

The Charter

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:*

WHEREAS Sir George Downing, late of Gamlingay park, in the county of Cambridge, Bart. deceased, by his last will and testament, bearing date on or about the 20th day of December, which was in the year of our Lord, 1717, gave and devised all and singular, his manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, both freehold and copyhold, as well as leasehold for years, in the several counties of Cambridge, Bedford, and Suffolk and elsewhere, with their appurtenances, unto certain trustees therein named, all of whom afterwards died in the life-time of the said testator; To hold all such of the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, whereof the said testator was seised of any estate of inheritance or freehold, unto the said trustees and their heirs, To certain uses, which have since determined, or by subsequent events become incapable of taking effect, and from and after the determination thereof and subject thereto, To the use and behoof of the said trustees and their heirs, In trust, that they should, as soon as might be, by, with, and out of the rents, issues, and profits of the premises, buy and purchase the inheritance and fee simple of some piece of ground, lying and being within the

Will of the
Founder

town of Cambridge, proper and convenient for the erecting and building a college; and thereon should erect and build all such houses, edifices and buildings as should be fit and requisite for that purpose which college should be called by the name of DOWNING COLLEGE; and his will was, that a charter royal would be sued for and obtained for the founding such college, and incorporating a body collegiate by that name, in and within the university of Cambridge, which college or collegiate body, should consist of such head or governor, and of such fellows, scholars, members and other persons for the time being, and should be maintained, governed and ordered by such laws, rules, and orders, and in such manner, and therein should be professed and taught such useful learning, as his said trustees, or their heirs, by and with the consent and approbation of the most Revd the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the masters of St. John's College and Clare-Hall, in our said university of Cambridge, in being at the time of the founding of the said college, should direct, prescribe, and appoint; and immediately from and after the founding and incorporating such college, or body collegiate as aforesaid, the said trustees and their heirs should stand and be seised of all and singular the said manors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in trust for the said collegiate body and their successors for ever: and as for and concerning such of the said manors, lands, and premises, whereof or wherein the said testator was possessed of any estate, for any term or terms of years; he declared and appointed, that the said trustees, their executors and administrators should stand possessed thereof, in trust from time to time, to assign the same unto such person or persons as should be entitled to the actual possession of his lands of inheritance, by virtue of the limitations before-mentioned

Death of the
Founder.

AND WHEREAS the said testator, Sir George Downing, died on or about the tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1749.

AND WHEREAS sometime in or about the year of our Lord 1764, an information was exhibited in our high Court of Chancery, by our then Attorney-general, at the relation of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of our said University of Cambridge, against Dame Margaret Downing, widow, afterwards the wife of George Bowyer, Esq. now Sir George Bowyer, Bart. and the persons who were then the heirs at law of the said Sir George Downing, and divers other persons who were necessary parties to the said suit; and, by the Decree pronounced on the hearing of the said cause, bearing date the 3rd day of July 1769, our then Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, did declare the will of the said testator, Sir George Downing, and a codicil thereto well proved; and that the same ought to be established, and the trusts thereof performed and carried into execution; particularly the trusts of the said charity; in case we should be pleased to grant our royal charter to incorporate the said college, and our royal licence for such incorporated college, to take the devised premises in mortmain; and did decree the same accordingly; and the defendants, the heirs at law of the said testator, were to be at liberty to apply to us for that purpose : And his Lordship did declare, that the free-hold estates, purchased by the said testator after the making of the said will, did not pass by virtue of the codicil, the will not being thereby republished ; and that the leases which were renewed or run out, after the making the will, and before the said testator's death, did not pass by the will, but fell into the residue of the said testator's personal estate; and that the copyhold estates of the said testator not surrendered to the use of his will, descended to his heir at law; and directions were given for enquiries touching the annual value of the premises devised to the charity, in order to enable the heirs at law of the testator to form a judgment what number of fellows and scholars could be maintained by the endowment ; and the said heirs at law of the said testator were to be at liberty to contract for a piece of ground within our said University of Cambridge, whereon to found the said college, conditionally, in case the charter and licence should be granted by us.

AND WHEREAS, the said suit and proceedings having from time to time become abated by the deaths of several of the parties there to, several informations of revivor and supplement were afterwards filed by our then Attorney - general, at the relation of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, of our said University of Cambridge, against the persons who, from time to time, were the heirs at law of the said Sir George Downing, and all necessary parties; and by a decretal Order made on the hearing of the said several informations of revivor and supplement, on the 16th day of February 1795, the said former decree of the 3rd day of July 1769, was ordered to be prosecuted against the several parties thereto, in like manner as was thereby directed against the parties to the original cause.

Contract for a
Scite.

AND WHEREAS Sir George Cornwall, Bart. And Dame Catherine his wife; Mary Goate, widow; Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, Esquires ; (which said Dame Catherine Cornwall, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, are the present heirs at law of the said testator Sir George Downing), have lately contracted and agreed with the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, of the said town of Cambridge, and with Mr. Thomas Thackeray, their lessee, for the purchase of the fee-simple and inheritance in possession of a certain piece of ground within the said town and university of Cambridge, containing, by estimation, one acre, more or less, as it was then enclosed, called Doll's Close, as a scite where on to found the said intended college, conditionally, in case we should be graciously pleased to grant our royal charter to incorporate the said college, and our royal licence to such incorporated college, to hold lands in mortmain, which contracts have been submitted to and approved by our Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain.

Conveyance of the
Scite.

AND WHEREAS, by Indentures of Lease and Release, inrolled in our said high Court Chancery, bearing date respectively the 14th and 15th days of July, in the year our Lord 1800, and made between the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, of

the said town of Cambridge, of the one part, and the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, of the other part, the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, did, for the considerations therein-mentioned, grant, release, and convey, unto the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, and their heirs, the said piece of ground, called Doll's Close, with the appurtenances, To hold the same unto, and to the use of, the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, their heirs and assigns (subject to the lease thereof, granted to the said Thomas Thackeray for the term of 999 years, from Lady-day 1790, by indenture bearing date the 20th day of May 1790), in trust for the said intended college, to be called Downing College, and to be conveyed and disposed of as the Master, Professors, and Fellows of the said college shall direct. And by Indenture of Assignment, bearing date the said 15th day of July 1800, and made between the said Thomas Thackeray, of the one part, and the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, of the other part, the said Thomas Thackeray did, for the considerations therein-mentioned, assign to the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, the said piece of ground, called Doll's Close, with the appurtenances; to hold the same unto the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, their executors, administrators, and assigns, for the residue of the said term of 999 years, In trust for the said intended college, to be called Downing College, and to be assigned and disposed of as the Master, Professors, and Fellows, of the said college shall direct.

AND WHEREAS the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, have prepared and submitted to the right reverend the present Lords Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare Hall, in our said university of Cambridge, the

Plan of
Foundation
prepared and
approved
pursuant to the
Will.

persons named and appointed in and by the said will of the said testator Sir George Downing for that purpose, a scheme or plan for the foundation of the said intended college, which scheme or plan hath been approved by the said Lords Archbishops, and the said Masters of the said colleges, and hath been also submitted to and approved by our said Lord High Chancellor.

Application for
the Charter.

AND WHEREAS the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, did, on or about the third day of September 1798, present their humble petition unto us, praying that we would be graciously pleased to grant our royal charter for founding and incorporating a college within our university of Cambridge, to be called Downing College, according to the scheme or plan so approved as aforesaid, and to the said petition annexed, or such other as to us should seem meet; and that the said college might be made part of our said university of Cambridge, and be annexed thereto; and that we would also be pleased to grant unto the head, or governor, and other members of the said college, and their successors, our royal licence to hold in mortmain the several freehold and leasehold manors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, given and devised by the said testator Sir George Downing, for the use of the said college; and also such piece of ground as should be purchased for the erecting and building such college, pursuant to the said testator's will, together with the buildings which should be thereon erected ; and also to purchase and hold in mortmain any other lands, tenements, or hereditaments, of the yearly value of £1500 above all charges and reprises; and that we would likewise be pleased to grant unto such head, or governor, and other members, and their successors, such other privileges and advantages as to us should seem meet.

The College is
established.

WE having taken the premises into our royal consideration, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, *HAVE* willed, ordained, constituted, established, declared, and appointed, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, *DO* will, ordain, constitute, establish, declare, and appoint, that in and upon the said piece

of ground, called Doll's Close, so purchased by the heirs at law of the said testator Sir George Downing, as aforesaid, there shall and may be erected and established one perpetual College for students in law, physic, and other useful arts and learning, which college shall be called by the name of DOWNING COLLEGE, IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, and shall consist of one Master, two Professors (that is to say) a Professor of the Laws of England, and a Professor of Medicine, and sixteen Fellows, two of whom shall be in holy orders, and the rest shall be laymen; and of such a number of Scholars as shall hereafter be agreed on and settled by the statutes of the said college.

AND we do by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, will, declare, and establish, that the Master, Professors, Fellows, and Scholars of the said college, and their successors for ever, shall be one distinct and separate body politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name and stile of *The Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars, of Downing College, in the University of Cambridge*; and that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession and a common seal; and that they and their successors shall, from time to time, have full power to break, alter, make new, or change, such common seal at their will and pleasure, and as shall be found expedient ; AND THAT by the same name the said Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars, and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, and be able and capable to have, take, receive, hold, possess, enjoy, and retain; and we do hereby, for us, our heirs, and successors, give and grant full authority, and free licence, to them and their successors, by the name aforesaid, notwithstanding any statute or statutes of mortmain, to have, take, receive, hold, possess, enjoy, and retain, to and for the use of the said college, all and every the freehold, copyhold and leasehold manors, advowsons, messuages, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, and possessions, so given and devised by the will of the said Sir George Downing, in manner herein before mentioned, together with the said piece of ground, called Doll's Close, and also to take, purchase, acquire, have, hold, enjoy, receive, possess and retain,

To be a corporate body with the usual incidents.

notwithstanding any such statute or statutes of mortmain to the contrary, any other manors, rectories, advowsons, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, of what kind, nature, or quality so-ever, for the use of the said college, so as that such other manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, do not exceed in yearly value the sum of £1500 above all charges; and moreover, to take, purchase, acquire, have, hold, enjoy, receive, possess and retain, notwithstanding any such statute or statutes to the contrary, all or any goods, chattels, charitable and other contributions, gifts and benefactions, whatsoever. AND THAT the said Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars, and their successors, by the same name, shall and may be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all, or any court old courts of record, and places of judicature within our kingdom of Great Britain, in all and singular actions, causes, pleas, suits, matters and demands, whatsoever, of what kind, natured or sort soever, in as large, ample, and beneficial manner and form as any other body politic and corporate, or any other our liege subjects being persons able and capable in law, may or can have, take, purchase, receive, hold, possess, enjoy, retain, sue, implead or answer, or be sued, impleaded or answered, in any manner whatsoever.

The College to be part of the University.

AND we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, order and direct, that the said College shall be deemed and taken to be part and parcel of our said University of Cambridge, and shall be united and annexed to, and incorporated therewith, and enjoy all the privileges of the said University.

The Mem -bers of the College to enjoy the privileges, and be subject to the discipline of the University.

AND we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant to the Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars, of the said college and their successors, and they, and every of them, shall and may, individually, have, hold, take, and enjoy within our University of Cambridge aforesaid, and the liberties and precincts thereof, all and singular, such and the same privileges, franchises and liberties, and in as full and ample manner and form, and shall be subject to all such discipline, order and government, as any Master, Professor, or any Warden, Provost, Principal or Doctor of

any other college in our said University of Cambridge, and their Fellows and Scholars, officers and ministers, or any of them, within our said University, by reason of any charter, gift or grant, or charters, gifts or grants by us, or any of our progenitors, heretofore made or granted to the same university, or by reason of any prescription, custom, or other lawful title or ordinance whatsoever, have had, taken, held or enjoyed, or been subject to, or ought to have had, taken, held, or enjoyed, or been subject to.

AND we do hereby for ourselves, our heirs and successors, will, order and direct, that the Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars of the said college and their successors, shall be regulated and governed, according to the Statutes, rules and ordinances of the said college, which statutes, rules and ordinances, shall be made and framed by the heirs at law of the said Sir George Downing, by and with the consent and approbation of the lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the lord Archbishop of York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare-hall, within our said University, or the major part of them, in writing, as well concerning divine service to be celebrated in the said new college, as also touching and concerning the good government, regulation, and residence of the Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars of the same, and the management, preservation and disposition of the manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, possessions and revenues of the said Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars, for the better support and maintenance of the same college, and the Master, Professors, Fellows and Scholars thereof, and their successors, and likewise concerning the salaries, stipends, and other necessaries for the scholars of the said college, which are not hereby settled or provided for, and for the Chaplains, officers, ministers and other persons, who shall, from time to time, dwell and be supported in the said college; and also touching or concerning any other matter or thing as to them shall seem good, fit, useful. and agreeable, to this our charter, and to the said will of the said Sir George Downing; provided nevertheless, that the said statutes, laws, rules, ordinances and constitutions, so as aforesaid to be framed, made and constituted, or any of them, be not repugnant to the laws or statutes of this our realm.

Statutes to
be framed.

Power to alter the statutes.

AND we do by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, authorize and empower the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare-Hall aforesaid, and of the said intended college, to be called Downing College, for the time being, or the major part of them, (at the request of the Master, Professors and five senior Fellows of the said college, for the time being, to be signified in writing, under their respective hands), from time to time, to revoke, repeal, change, augment, alter, or make new, all, every, or any of the said statutes, laws, rules, ordinances and constitutions, as to them, or the major part of them, shall seem meet and expedient; but so, nevertheless, that the same be not repugnant or contrary to this our charter, or to the said will of the said Sir George Downing, or to the laws or statutes of this our realm; and all and singular which statutes, laws, rules, ordinances and constitutions, so to be framed and made as aforesaid, we do, for us, our heirs and successors, charge and command to be strictly and inviolably observed, kept and performed, from time to time; so long as they shall respectively remain in full vigour and effect, under the penalties to be thereby or therein inflicted or contained.

Nomination of the first members,

AND in order the better to carry our will and intention into execution in this behalf, we have made, assigned, nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do make, assign, nominate, constitute and appoint, our beloved Francis Annesley, Doctor of Laws in our said University, first and modern Master of the aforesaid College, and our beloved Edward Christian, Esquire, Master of Arts in our said University, and Barrister at Law, to be the first Professor of the Laws of England, and our beloved Busick Harwood, Doctor in Physic, to be the first Professor of Medicine in the said College; and we have likewise made, assigned,

Nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do make, assign, nominate, constitute and appoint, our beloved John Lens, Serjeant at Law, and William Meek, Barrister at Law, Masters of Arts in our said University, and William Frere, Batchelor of Arts in our said University, and such thirteen other persons, to be qualified in manner hereafter prescribed, respecting the election of the future Fellows of the said College, as we shall, after the necessary buildings for the said College shall be erected, by writing under our sign manual, nominate and appoint to be the first and modern Fellows of the aforesaid college.

AND we do hereby further will, declare and direct, that the said Francis Annesley, Edward Christian, Busick Harwood, John Lens, William Meek, and William Frere, shall, immediately henceforth, commence and be Master, Professors, and Fellows, of the said College; in order to constitute a body corporate, for the several purposes of taking possession of the estates devised by, and to be purchased pursuant to, the will of the said Sir George Downing, and of administering the revenues thereof, and of superintending the erection of the necessary buildings of the said college, and for the other necessary purposes; and that the remaining thirteen Fellows of the said college, so to be nominated as aforesaid, shall not be nominated, or commence, or become Fellows of the said college, until after the erection of the necessary buildings for the same.

who are immediately constituted a body corporate.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that the future Masters of the said college shall be chosen from amongst those who shall have been Professors or Fellows of the said college, and shall be elected by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare-Hall, in our said university for the time being; and that the future Professors of the said college shall be elected by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare-Hall, and of the said intended college, to be called Downing College, for the time being, from among persons qualified in the following manner (that is to say), The Law Professor shall be

Mode of election, and qualifications of the future Masters and Professors.

at the time of his election, a Doctor of Laws, a Master of Arts, or a Bachelor of Laws in one of our two universities of England, of ten years standing from his matriculation, and also a Barrister at Law; and the Professor of Medicine shall be, at the time of his election, a Master of Arts, who shall have been licensed to practise physic for the space of two years, or a Doctor or Bachelor of Physic in one of our said two universities of England, or a member of some one of the Scotch universities of seven years standing, and twenty-five years of age, who shall have attended the medical lectures in one of the Scotch universities for four years.

Electors
may vote by
proxy.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that the said several persons hereby appointed to elect the future Master and Professors of the said intended college, shall be at liberty to give their votes in such elections by a proxy, in writing, to any other of the said electors.

Mode of
elections and
qualifications of
the future
Fellows.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that the future fellows of the said college, except those to be first named by us as aforesaid, shall be elected by the Master, Professors, and such Fellows of the said college as shall be of the degree of Master of Arts, from among persons who shall have taken a degree in Arts, Physic or Civil Law, in one of our said two universities of England, provided that the person to be elected to either of the said two clerical fellowships shall have taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and shall be in holy orders at the time of his election, or if not in holy orders at the time of his election, shall enter into holy orders within six calendar months after his election; and if he shall not so do, his fellowship shall become and be vacant, from and after the expiration of such term of six calendar months from the day of such election.

Elections to be
made within six
months, or
lapse to the
Visitor.

AND we do hereby will, declare, and direct, that all such elections as aforesaid shall be made within six calendar months after any vacancy shall happen; or, in default thereof, we do hereby reserve to us, our heirs and successors, as visitor of the said college, the right of nominating some person or persons, qualified as aforesaid, to supply such vacancy.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that the said Francis Annesley, Edward Christian, and Busick Harwood and such other persons as shall hereafter be elected to the said respective offices of Master and Professors of the said college, shall hold and be continued in their said offices and places respectively, during the term of their respective natural lives, or during so long time as they shall well and faithfully demean themselves therein respectively; and that they shall be removeable only by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare-Hall, in our said university, for the time being.

Duration of the appointments of Master and Professors.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that the said lay fellowships shall be held only for the term of twelve years respectively, and shall, within that time, be vacated by those who are in the law line, by their not being called to the bar within eight years after their elections, and by those who are in the medical line, by their not taking the degree of doctor of physic within two years after they are of sufficient standing; likewise by marriage, or by entrance into holy orders, at any time within the first six years after their election, or by election into any of the into any of the superior stations of Master or Professor of the said College, or by possessing property of such yearly value as shall be specified in the statutes.

Duration of the lay Fellowships

AND in as much as it may happen that some of the lay fellows of the said college may become disabled in body or mind, or from close application to speculative studies may have been prevented from following any profession with success, WE do hereby grant, will, and declare, that the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare Hall, and of the said intended college, to be called Downing College, shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, in any such case, to suspend the vacancy of any of the lay fellowships, upon formal representation and satisfactory evidence of the reality of the case : but such power and authority shall on no account be exercised in behalf of any Fellow who shall be possessed of property of such value as shall, according to the statutes of the said college, be sufficient to vacate his fellowship ; nor shall the same be extended

Power to suspend vacancies of the lay Fellowships.

to a greater number of fellows living at any one time than shall be specified in the statutes.

Duration of the clerical Fellowships.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that the two clerical Fellows of the said college shall vacate their fellowships by marriage, or by possessing property or ecclesiastical preferment of such yearly value as shall be specified in the statutes of the said college.

Scholars to be admitted.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that pupils of the respective ranks of Fellow-commoners, Pensioners and Sizars, be admitted into the said intended college in the same manner as they are admitted into other colleges, in the said university ; and that they be instructed and educated in law, physic, and such other useful learning as is generally taught in other colleges, and that they shall be subject to the usual academical discipline.

A building fund to be set apart, under the direction of the Court of Chancery.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that out of the revenues of the said college there shall be, in the first place, set apart so much as shall be necessary to be applied in erecting proper buildings for the said college, together with any other funds applicable for that purpose, under the direction of our said Court of Chancery; and that when such buildings shall be completed to the satisfaction of our said court, or a proper fund shall be set apart, under the order of our said court, for that purpose, the Master, Professors, and Fellows of the said college, shall receive, by and out of the remainder of such revenues, if sufficient for that purpose, after defraying all other necessary expences and disbursements, the stipends following: that is to say, the yearly stipend to the Master of the said College shall be £600; and the yearly stipend to each of the Professors of the said college £200; and the yearly stipend to each of the Fellows of the said college, £100; but if there shall be any deficiency in the revenues of the said college, in that case the said several stipends shall abate in proportion; and if there shall, at any time, be any surplus of such revenues, after payment of the above stipends and other disbursements, the same shall accumulate for

the benefit of the said college; or shall be, from time to time, paid, applied, and disposed of in such manner as the Master, Professors, and Fellows of the said college, for the time being, or the major part of them, shall order, direct, or appoint. And it is our will and pleasure that no payment shall be made in respect of any such stipends as aforesaid, until the expence of the buildings proper for the said college shall be fully provided for, by setting apart sufficient funds for that purpose, in such manner as our said Court of Chancery shall direct.

AND we do hereby further will, declare, and direct, that the Professors of the said college shall read such lectures, or courses of lectures, in their several departments, as the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Archbishop of York, and the Masters of St. John's College and Clare-Hall, and of the said intended college, to be called Downing College, for the time being, or the major part of them, shall, from time to time, order, direct, and appoint; and that care shall be taken, in the statutes of the said college, to enforce the reading of such lectures by suitable penalties in case of any wilful omissions thereof.

Professors to read lectures.

AND further, we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, order, direct, and appoint, that the said Francis Annesley, so nominated and appointed to be the first Master of the said college, as herein-before mentioned, and all other person and persons who shall, from time to time, be nominated, elected, and chosen, into the office of Master of the said college, shall, before he, they, or any of them, shall be admitted to the exercise or execution of the office of Master of the college aforesaid, take a corporal oath, upon the Holy Evangelists, for the true and faithful execution of the said office of Master, and for the faithful discharge of the duties thereof; and shall also take the oaths provided or prescribed by the laws or statutes of this realm, or required by the laws, statutes, or ordinances of our said university of Cambridge, to be taken by all Masters of colleges before the Vice Chancellor of our said university for the time being. And we have also given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, do give and grant to the Vice Chancellor of our university

Master's oath.

aforesaid, for the time being, full power and authority, by virtue of these presents, to administer such oath without any other warrant or authority from us, our heirs, or successors, to be had or obtained for that purpose.

Oaths of the Professors and Fellows.

AND we do also by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, ordain, constitute, and appoint, that as well the Professors and Fellows of the said college herein beforenamed, as all others to be named and elected Professor or Professors, and Fellow or Fellows of the said college for the time being, shall each and every of them, before they are respectively admitted to the exercise and execution of the office or offices of Professor or Professors, Fellow or Fellows, of the aforesaid college, take a corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelists, well and faithfully to execute the office or offices of Professor or Professors, Fellow or Fellows, of the said college ; and shall also take the oaths in that behalf, which by the law and statutes of this our realm, or by the statutes or ordinances of our said university, are or shall be required by all Professors and Fellows of colleges, to be taken before the Master of the said college for the time being, or the Vice Chancellor of our said university for the time being; and to which said Master of the said college, and Vice Chancellor of our said university, for the time being, we have given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, do give and grant full power and authority to administer such oath, as aforesaid, to the Professors and Fellows of the said college, without further warrant in that behalf to be had or obtained.

Licence to hold in mortmain.

AND we further, of our more especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, HAVE given and granted, and by these presents Do, for us, our heirs, and successors, give and grant our especial licence, power, and authority, to the heirs at law of the said Sir George Downing, deceased, or such other person or persons as are, or .may be, legally seized or possessed of the freehold, copyhold, and leasehold, manors, advowsons, messuages, lands, rents, tenements, and hereditaments, so given and devised by the will of the said Sir George Downing, as aforesaid, to grant, convey, surrender, and assign the same, to the Master, Professors, Fellows, and Scholars of the

said college; AND ALSO to and for the said Sir George Cornwall, and Dame Catherine his wife, Mary Goate, Francis Annesley, and William Henry Scourfield, to grant, convey, and assign the said piece of ground, called Doll's Close, unto, or in trust for, the Master, Professors, Fellows, and Scholars, of the college aforesaid, and their successors, To HAVE AND TO HOLD all such manors, messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, to the said Master, Professors, Fellows, and Scholars, and their successors for ever, any thing in any statute or statutes of mortmain contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding ; AND ALSO full licence, power, and authority, to and for any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, to give, grant, bargain, sell, assign, and convey, any other manors, rectories, advowsons, lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, of what nature or quality soever, not exceeding in the whole the clear yearly value of £1500 above all taxes, charges, and reprints, or any goods, chattels, gifts, or benefactions whatsoever, to the said Master, Professors, Fellows, and Scholars, of the said college, for the time being, and their successors, To HAVE, HOLD AND ENJOY the same, to the said Master, Professors, Fellows, and Scholars, and their successors, for ever, without any licence of alienation in mortmain, and without any other letters patent, power, or authority, of or from us, our heirs or successors, to be had or obtained, any law or statute made to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

AND we do hereby reserve to us, our heirs, and successors, all visitatorial power and authority over the said college.

Right of visitation reserved to the crown.

AND we do also for us, our heirs and successors, grant and declare that these our letters patent, or the enrolments, or exemplifications thereof, shall be in all things good, firm, valid, and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same; and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged, in all our courts or elsewhere, in the most favorable and beneficial sense, and for the best advantage of the said college, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter, or thing whatsoever, notwithstanding. AND THAT these presents shall be in due manner

made, and sealed with our great seal of Great Britain, without fine or fee, great or small, to us, in our hanaper, or elsewhere, to our use, any ways to be rendered, paid, or made.

AND LASTLY, We do hereby promise and declare, for us, our heirs, and successors, that we and they shall, and will, at all times hereafter, give and grant to the aforesaid Master, Professors, Fellows, and Scholars, and their successors, such other reasonable powers and authorities as may be necessary for the better government thereof; and the more effectual execution of the premises.

IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these, our letters, to be made patent. WITNESS ourself, at Westminster, the twenty-second day of September, in the fortieth year of our reign.

THE END.