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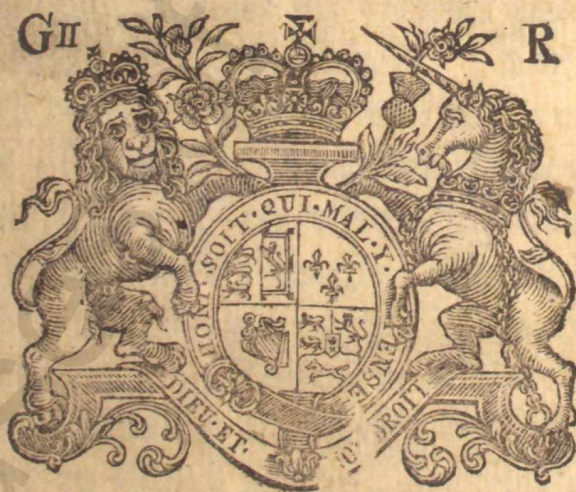
Of His M A J E S T Y's

Royal C H A R T E R,

FOR ERECTING

English Protestant S C H O O L S in the Kingdom of
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With the C O N T E N T S of each C L A U S E in the
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*A COPY of a CHARTER, for Erecting
English Protestant Schools, &c.*

George the Second, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. **To** all Persons to whom these Presents shall come. **Inasmuch** as We have received Information by the Petition of the Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor, Archbishops, Noblemen, Bishops, Judges, Gentry and Clergy of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, That in many Parts of our said Kingdom there are great Tracts of Mountainy and Coarse Land, of Ten, Twenty, and Thirty Miles in Length, and of considerable Breadth, almost intirely inhabited by Papists, and that in most Parts of the same, and more especially in the Provinces of *Leinster, Munster, and Connaught*, the Papists far exceed the Protestants of all Denominations in Number. That the Generality of the Popish Natives appear to have very little Sense or Knowledge of Religion, but what they implicitly take from their Clergy, to whose Guidance, in such Matters, they seem wholly to give themselves up, and thereby are kept, not only in gross Ignorance, but also in great Disaffection to our Person and Government, scarce any of them appearing to have been willing to abjure the **Pretender** to Our Throne: So that if some effectual Method be not made use of to instruct these great Numbers of People in the Principles of true Religion and Loyalty, there is little Prospect, but that Superstition and Idolatry, and Disaffection to Us and

Recites, That in many Parts of this Kingdom there are great Tracts of Land, almost intirely inhabited by Papists.

That they are kept by their Clergy in great Ignorance of the true Religion, and bred up in great Disaffection to the Government.

That the Erecting of Protestant *English* Schools in those Places, is absolutely necessary for their Conversion.

That the *English* Parish Schools already established, are not sufficient for that Purpose, nor can the Residence of the Parochial Clergy only fully answer the End.

Our Royal Posterity, will, from Generation to Generation, be propagated amongst them. That among the Ways proper to be taken for converting and civilizing of the said deluded Persons, and bringing them (through the Blessing of God) in Time to be good Christians and faithful Subjects, one of the most necessary, and without which, all others are likely to prove ineffectual, has always been thought to be the Erecting and Establishing a sufficient Number of *English* Protestant Schools, wherein the Children of the *Irish* Natives may be instructed in the *English* Tongue, and the fundamental Principles of true Religion. That in Pursuance thereof, the Parish Ministers (throughout Our said Kingdom) have generally endeavoured, and often, with some Expence to themselves, to provide Masters for such Schools, within their respective Parishes, as the Law requires them to do: But the richer *Papists* commonly refusing to send their Children to such Schools, and the poorer (which are much the greater Number) not being able to pay the accustomed Salary, as the Law directs, for their Children's Schooling, such Schoolmasters (where they have been placed) have seldom been able to subsist; and, in most Places, sufficient Masters are utterly discouraged from undertaking such an Employment; nor is it to be expected, that the Residence of the Protestant Clergy, upon their respective Benefices, will ever be a sufficient Remedy for this growing Evil, if some effectual Encouragement be not given to such *English* Protestant Schools. To the Intent therefore, that the Children of the *Popish*, and other poor Natives of Our said Kingdom of *Ireland*, may be instructed in the *English* Tongue, and in the Principles of true Religion and Loyalty, in all succeeding Generations.

AND to the End that so good a Design may the more orderly and effectually be carried on, **Know** ye therefore, that We of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, by and with the Advice and Consent of Our Right Trusty, and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Lionel Cranfield*, Duke of *Dorset*, Our Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Our said Kingdom of *Ireland*, and according to the Tenor and Effect of Our Letters, under Our Privy-Signet and Sign-Manual, bearing Date at Our Court at *Richmond* the Twelfth Day of *July*, One thousand, Seven hundred and Thirty three, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign, **have** granted, ordained, declared, constituted and appointed: And by these Presents We do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant, ordain, declare, constitute and appoint, That Our Right Trusty, and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Lionel Cranfield*, Duke of *Dorset*, Our Lieutenant-General, and General Governor of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, and the Chief Governor or Governors of Our said Kingdom, for the Time being; the Most Reverend Father in God, Our Right Trusty, and right entirely beloved Councillor, *Hugh*, Lord Archbishop of *Ardmagh*, Primate of all *Ireland*, and the Archbishop of *Ardmagh*, for the Time being, and the Archbishops of *Ardmagh*, for the Time being. Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Councillor, *Thomas*, Lord *Wyndham*, Our Chancellor, and the Chancellor, Commissioner or Commissioners, Keeper or Keepers of the Great Seal of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being: The most Reverend Father in God, Our Right Trusty, and right entirely beloved Councillor, *John*, Archbishop of *Dublin*: The most Reverend Fathers in God, *Theophilus*, Archbishop of *Cashell*;

The Lord Lieutenant and some of the Chief Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy of this Kingdom, are appointed Commissioners to execute the Purposes of this Charter.

shell; *Edward*, Archbishop of *Tuam*, and the Archbishops of *Dublin*, *Cashell* and *Tuam*, for the Time being. Our Right Trusty, and right well-beloved Cousins, *Robert*, Earl of *Kildare*; *James*, Earl of *Roscommon*; *Richard*, Earl of *Cavan*; *Charles*, Earl of *Mountrath*; *Richard*, Earl of *Bellemont*; and *Thomas*, Earl of *Kerry*. Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Cousins, *Nicholas*, Lord Viscount *Netterville*; *James*, Viscount *Charlemont*; *Edward*, Viscount *Mountcashell*; *Marcus*, Viscount *Tyrone*; and *Brabazon*, Viscount *Duncannon*. The Right Reverend Fathers in God, *Wellbore*, Bishop of *Meath*; *Charles*, Bishop of *Kildare*; *Thomas*, Bishop of *Waterford* and *Lismore*; *Peter*, Bishop of *Cork* and *Ross*; *John*, Bishop of *Clogher*; *Nicholas*, Bishop of *Raphoe*; *Charles*, Bishop of *Killaloe*; *Henry*, Bishop of *Derry*; *Francis*, Bishop of *Down* and *Connor*; *Josiah*, Bishop of *Killmore* and *Ardagh*; *Arthur*, Bishop of *Ferns* and *Leighlin*; *William*, Bishop of *Limerick*, *Ardfert*, and *Aghadoe*; *Henry*, Bishop of *Dromore*; *Robert*, Bishop of *Elphin*; *Robert*, Bishop of *Killala*; *Edward*, Bishop of *Offory*; *Mordecai*, Bishop of *Clonsfert*, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of *Meath*, *Kildare*, *Waterford* and *Lismore*, *Cork* and *Ross*, *Clogher*, *Raphoe*, *Killaloe*, *Derry*, *Down* and *Connor*, *Killmore* and *Ardagh*, *Ferns* and *Leighlin*, *Limerick*, *Ardfert* and *Aghadoe*, *Dromore*, *Elphin*, *Killala*, *Offory* and *Clonsfert*, for the Time being. Our Right Trusty and well-beloved *Edward*, Lord *Athenree*; *William*, Lord *Howth*; *Henry*, Lord *Santry*; *Richard*, Lord *Altham*; and *Thomas*, Lord *Southwell*. Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Councillors, *John Rogerson*, Esq; Chief Justice of Our Court of *King's-Bench*; *Thomas Carter*, Esq; Master of the *Rolls*; *James Reynolds*, Esq; Chief Justice of Our Court of

of *Common-Pleas* ; and *Thomas Marlay*, Esq; Chief Baron of Our Court of *Exchequer*, and the Chancellor of Our Court of *Exchequer*. The Chief Justice of Our Court of *King's-Bench*, the Master of the *Rolls*, the Chief Justice of the *Common-Pleas*, and the Chief Baron of the Court of *Exchequer* of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being. The Speaker of the House of Commons of our Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being. Our Trusty and well-beloved, *William Caulfield* and *Michael Ward*, Esqs; Judges of Our Court of *King's-Bench* ; *George Gore* and *Robert Lindsay*, Esqs; Judges of Our Court of *Common-Pleas* ; Sir *John St. Leger*, Kt. and *John Wainwright*, Esq; Barons of the Court of *Exchequer* of Our said Kingdom ; *Humphrey French*, Esq; Lord Mayor of Our City of *Dublin*, and the Lord Mayor of Our City of *Dublin*, for the Time being. The Right Reverend Father in God, *Charles*, Bishop of *Kildare*, and Our Trusty and well-beloved Doctor *Jonathan Swift*, Deans of Our Cathedrals, of *Christ-Church* and *St. Patrick*, *Dublin* ; and the Deans of *Christ-Church* and *St. Patrick*, *Dublin*, for the Time being ; *Henry Singleton*, Esq; Our Prime Serjeant at Law ; *Robert Jocelyn* and *John Bowes*, Esqrs; Our Attorney and Solicitor-General of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, and the Prime Serjeant, Attorney, and Solicitor-General, for the Time being ; Doctor *Charles Whittingham*, Archdeacon of *Dublin*, and the Archdeacon of *Dublin*, for the Time being ; Doctors, *Richard Baldwin* and *Claudius Gilbert*, Provost and Vice-Provost of Our College of the holy and undivided Trinity, near *Dublin*, and the Provosts and Vice-Provosts thereof, for the Time being ; Sir *Henry King*, Sir *Robert Maud*, Sir *Edward Crofton*, and Sir *Thomas Taylor*, Baronets ; *Humphry*

phry Butler, Henry Hamilton, Marmaduke Coghill, Thomas Butler, Richard Tighe, John Caulfield, Owen Wynne, John Folliot, Isaac Manley, Henry Sandford, Robert Dillon, Arthur Hill, Thomas Trotter, Michael Cuff, Henry Bingham, John Bourke, Henry Barrington, Nathaniel Clements, John Staunton, Richard Warburton, Richard St. George, Thomas Fortescue, Henry Boyle, Ephraim Dawson, Price Hartslonge, George Houghton, Robert French, Robert Cope, James Coghill, George Macartney, Hugh Henry, Robert Parkinson, Richard Tonson, William Stannus, Richard Wolesty, William Handcock, Anthony Shepherd, Toby Caulfield, Francis North, William Aston, John Eyre, Thomas Nesbitt, John Bingham, Thomas Newcomen, Charles Lambert, Arthur Dobbs, Thomas Pearson, Robert Napper, William Vesey, Anthony Malone, John Rockfort, Robert Blakeney, Samuel Whitshed, James Somerville, Nicholas Aylward and William Wall, Esqs; Sir Maurice Crosby, Baronet; Arthur Gore, Hugh Dickson and David Chaigneau, Esqs; Dr. William Percival, Dean of Emly; Alexander Alcock, Dean of Lismore; William Cross, Dean of Leighlin; William Smith, Dean of Ardsfert; James Ward, Dean of Cloyne; William Williamson, Archdeacon of Kildare; Giles Eyre, Dean of Killaloe; William Usher, Archdeacon of Clonsfert; Dr. William Jackson, Prebend of St. John's, Dublin; Dr. Jeremiah Marsh, Dean of Kilmore; Nicholas Synge, Prebendary of the Cathedral of Tuam; John Wynne, Chanter of St. Patrick's, Dublin; John Antrabus, Prebendary of St. Michael's, Dublin; Dr. John Hall, Rector of Ardsallagh; Dr. John Madden, Rector of St. Ann's, Dublin; Robert Grattan, Curate of St. Nicholas within, Dublin; William Cottrel, Dean of Raphoe; Lewis Saurin, Dean of Ardagh; Francis Hamilton,

ton, *Anthony Dopping*, Dean of *Clonmacnois*; *Thomas Wall*, Archdean of *Achonry*; *Charles Este*, Archdeacon of *Ardmagh*; *James King*, Prebendary of *Tipper*, *Dublin*; *Dr. John Owen*, Rector of *Bovevagh*; *Hugh Hill*, Treasurer of *Ardmagh*; *Thomas Smyth*, Archdeacon of *Glandelach*; and such others, as shall be from time to time chosen, nominated and elected, in and to the Places and Stead of such of them as shall decease; shall be one Society, Corporation and Body Politick, to have Continuance for ever, by the Name of the INCORPORATED SOCIETY in *Dublin*, for promoting *English* Protestant Schools in *Ireland*; and that by the same Name they shall have perpetual Succession; and that they and their Successors (by that Name) shall be able and capable in Law to purchase, have, take, receive, and enjoy to them and their Successors, in Fee and in Perpetuity, any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Annuities, Pensions, Tythes, or other Hereditaments in Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, not exceeding in the whole, the clear yearly Value of Two thousand Pounds *Sterl.* And further, That they may take and receive any Sum or Sums of Money, or any Manner or Portion of Goods or Chattels that shall to them be given, granted, devised or bequeathed, by any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, capable to make a Gift or Devise thereof; and therewith and thereout to erect, maintain, and support in all Places of Our said Kingdom of *Ireland*, where they shall judge the same to be most necessary and convenient, such, and so many *English* Protestant Schools, as they shall think proper.

And We do hereby give to the said Society full Power and Authority, to nominate and appoint fit and able Persons, to be approved and licensed by the Archbishops, or Bishops of this Kingdom, in their respective

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Diocesses,

The said Commissioners have a Power to elect others in the Room of their deceas'd Members, and are constituted a Corporation, or Body Politick, by the Name of the INCORPORATED SOCIETY in *Dublin*, for promoting *English* Protestant Schools.

Are made capable to receive and enjoy in Perpetuity, Mannors, Lands, &c. The same not exceeding the yearly Value of 2000*l.* to be apply'd for the establishing and supporting *English* Protestant Schools, in such Places as they shall think proper.

The said Sociey is im-power'd to nominate and appoint proper Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses, to be approv'd and licens'd by the Archbishops and Bishops respec-

tively, to continue during the Pleasure of the said Society.

Diocesses, to be Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses of the same, and to continue Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses therein, during the Will and Pleasure of the said Society, to teach the Children of the *Popish*, and other poor Natives of Our said Kingdom, the *English* Tongue, and to teach them to read, especially the Holy Scriptures, and other good and pious Books; and to instruct them in the Principles of the Protestant Religion, established in Our said Kingdom, and to teach them to *Write*, and to instruct them in *Arithmetick*, and such other Parts of Learning, as to the said Society shall seem meet, and to bring them up in Virtue and Industry; and to cause them to be instructed in Husbandry and Housewifry, or in Trades or Manufactures, or in such like manual Occupations, as the said Society shall think proper. The said Society out of the Fund aforesaid, providing for the said poor Children, or for such of them, as by the said Society shall be judged proper, all necessary Materials and Utensils; as also Bibles, Common-Prayer Books, and other proper Books; and giving them, or to such of them, as the said Society shall think proper Encouragements, by providing Cloaths, Diet and Lodging for them, as to the said Society shall seem meet, until such Time as they shall judge the said Children fit to be put out to Trades or Services, or other Employments; and to allow the said Masters and Mistresses respectively, such yearly Wages or Salaries, as to them shall seem reasonable and fitting; together with the Benefit of School-houses, Dwelling-houses, Gardens, Fields, and other fitting Accommodations for the said Masters and Mistresses and Children, for the Purposes aforesaid, to be hired, taken, purchased, and built by the said Society, according to the Exigencies and Conveniencies of

The Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses to be supported by this Society, and are to be provided with all Things necessary for the Instruction of the Poor Children in the Principles of the Protestant Religion, *Reading, Writing, and Arithmetick*: As likewise with useful Tracts, and all necessary Materials, proper for teaching them Housewifry, Trades, &c.

of the Places wherein the said Schools shall be erected.

And We do hereby grant and ordain, that the said Society and their Successors, by the Name aforesaid, shall be able in Law to sue, and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, in any of Our Courts, and other Places whatsoever; and before any Judge, Judges, or Justices whatsoever, in all, and all Manner of Suits, Complaints, Pleas, Causes, Matters and Demands, of whatsoever Kind, Nature, or Form they be; and all, and sundry other Matters and Things to do, in as full, ample, and effectual Manner, as any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, within Our Realm of *Ireland*, may or can do.

The Society and their Successors, by the Name aforesaid, to sue and be sued, in all Courts,

And We do hereby give and grant to the said Society to have a common Seal, with such Stamp and Inscription, to be engraved and made thereon, as they shall think proper: And that it shall be lawful for them and their Successors to change, break, alter, and renew the said Seal at their Pleasure.

And
to have a common Seal,

And for the better carrying on the aforesaid pious Design, We ordain and appoint, that the said Society have a General Meeting of the Members thereof, quarterly, in *Dublin*, at such Place or Places as they shall think proper, viz. The First *Wednesdays* in *May*, *August*, *November* and *February*, yearly, in all Time coming, and oftner, when, and where the said Society shall think meet. And any Seven Members of the said Society, who shall convene at the said Times and Places, are hereby declared to be a *Quorum* of the said General Meetings, and to be able and capable to do and transact all Acts, Matters, and Things relating to the Affairs of the said Society. **And** the said Society, at their first General Meeting, which we hereby direct to be on the First of the said Quarterly Days, that shall be Thirty Days next after the Date of these Presents

The Society to have a General Meeting, Quarterly, viz. The First *Wednesdays* in *May*, *August*, *November*, and *February*, or oftner, and any Seven to be a *Quorum*.

(timely Intimation whereof, the said Lord Primate, or Lord Chancellor, or the Commissioners of the Great Seal of *Ireland*, for the Time being, are hereby empowered and required to give to the Members of the said Society) are, by Plurality of Voices, of such as shall be present, to elect from among themselves a President, and Vice-President: And also to elect a Treasurer, Secretary, Register, or Clerk, and such other Officers and Servants as they shall find needful, to continue till the First *Wednesday* in *November* next thereafter, and until others be chosen to succeed them.

The said Society at the first General Meeting, to elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Register, or Clerk, &c.

The President, or Vice-President to administer an Oath to the Treasurer, &c. for the faithful Execution of their Offices.

And the said President, or Vice-President, at the Time of such Election, is hereby empowered to administer an Oath to the said Treasurer, Secretary, Register, or Clerk, and the said other Officers and Servants; which Oath they are hereby respectively required to take for the due and faithful Execution of their respective Offices.

That the said Society, at the first General Meeting upon the first *Wednesday* in *November*, or next Meeting thereafter, make a new Election of Persons to serve in the said Offices, or continue the former.

And We do further for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that upon the First *Wednesday* in *November*, in all Time coming (or in case of any Emergency preventing their Meeting on that Day, then at the next Meeting thereafter) the said General Meeting shall make a new Election of Persons to serve in the aforesaid respective Offices, or continue the former as they shall think most convenient.

The Society, at their first general Meeting, to appoint a Committee of Fifteen of their Number; which Committee is to have a Meeting in *Dublin*, and is empower'd to carry into Execution all Rules and Directions of the said Society; and a Committee in Manner aforesaid is to be chosen yearly, on every First *Wednesday* in *November*.

And likewise, We do hereby ordain and appoint, that the said Society do, at their First General Meeting, nominate and appoint Fifteen of their Number to be a Committee, to meet in *Dublin* the First *Monday* in every Month, or oftener, as Need shall require, in such Place or Places as shall be agreed upon by the said Society, and the said Committee, or any three or more of them, at the Time and Place appointed for their Meeting, are hereby empowered to carry into Execution all such Orders, Rules, and

and Directions, as shall from time to time be made by the said Society, pursuant to the Powers hereby given to them; the said Committee to continue till the First *Wednesday* in *November* next following the said first Meeting of the said Society; at which time, and on every First *Wednesday* in *November* yearly, the said Society shall nominate Fifteen of their Members to be a Committee for one Year for the Purposes aforesaid. **And** further, the said Society, at their General Meetings, are hereby impowered, as they shall see Cause, to nominate and appoint fit Persons in any Place of Our Dominions, or elsewhere, to receive Subscriptions, Money, or other Things, contributed towards the aforesaid Design. **And** We do hereby will and ordain, That the Treasurer do lay before the said Society, at their General Meeting, on the First *Wednesday* in *November*, yearly, an Account of his Receipts and Disbursements for the Year then ending; which being examined and approved by the said Society, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose; which Book, and all other the Books and Papers of the said Society, shall at all times be open and free, for the Perusal of the several Members thereof, that they may see what Lands, Goods, Chattels, and Sums of Money have been given to, and received by the said Society from time to time, and how the same have been laid out and applied, by Virtue of these Presents, or any Authority hereby given. **And** We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant unto the said Society, at their Quarterly Meetings, in all Time coming, and at no other Meetings, full Power to make such Rules and Ordinances, and from time to time to alter the same, as they shall judge most convenient and needful, for the good Government of the said Society, and Management of the Affairs thereof, and the effectual Promo-

The Society to nominate Persons to receive Subscriptions, Benefactions, &c.

The Treasurer to lay before the Society, on the First *Wednesday* in *November*, yearly, an Account of his Receipts and Disbursements; the same to be entered in a Book.

A Power to make such Rules, &c. as the said Society shall think necessary.

A *Proviso*, That the said Rules be not repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom; and the same be approved by the Lord Primate, Chief Judges, &c.

That whensoever the President, Vice-President, &c. shall die, the Survivors to remain incorporate; and they, or any Seven of them, may appoint a New President, or Vice-President, &c. in the Room of such Persons.

Promotion of the good Ends intended hereby; and to give such Instructions, Directions, Orders, Encouragements and Salaries to those they employ, as they shall judge needful and reasonable. **Provided** always, that the said Rules, Ordinances, Instructions, and Directions be not repugnant to the Laws and Statutes then in force, within Our said Kingdom of *Ireland*: And that the same be approved of, and confirmed by the said Lord Primate, or one of the said Lords Archbishops, for the time being, and one of Our said Lord Chief Justices, or Chief Baron, for the time being: And also We do ordain, grant and appoint, that so often, and whensoever the President, or Vice-President of the said Society, or any one or more of the Persons, constituting the said Society, for the time being, or any other such Person that shall be chosen hereafter, shall happen to depart this Life, that then, and so often the Survivors of the Persons constituting the said Society, shall be continued, and remain incorporate by the Name aforesaid, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, according to the true Intent and Meaning of these Presents, as if all the said Persons of the aforesaid Society had continued: And then, and so often it shall and may be lawful for the said surviving Persons, or any Seven of them as a *Quorum*, at any General Meeting as aforesaid, to elect, nominate, chuse, and appoint a New President, and Vice-President, in the Room and Place of such President, or Vice-President so dying: And also, if they shall judge it proper and convenient, may chuse one or more fit Person or Persons, in the Room and Place of such Person or Persons, which shall so depart this Life; which Person and Persons so nominated, elected, and chosen as aforesaid, shall, together with the said surviving Persons, be taken, reputed, and be the Society, hereby ordained and appointed for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid,

aforesaid, and in like manner to proceed, as often as Need shall require, for the keeping up of the said Society.

And farther, that upon the Death of their Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers and Servants, or upon the Removal of them, or any of them from their Offices, for Misdemeanors by them Committed, they shall in like manner choose others to succeed in their Places and Stead, and so in like manner from Time to Time, as need shall require.

And the said Society, or any Seven of them, at such General and quarterly Meetings aforesaid, are hereby Impowered to remove from their Offices, any such Treasurer, Secretary and other Officers, for Misdemeanors committed by them in their said Offices and Stations.

And Our Will and Pleasure is, That no Lease or Leases, of any Lands or Tenements belonging to the said Society, be Made or Executed, but at some one of their General and quarterly Meetings, with the Approbation of the President, or Vice-President and Treasurer, and the Major Part of the other Members then Present, such Major Part being at least Seven in Number, and that every Lease so to be Made, shall be of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in Possession, and not in Reversion, and for a Term, not exceeding Three Lives, or Thirty One Years, whereon there shall be reserved the best yearly Rent, that can be had or gotten for the said Lands or Tenements, at the Time of making such Leases respectively, without any Fine or other Income, to be had or taken for the same.

And we further Grant to the said Society full Power and Authority, at any of their quarterly Meetings in time coming, to Elect and Assume into their Number and Society such Subscribers or Benefactors to their Fund, being *Protestants*, as they shall judge fit and qualified to Assist in carrying on the Design aforesaid,

And upon the Death or Removal of their Treasurer, they shall in like manner Choose others to succeed.

And Seven of them at such general Meetings, to remove from their Offices any such Treasurer, &c. for Misdemeanors.

All Leases of Lands or Tenements to be made at a general Meeting, and with the Consent of the President, &c. the said Meeting at least consisting of Seven in Number.

Every Lease to be made, not exceeding Three Lives or Thirty One Years Possessions, and without Fine.

Subscribers being *Protestants*, to be admitted into the Society.

Proviso, to restrain the
Society from diminishing
their Capital Stock.

Clause, that the Grant
is Valid in Law.

Proviso, of Inrollment.

said, which Persons so from Time to Time elected, shall be deemed and taken to be Members, and Part of the said Society and Corporation, as if herein particularly named as such. **Provided** always, and We do hereby expressly declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure to be, That it shall not be Lawful for the said Society to diminish their Capital Stock arising from the Annual Rent or Income of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Annuites, Pensions, Tythes, or other Hereditaments, whereof they shall at any Time be Seized, or Possessed, by Gift, Purchase, or Devise; but they shall confine their Expences yearly to such Annual Rent or Income, and to such Sums of Money, Goods and Chattels as shall from Year to Year be Subscribed or given to them, or the Interests and Profits thereof. **And lastly**, We do Declare and Ordain, That these Our Letters Patent, and Charter, and every Clause, Sentence and Article herein contained, or the Inrollment hereof made in Our High Court of *Chancery* in Our said Kingdom of *Ireland*, shall be in all things Firm, Valid, Sufficient and Effectual in the Law, unto the said Society and their Successors according to the Purport and Tenor hereof, without any further Grant, Licence or Toleration from Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to be procured or obtained. **Provided** always, that these Our Letters Patents be Inrolled in the Rolls of Our High Court of *Chancery* in Our said Kingdom of *Ireland*, within the space of Six Months next ensuing the Date of these Presents. **In Witness** whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. **Witness**, Our said Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Our said Kingdom of *Ireland*, at *Dublin*, the 24th Day of *October*, 1733. in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.