the said *Corporation*, upon pain of *Five Pounds* of lawful *Money* of *England*, to be forfeited and paid by the *Person* or *Persons* so offending, to the *Use* and *Behoof* of the said *Guild*, *Fraternity*, or *Brotherhood*, for every such *Offence*; and the same *Pain* and *Forfeiture* to be had, levied, received, and taken to the *Use* of the said *Corporation* from *Time* to *Time*, and at all *Times* hereafter in such *Manner* and *Form*, as other *Pains*, *Duties*, and *Forfeitures*, or any of them, in and by these *Presents* are limited and appointed to be levied and received.

*And therefore no
Alien to be suffered
to sail in any
English Ships,
unless allowed by
this Corporation.*

*Under the
forfeiture of Five
Pounds.*

*A forfeiture upon
every English
Ship carrying an
Alien as a
Mariner.*

AND likewise, We do grant by these *Presents*, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and their *Successors*, or the greater Part of them, by themselves or their *Deputies* as aforesaid (whereof the *Master*, or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) or any other their *Officer* or *Officers* thereto to be appointed to levy, have, receive, and take out of every *English Ship* or other *Vessel*, that shall come into or go forth of the said *River* of *Thames*, or any the *Creeks*, or *Harbours* of the same as aforesaid, for any *Voyage*, and have in her serving for *Mariner* or *Seaman*, by what *Name* or *Addition* soever, any *Alien* or *Stranger*, or *Aliens* or *Strangers*, not being born within our *Dominions* or *Obeysance*, or not having a *Patent* of *Denization*, or other sufficient or lawful *Warrant* in *Writing* to shew for the same, for every first *Offence* for every one offending, *Forty Shillings* of like lawful *Money* of *England*, and for the second *Time*, and so from *Time* to *Time* afterwards, when, and as often, and for every one that shall so *Offend*, to levy, take, and receive the *Sum* of *Five Pounds* of lawful *English Money*; and for the same (if *Cause* shall so require) by one or more of the said *Wardens*, or by his or their *Deputy* or *Deputies* for the *Time* being, to *destrain* the *Goods* or *Chattels* of the *Party* or *Parties* so offending, and the same *Distress* or *Distresses* so taken, to carry away, keep, and detain with him or them, until they be fully paid and satisfied, of and for the *Sum* and *Sums* of *Money*, which shall be so forfeited and due unto them from the

Offenders as aforesaid, together with their reasonable *Costs* and *Charges* expended, and to be expended, for taking and carrying away of the same *Distresses*, and keeping thereof, if any such be.

Power to punish all Seamen deserting their Ships, or mutinous

AND that it shall and may be lawful to, and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and the rest of the *Elder Brethren*, and their Successors, or the greater Part of them, by themselves, or their said *Deputies*, as aforesaid, (whereof the *Master*, or *Master's Deputy* for the Time being to be always one) to examine and punish by *Fine*, *Imprisonment*, or such reasonable *Correction*, as the Quality of the Offence shall require, all and every such Person or Persons, as in any Merchant or Merchants, or other Owner or Owners Ship, or other Vessel within the said River of *Thames*, that shall depart and go away from any Ship, or any other Vessel, by what Name soever, after that he or they be hired and agreed withal for *Wages*, or shall grow, or be found *mutinous*, *disobedient*, or any ways a *provoker*, *seducer*, or *criticer* of any other to any *Mutiny*, or *Disobedience*, to the hurt or injury, or likelihood of hurt or injury, of any Service or Journey intended, either outwards or homewards, into or from the said River of *Thames*, or any the Creeks or Harbours of the same.

Power to hear and determine all complaints of Scamen, Officers, &c.

AND also to hear and determine all and every the *Complaints* of any *Mariner*, *Seaman*, *Purser* of a Ship, or other Officer, Minister or Member, belonging of, or to any Merchant, or Owner's Ship, in any *Voyage* to be made *outwards* or *homewards*, to, or from the said Place and Places, or any of them, according to the Quality of the same *Complaints*.

With the reserve of an Appeal to the Lord Admiral, or Judge of the Admiralty.

ALWAYS provided, that the Person or Persons so offending, may yet nevertheless afterwards (if he or they find themselves grieved therewith) *Appeal* unto the *Lord High Admiral* of *England*, or to the *Judge* of the *High Court* of our *Admiralty* for the Time being, for redress therein.

What shall be reputed an English Ship.

AND for that it hath been found by Experience that divers *Strangers* Ships and Vessels, under the Colour of having *English Masters*, have passed for, and been reputed *English Ships* and *Vessels*, and so have avoided the Payment of their *Duties* and *Impositions*, in that *Proportion*, which by the *Laws* and *Constitutions* of the said *Corporation*, they ought to have Paid, to the great Abuse of the said *Corporation*; for the preventing of the like Abuses in time to come, and that there may be no Mistake for the future, either in *Imposition* of *Duties*, or of *Fines*, or *Penalties*, it is hereby declared, That only such Ship or Vessel shall be reputed and taken to be an *English Ship*, or Vessel, which hath an *English Master*, and *Three Parts* of *Four* of the whole Number of Officers and *Mariners English*, and every other Ship or Vessel shall be reputed and taken for a *Foreign* or *Stranger Ship* or Vessel, and according to that Order and Estimation, all and every Ship and Vessel shall by the said *Corporation*, from henceforth be rated, fined, and assessed.

And what a Stranger

AND to the intent that the said *Corporation* may be the better enabled to regulate and govern themselves, and to prevent Disorders, and redress Inconveniences, which otherwise may arise within the said *Corporation*: We do hereby farther give and grant, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors for ever, that the *Master* of the said *Corporation*, for the Time being, and his *Deputy*, shall be *Commissioners* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, for the *keeping Peace*, for and within the City of *London*, and the *Liberties* thereof, as well as for and within the Counties of *Kent*, *Middlesex*, and *Surry* at all Times hereafter.

The Master to be always in the Commission of the Peace for London, Kent, Middlesex, and Surry.

Power (by themselves or their Order) of levying all Fines, &c. granted by this Patent.

AND We do hereby further Grant, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, to the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors for ever, that any *Officer or Servant* of the said *Corporation*, or any other Person whatsoever, to whom the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, shall give *Warrant and Authority* under their *Common Seal* for that purpose, shall, and may demand, levy, and receive, all *Impositions, Fines, Forfeitures, and Payments*, imposed, or to be imposed by the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, or payable or demandable by, and from any Person or Persons, by *Virtue* of these *Presents*, at all *Times* hereafter for ever.

In consideration of the growing Poverty of Seamen, they have power of purchasing in Mortmain to £500 per Annum.

AND for as much as the *Poverty* of *Mariners and Seamen*, belonging to the said *Corporation*, is now much more increased than hath been in former *Time*, and not able to be relieved from the *Revenues* of the *Lands and Possessions* of the said *Corporation*, which now they have, or were enabled to have purchased, being so small in yearly *Value*: Therefore to the end that the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, may be from henceforth the better enabled from *Time to Time* to bear and sustain their *Charges and Expences*, drawn and occasioned by reason of their *Corporation*, We of our especial *Grace*, certain *Knowledge*, and meer *Motion*, have given and granted, and by these *Presents* for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, of the *Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood*, of the most glorious and undivided *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the *Parish of Deptford-Strond*, in the *County of Kent*, and their Successors, full, free, especial, and lawful *Licence, Power and Authority*, not only to retain, possess, and enjoy, to their own proper *Use and Behoof*, (without any *Account* to be rendered, made, or given to Us, our Heirs, or Successors, in that behalf) all and singular such *Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattels*, as they have heretofore obtained, purchased or had, and do at present possess and enjoy, by force and virtue of any other *Letters Patents*, or *Grant* had and made to them, by the *Name* of any former *Corporation*, by or from the said late *Kings and Queens*, and according to the *Purport and true Meaning* thereof, or otherwise howsoever; but also to have, receive, and purchase, further to them, and their Successors, for ever, of Us, our Heirs and Successors, or of any other Person or Persons, whatsoever *Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reversions, and Services*, or any of them, or any *Part or Parcel* of them, or any of them, and any other *Possessions, and Hereditaments* whatsoever, without *License or Writ* of *ad quod dampnum*; so always as the said *Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tythes, Rectories, Rents, Reversions, Services, Possessions, and Hereditaments*, or such *Parts and Parcels* of them, or any of them, by the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors so to be purchased, obtained, or had so as aforesaid, do not exceed the clear yearly *Value of Five Hundred Pounds* by the *Year*, above all *Charges, Deductions, and Reprizes*: the *Statute* of not putting *Lands, and Tenements* into *Mortmain*, or any other *Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, or Restraint* thereof heretofore had, made, ordained, and provided, or any other *Cause, Thing, or Matter*, whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Without Account.

With power to others to be benefactors to them in Mortmain, to that value.

AND We do further by these *Presents*, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, give and grant to all and every our *Subject and Subjects* whatsoever, full *Power, Licence, and Authority*, that they, and every of them, may at their *Wills, and Pleasures*, give, grant, bargain, set alien, convey, and assure, unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, *Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reversions, and Services*, or any *Parts or*

Parcels of them, or any of them, and any other Possessions and Hereditaments whatsoever; so always as the said *Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reversions, Services, Possessions and Hereditaments*, or any of them, do not exceed the clear yearly Value of *Five Hundred Pounds*, above all Charges, Deductions, and Reprizes; the said Statute of not putting Lands and Tenements in *Mortmain*, or any other Act, Statute, Ordinance, Provision, or Restraint to the contrary notwithstanding.

*A Confirmation of
all former Grants
of Liberties,
Estates, &c.*

AND further, of Our more especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, We have granted, and confirmed, and by these Presents, do for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, grant and confirm unto the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, all, and all manner of *Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, and Jurisdictions*, which the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or any of them, by what Name, or Names soever, by vertue of what Incorporation soever, heretofore, have, had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have, had, used, and enjoyed, to them and their Successors for ever of an Estate of Inheritance, by virtue or force of any *Charters, or Letters Patents*, by any of our Predecessors, *Kings or Queens of England*, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, by any manner of Means, heretofore made, confirmed, or granted, or by any other Means, Right, Custom, Use, Prescription or Title, heretofore used, had and accustomed; to have and to hold to the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors for ever, to be held of Us, our Heirs and Successors, by such, the same, and the like Rents, Services, and Sums of Money, as the same were formerly holden by, and no otherwise.

*Without an
Exception from all
Accounts for any-
thing claimed or
done by them
before the Date
hereof.*

WHEREFORE, We Will and do strictly charge and command, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, that the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, shall and may have, hold, and enjoy for ever, all the aforesaid Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Authorities, Jurisdictions, and Franchises aforesaid, according to the Tenor and Effect of these our *Letters Patents*, without let or hindrance of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, or of any *Justices, Sheriffs* or other *Bayliffs*, or *Ministers*, of Us, our Heirs and Successors, whatsoever; willing that neither the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, nor any of them, by reason of the Premises, or any of them, by Us, our Heirs and Successors, the *Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators*, or other *Bayliffs*, or *Ministers*, of Us, our Heirs, and Successors whatsoever, be thereof hindered, molested, vexed, grieved, or in any wise troubled. Willing, and by these Presents charging and commanding, as well our *Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons* of our *Exchequer at Westminster*, and other the *Justices* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, as our *Attorney and Solicitor General* for the Time being, and every of them, and all other our *Officers and Ministers* whatsoever, that neither they, nor any of them, do prosecute or continue, or cause to be prosecuted or continued, any Writ or Summons of *Quo Warranto*, or other Writ or Writs, or Process whatsoever, against the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or any of them, for any Cause, Thing, Matter, Offence, Claim, or Usurpation, or any of them, claimed, attempted, used, had or usurped before the making of these Presents; Willing also that the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or any of them, by any of the *Justices, Officers, and Ministers* aforesaid, in or for the due use, claim, or abuse of any *Liberties, Franchises, or Jurisdictions* before the making of these Presents, be not molested, or hindered, or compelled to answer to them, or any of them.

*The Lord Mayor
of London, and all
other Officers, com-
manded to assist,
and forbid to
molest the Corpor-
ation in anything
contained in this
Grant*

AND moreover, our Will and Pleasure is, That the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, of the most glorious and undivided *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the Parish of *Deptford-Strond*, in our County of *Kent*, and the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the same, their Successors, Deputies, and Officers, and every of them, for and concerning all or any Our former Grants in these Our *Letters Patents* contained, and the due Execution of them, or any of them, shall, as well by the *Lord-Mayor, Sheriffs, Justices, Officers, and Ministers* of our City of *London*, as by the *Sheriffs, Justices of Peace*, and more particularly the *Commissioners and other Officers* of Our Customs, in every Port of this our Realm; as also all other Officers and Ministers of all and every other County, City and Place of this our Realm of *England*, from Time to Time be aided and assisted, and helped; forbidding that the same our Liege People and Subjects, or their Successors, or the afore-recited *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their Successors, or their Officer or Officers for the Time being, which shall be elected, ordained, and appointed, in Manner and Form aforesaid, or any of them, be by Us, our Heirs, or Successors, or any the *Justices, Mayors, Escheators, Sheriffs, Coroners, Bayliffs*, or any other Officer or Minister whatsoever, of Us, our Heirs, or Successors, bearing any Office or Offices whatsoever, in any of our said Cities or Counties, or in any other Place or Places whatsoever, by any Means from henceforth at any Time or Times hereafter, for the Premises, or any Article of them, molested, impeached, vexed, troubled, disquieted, or grieved in any Thing.

IN *Witness* whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made *Patents*, Witness OUR SELF, at *Westminster*, the *Eighth Day of July*, in the First Year of Our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

PIGOTT.

SUPPLEMENTARY CHARTER
Granted by Her Mosty Gracious Majesty
QUEEN VICTORIA,
to
THE TRINITY HOUSE,
of
DEPTFORD STROND.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith - To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Charter of
King James
the Second
recited.

Whereas, Our Royal Predecessor, King James the Second, by Charter under his Privy Seal, bearing date at Westminster the 8th day of July, in the first year of his reign, did, among other things, give, grant, and confirm unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Corporation of Trinity House, that they should from thenceforth be and should be called and accounted one Body Corporate and Politic in deed and in name, by the name or designation therein particularly mentioned, and that one of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to be elected and appointed in such form as thereafter expressed, should be called the Master, four should be called Wardens, and eight should be called Assistants, and that there should be eighteen (besides the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants), who should be called Elder Brethren (being all in number one and thirty persons); and the said Charter contained regulations for the election of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and their deputies, and for the election of Elder Brethren as therein more particularly mentioned, and also powers for the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren to hold Courts for the affairs of the Corporation, provided that the majority at least of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or their deputies for the time being, should be always some:

In Special re-
lation to
Number of
Brethren

and quorum at
a Court.

Reduction of
numbers desirable

And whereas it is represented to Us that it would tend to promote the dispatch of business of the said Corporation if the number of members of the Corporation were reduced, and if a lesser number than at present were authorised to hold Courts and to transact the business of the Corporation:

Reduction how
to be effected

Know ye, therefore, that We, taking the premises into Our Royal consideration, and out of an earnest desire to promote the public good and to facilitate the duties required to be performed by the said Corporation, do, of Our especial grace, for Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, give and grant unto Our said trusty and well-beloved subjects, the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Guild or Fraternity, that it shall not be necessary for the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren of the said Guild or Fraternity, to make any new election of an Elder Brother or Elder Brethren in the place of any who by death, retirement, or otherwise, may have ceased or may

and to what extent.

hereafter cease to be a member or members of the said Corporation, unless they shall deem it desirable to do so for the better discharge of their duties until the number of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren shall be reduced to twenty-four:

Reduced number to remain at twenty-four

That when and so soon as the number of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren shall by death, retirement, or otherwise, become reduced to twenty-four, the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren shall thenceforward consist of twenty-four persons only, of whom one shall be the Master, four shall be Wardens, eight shall be Assistants, and eleven shall be Elder Brethren:

Power and Privileges to remain as before.

That, in the meantime, until and after such reduction in their number, the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren for the time being, shall have, retain, and enjoy all the same or the like powers, privileges, revenues, emoluments, and advantages, and be competent to perform all the same or the like duties, matters, and things as shall have been had or enjoyed, or been performed by the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren previous to any reduction of their number:

Mode of election, and power to hold Courts.

That the mode of election of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren, and of the respective deputies of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and all the regulations concerning such elections, and the holding of all Courts, and the transaction of all business of the Corporation, shall and may be exercised and observed by the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren for the time being, until and after such reduction of numbers and having regard thereto, as fully and effectually as the same could or might be exercised or observed if no reduction in the number of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants and Elder Brethren had taken place:

To remain in force.

Courts may be held when not less than one-third of the whole are present.

That, for the purpose of facilitating the despatch of business of the said Corporation, any Courts to be held by the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren for the time being for any purpose, shall be sufficient if any number of them, not being less than one-third of the whole of them for the time being, shall be present at such Courts, the Master or his deputy (or in case of the temporary incapacity by illness of the Master's deputy, one of the said Wardens) to be always one, and the acts and transactions of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Elder Brethren for the time being at such Courts, shall be as valid and effectual as if the majority of them were present at and took part in the proceedings thereof:

Absence not to disqualify,

That, having regard to the customs of the said Corporation heretofore adopted, no Master, Warden, Assistant, or Elder Brother of the said Corporation shall be liable to be dismissed from being such Master, Warden,

except as
limited.

Assistant, or Elder Brother on account of non-attendance at any of the Courts of the said Corporation, unless he shall for the time being be in receipt of remuneration in respect of duties to be performed by him as an active member of the said Corporation.

In witness whereof We have caused these, Our letters, to be made patent.

Witness Ourselves at Our Palace at Westminster, the seventeenth day of November, in the thirty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's command,

CARDEW.

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER
Granted by
His Most Gracious Majesty
KING GEORGE V.
to
THE TRINITY HOUSE
of
DEPTFORD STROND

GEORGE THE FIFTH by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith Emperor of India TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING:-

WHEREAS our Royal Predecessor King James the Second, by Charter under his Privy Seal bearing date at Westminster the eighth day of July in the first year of his reign did among other things give grant and confirm unto the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Corporation of Trinity House that they should from thenceforth be and should be called and accounted one Body Corporate and Politic in deed and in name by the name or designation therein particularly mentioned and that one of the said Guild Fraternity or Brotherhood to be elected and appointed in such form as thereafter expressed should be called the Master four should be called Wardens and eight should be called Assistants and that there should be eighteen (besides the said Master Wardens and Assistants) who should be called Elder Brethren (being all in number one and thirty persons) and the said Charter contained regulations for the election of the said Master Wardens and Assistants and their Deputies and for the election of Elder Brethren as therein more particularly mentioned and also powers for the said Master Wardens and Assistants and Elder Brethren (provided that the majority at least of the Master Wardens and Assistants or their Deputies for the time being should be always some) to hold Courts for the affairs of the Corporation.

AND WHEREAS our Royal Predecessor Queen Victoria by Supplemental Charter under the Great Seal bearing date at Westminster the seventeenth day of November in the thirty-fourth year of her reign did amongst other things give and grant unto the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Guild or Fraternity that it should not be necessary for the said Master Wardens and Assistants to make any new election of an Elder Brother or Elder Brethren in the place of any who by death retirement or otherwise might have ceased or might thereafter cease to be a Member or Members of the said Corporation unless they should deem it desirable so to do for the better discharge of their duties until the number of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren should be reduced to twenty-four and that after such reduction the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren should consist of twenty-four persons only of whom one should be Master four should be Wardens eight should be Assistants and eleven should be Elder Brethren. An that any Courts to be held by the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren for the time being for any purpose should be sufficient if any number of them not being less than one third of the whole of them for the time being the Master or his Deputy (or in the case of his temporary incapacity by illness for the time being one of the said Wardens) being always one. And that having regard to the custom of the said Corporation theretofore adopted no Master Warden Assistant or Elder Brother of the said Corporation should be liable to be dismissed from being such Master Warden Assistant or Elder Brother on account of non-attendance at any of the Courts of the said Corporation unless he

should for the time being be in receipt of remuneration in respect of duties to be performed by him as an active member of the said Corporation.

AND WHEREAS it is represented that it would tend to promote the despatch of business of the said Corporation if such alteration as hereinafter mentioned were made in the number of the Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren of the said Corporation and a lesser number than at present of the said Master Wardens and Assistants or their deputies and Elder Brethren were authorised to hold Courts and to transact the business of the said Corporation and if in lieu of a fixed number of members of the Corporation provision were made for a variation in the numbers of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren in manner hereinafter appearing.

AND WHEREAS it is represented that it is for the good estate of the Corporation that a system shall be established whereunder by means of contributions by all the Members of the Corporation for the time being receiving from the Corporation remuneration for the performance of active duties a fund should be created for providing pensions retiring allowances or other benefits for such Members on their retirement from the performance of such active duties owing to age or infirmity and that it is intended to establish such a system accordingly.

KNOW YE THEREFORE that We taking the premises into our royal consideration and out of an earnest desire to promote the public good and to facilitate the duties required to be performed by the said Corporation do, of our especial Grace, for ourselves, our heirs and successors give and grant unto our trusty and well beloved subjects the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Guild or Fraternity that it shall not be necessary for the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren of the said Guild or Fraternity to make any new election of an Elder Brother or Elder Brethren in the place of any who by death retirement or otherwise may have ceased or may hereafter cease to be a member or members of the said Corporation unless they shall deem it desirable for the better discharge of their duties until the number of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren shall from time to time be reduced to twenty but that notwithstanding the said Supplemental Charter it shall and may be lawful for but not obligatory on the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren to make new elections from time to time until the number of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren shall amount to thirty-one. Of the members of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren one shall be Master two instead of four (as fixed by the said Charter and Supplemental Charter) shall be Wardens (one to be Upper Warden and the other Nether Warden) and not more than eight nor less than seven instead of eight (as fixed by the said Charter and Supplemental Charter) shall be Assistants one of such Assistants being always the Master's Deputy and the rest shall be Elder Brethren.

THAT until and after and notwithstanding such alteration in their number the said Corporation shall have retain and enjoy all the same or the like powers privileges revenues emoluments and advantages and be competent to perform all the same or the like duties matters and things as shall at any time heretofore have been had or enjoyed or been performed by the said Corporation. Provided that for all purposes for which under the Charter or Supplemental Charter two Wardens are or may be required one Warden shall henceforth be sufficient.

THAT the mode of election of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren and of the respective Deputies of the said Master Wardens and Assistants and all the regulations concerning such elections and the

holding of all Courts and the transaction of all business of the Corporation shall and may be exercised and observed by the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren for the time being until and after and notwithstanding such alteration of numbers as aforesaid and having regard thereto as fully and effectually as the same could or might be exercised or observed if no alteration in numbers had taken place but with such variations as the Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren shall deem necessary having regard to the said alteration in number.

THAT any Courts to be held by the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren for the time being for any purpose shall be sufficient if a majority of the Master Wardens and Assistants or of their respective Deputies for the time being be present at such Courts and the acts and transactions of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Elder Brethren for the time being at such Courts shall be as valid and effectual as if the majority of them were present and took part in the proceedings thereof.

THAT as an addition to the last clause of the said Supplemental Charter no Elder Brother who having been in receipt of remuneration in respect of duties performed by him as an Active Member of the Corporation shall in pursuance of any Scheme of Superannuation or retirement from active duties have retired from the performance of such active duties and ceased to be in receipt of remuneration therefor shall be liable to be dismissed from being an Elder Brother or under any other liability for non-attendance at Courts notwithstanding that he may be in receipt of any pension retiring allowance or other benefit from any Fund established for the purpose by the contribution of or otherwise by the Active Members between themselves.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the thirty-first day of May in the first year of our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

(Signed) MUIR MACKENZIE

Supplemental Charter

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS His Majesty King James the Second by Charter under His Privy Seal bearing date at Westminster the eighth day of July in the first year of His Reign did among other things give, grant and confirm unto the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Guild, Fraternity or Brotherhood of the Most Glorious and Undivided Trinity and of Saint Clement, in the Parish of Deptford Strond, in the County of Kent commonly called the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond that they should from thenceforth be and should be called and accounted one Body Corporate and Politic in deed and in name ("the Trinity House"):

AND WHEREAS several Supplemental Charters have since been granted to the Trinity House:

AND WHEREAS an humble Petition has been presented unto Us by the Trinity House praying that We would be graciously pleased to grant to it a further Supplemental Charter:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We having taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and declared and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors do hereby grant and declare as follows:

1. In order to maintain and promote the good government and increase of navigation in Our United Kingdom and to facilitate the duties required to be performed by the Trinity House, the Master, Wardens and Assistants shall be empowered to appoint an additional category of member, such members to be appointed for a specified term and to be called Associate Members of the Trinity House, and to delegate such powers and duties to such Associate Members as the Master, Wardens and Assistants consider fit and each Associate Member so appointed shall properly and diligently perform and exercise the powers and duties delegated to him.

2. There shall not be more than twenty-five such Associate Members at any one time and the Master, Wardens and Assistants may make new elections of Associate Members to fill any vacancy in their number caused by death, retirement or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster the 21st day of June in the ~~twenty-seventh~~ year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION
GRANTED BY
HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY
KING HENRY VIII
TO
TRINITY HOUSE
OF
DEPTFORD STROND
1514

Charter of
Henry VIII.

HENRY. To all cristen people to whom this oure writyng shall coomen sendith gretyng Knowe ye that We of oure speciall grace love and good mynde and of oure pure devocion that We here and have to the glorious and blessed Trinitie and Seynt Clement confessor We have gravnted and geven licence for us and oure heires as mucheas in us is to oure trewe and faithfull subjects Shipmen and mariners of this oure Realme of Englonde that they and their heires to the lawde and honor of the seid most glorious and blessed Trinitie and Seint Clement may begyn of newe and erecte creat order fownde unite and stablisse A Gilde or Broderhed perpetually of their owen seelfe or oder persons as well men as women what so ever they be in the parishe church of Depforthe stronde in ourc countie of Kent and that the saide Gilde or fraternitie so begun erecte creat ordenat fownded unet and stablised shall be oon bodie and a perpetual communitie And also that the bredern of the same gilde or fraternitie of the same and there successovrs may electe order and constitute successively every yere ther owen self oon Maister IIII Wardens and VIII Assistens to se the same Maister and Wardens to governe and oversee the said gilde fraternitie And also to have the rule and custodie of all growndes tenementes Rents proffetes and possessions of all the goodes and catell whiche nowe is or hereafter shall happen to be given bequethed gravnted geten or assigned to the same gilde or fraternitie And the same Maister Wardens and Assistens and eche oon of them fro tyme to tyme as neds shallbe and as it shallbe expedient amove expelle and discharge And that it shallbe lofull to them an oder Maister Warden or Wardens and assistents or assistences in their names and places so moved expulsed and discharged as many tymes and When it shall pleas them to put subrogate and substitute And moreover We have gravnted for vs and oure forseid Heires that the forsaid Maister Wardens ore Assistences and their Successours may admitte take all maner of persons beyng oure naturall subjectes oonly within this oure Realme of ynglond and in oder places under oure obeicence borne and oderwyse not Who so ever will be of the same gylde or fraternitie unto bredern or susters of the same Gilde or fraternitie And that they may have within and amonges theirselve a Comon Seale to serve and to seale for the Dedes and necessitie of the same gilde or fraternitie And that the said maister Wardens and assistences and their Successors be persons able and in the Lawe capaces and havyng capenncie And that they in all oure cowrtes and in all the courtes of our heires And afore all manner of justiciaries or Juges temporall or spirituall in all manner of accions suits querrelles pleas causes and demawndes of what so ever kynde or nature it be concernyng or towchyng the same Gilde or Fraternitie by the name of oon Maister IIII Wardens VIII Assistences of the gylde or fraternitie of the moste glorious and blessed Trinitie and Seynt Clement in the parishe Chirche of Depfvthe Stronde aforeseid may plead and be in pleaded answeere and be answered And also that the seid maister Wardens and Assistences and their bidders and susters aforeseid and their successurs to dayes places and tymes as often tyme and when as it shall please them may come togeder to commyn treate and conclude among themself And what oder persons of an uppon the concervacion and good state and rule of the gilde or fraternitie and of the breders and susters of the same And of and upon all maner of articles any maner of wyse conernyng the conyng or crafte of Maryners And that they shall have power and auctoritie for ever more among their selfe to make lawes ordinances and statutes in relevyng encrease and augmentation of Shippes of this oure Realme of ynglond Whiche all lawes ordinances and statutes as well the Maister the Wardens aforeseid and assistences bredern and susters as all oder as well indegines and straungers exercising the occupacions of mariners shall observe and be bownden And that they shall ponysshe and chastyse all manner of trespaces and doers agaynst the said lawes ordinances and statutes after the gravitie of the same trespac acordyng to their discrecions

And shall aske and geder of all of the said trespaces and eayche oon of them all manner of payn of subsidie ameracements or forfeites in the same lawys ordinances and statuts ordinate and specified And for the same yf nede be all suche trespacers as well by ther goodes and by ther shippes as their bodies as the case shall happen after the lawes and customes of this ourc Realme off ynglond and of ourc Courte of Hadmaralitie distreyngue and arrest and also the said paynes of subsidie ameracements and forfeites to these of the Gylde or fraternitie aforseid levey receive and recover and so as often tymys to come for everlastyng And furthermore of ourc forseid habundant and especiall grace have gevyn and graunted for us and ourc heires to the forseid maister Wardeyns and assistences that they and their successours their landys and tenements yeldyng the value of XX marks by the yere over the quiet rent and charges whiche be not holden of Us in capitie acquerere That they may have and hold to them and to their succesures for ever more And thereof to be foundyd a prest or chapel in the forseid Chirche for ever more to syng for ourc god state and ourc progenitours and for ourc most dere wyfe Kathrine quene of ynglond and of fraunce while we lyve and for ourc progenitours and for their sowlys when they be passed oute of this lyfe And also for the good state of all the bredern and sustern and benefactors of the same gylde while they lyve and for their sowlys when they be passed oute of this present lyfe and for all cristen sowlys and for all other charitable dedis there to be doone and employed Of Statute of Lands and tenements of mortmayne ther founded notwithstanding And more over of ourc especiall grace we gave graunte for us and ourc heires asmouche as in us is to ourc lege men and subgettis aforseid That they have and injoye all and singular liberties fraunchisis and privilegis that their predecessors ourc naturall subgetts borne under ourc Realme of ynglond ever had or usid or injoyed that they shall have and hold to themself and to their successours all and singular londes and tenements that they now have in Depforth Stronde aforseid of ourc gyft or of any other persone or persones whatsoever they be notwithstondyng And that the seid ourc lege men and subgetts and their successours aforseid or the forseid Maister Wardeyns and Assistences elected ordinate and constitute in maner and fvrme aforseid or by their successoures That by vs or by ourc heires Jugges Exchetours Sheryffes Crowners and all other Baylyffys or mynystres to us or to ourc heires what so ever happen in tyme to coom notwithstanding for evermore shall not vex disturbe nor unquiet in any of maner of wyse.

In omne rei etc.

In witesse whereof we have caused this ourc letters to be made and Pattents.

Witness ourselfe at Canterbury the twentieth day of March in the fourth yere of ourc Raigne.