

Charter of the Weavers Company
London Weavers company.
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June

by the Grace of God Queen of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c
TO ALL to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting **Whereas** Our Noble Predecessor King Henry the Second by his Charter or Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England bearing date the Eighth day of April in the One and Thirtieth Years of his Reigne Did Give and Grant to the Weavers of London their Guild to be had in London with all Liberties and Customes which they had in the time of King Henry his Grandfather and so that none but by them should intermeddle within the said City in their Mystery Unless he were in their Guild neither in Southwark or in any other Places pertaining to London otherwise then it was wont to be done in the time of King Henry his Grandfather and that none should do them wrong or grievance therein upon the paine and forfeiture of Ten pounds Which said Charter or Letters Patents and the Liberties and Customes therein granted or mencioned were Confirmed by diverse Charters or Letters Patents of Our Noble Progenitors and by Act of Parliament in the One and Twentieth Years of King Henry the Sixth As by the said severall Charters or Letters Patents may Apppeare **And whereas** Wee have been informed by the humble Petition of the said Ancient Guild or Company of Weavers in our City of London That of late Yeares the numbers of Forreigners and others exercising the weaving Trade are greatly increased who to avoid the Regulacion Government and good Order of the said Ancient Guild or Company of Weavers have resorted into and settled in diverse our Parishes adjoyning and near to Our said City of London and Burrough of Southwark and taking upon them the said Art and Mystery without Regulacion Govern^{ment} or Order do dayly practice and put in use manifold abuses in the same to the great Deceit and Damage of the and our People **Now know** Yee that Wee having taken the premises into Our Royall Consideracion and being minded and resolved for the time to Come to provide as well for the Reformation of the said Abuses and Deceits as for the better regulating of the said Trade of Weaving And the better to provide for the Employment and Settling on work of Our own Naturall Subjects in the said Trade whereby they may be enabled not only to do us Service but also furthered competently to Live and maintain themselves and their Families **Have** thought fitt to invest and Strengthen the said Ancient Guild or Company of Weavers within Our City of London with such Powers Government and Jurisdiction hereafter expressed as may Enable them to provide for the well Ordering of the said Trade of Weaving not only within our said City of London and Burrough of Southwark and places therein to appertaining but also within the Limits hereinafter expressed **And Doe** therefore by these Presents for Us our Heires and Successors Grant Establish Ratify and Confirm unto the said Guild or Company of Weavers All and all manner of lawfull Liberties Franchises Exemptions Customs Priviledges Profitte Immunities and Juridiccions whatsoever which the said Guild or Company ^{or may or ought lawfully to have hold use or enjoy} have hold use or enjoy or claim or which they or their Predecessors by whatsoever Name or Names the said Guild or Company is or their Predecessors have been at any time or times known or Incorporated by any of our Predecessors have at any time heretofore lawfully had hold used enjoyed or claimed or ought to have had held used or Enjoyed by virtue of the said Charter of King Henry the Second or of any other Charters or Letters Patents of any of our Predecessors late Kings or Queens of England or otherwise (Other than and Except in such Cases and so far as the same are by these Our Letters Patents changed altered or amended) **And Wee** do by these Presents for Us our Heires and Successors Will Ordaine declare and Grant That for the better Government of the said Company and Trade of Weavers within Our said Cities of London and Westminster and Burrough of Southwark and ten Miles distance thereof and round the same That the said Weavers of London by what Name or Names soever they have been anciently known incorporated or confirmed and all and every such other Person or Persons who now or hereafter shall use the Trade Art and Mystery of Weaving within the Limits or places aforesaid as have been admitted or hereafter shall from time to time be lawfully admitted Freemen or Members of the said Guild or Company of Weavers shall and be from henceforth forever One Body Corporate and Politick in Deed Fact and Name by the Name of Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Commonalty of the Trade Art & Mystery of Weavers London One Body Corporate and Politick in Deed Fact and name Wee do for Us our Heires and Successors fully and really Erect Create Constitute Ordaine Declare make Confirm and establish by these Presents And that by the same Name they shall have perpetuall Succession and that they and their Successors by the Name of Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Commonalty of the Trade Art and Mystery of Weavers London may and shall be at all times hereafter persons able and capable in Law to purchase have receive and Enjoy Mannors Mesuages Lands Tenements Liberties Priviledges Juridiccions Franchises and other Hereditaments of whatsoever nature sort or kind they shall be to them and their Successors in Fee and perpetuity or for Terme or Termes ~~of~~ Life Lives Yeares or otherwise howsoever not exceeding the yearly Value of Six hundred pounds As also all and singular Goods Chattles and other things whatsoever they be And also to Give Grant Demise Alien and Dispose of any Mannors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments Goods and Chattles and likewise to do and execute all and singular other lawfull Acts and things whatsoever by the Names

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aforsaid And that by the same Name they and their Successors shall and may be Persons able in Law to plead and be impleaded
answer and be answered unto defend and be defended in all Courts and Places and before any Judges or Justices and other
Persons and Officers of Us our Heires and Successors in all Accions Suits and Demands of what kind quality or sort
soever they shall be in as ample manner and form as any other of Our Loving Subjects and People being Persons
able and capable in the Law or any other Body Corporate and Politick can or may have purchase receive hope
enjoy receive give grant demise alien dispose or Assigne Implead or be impleaded answer or be answered unto defend
or be defended do perform or execute And that the said Bayliff^{for} Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors
shall and may forever hereafter have a Comon Seal to serve all Causes and business of them and their Successors And
that it shall and may be lawfull for them and their Successors to alter and make new the said Seal from time to time at
their Wills and Pleasures when and as often as they shall think fitt And further We have given and granted and by
these Presents for Us Our Heires and Successors do grant unto all and every Subject and Subjects whatsoever of Us Our
Heires and Successors now and for the time being especial License power privilege and Authority to give grant sell
alien and dispose unto the said Guild or Company of Weavers and their Successors any Mannors Lordships
Messuages Rents Services Revercons Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever so as the same do not exceed
the clear yearly Value of Six hundred pounds above all Charges and reprises whatsoever And also Goods and Chattles
of what nature or Value soever And We do hereby for Us Our Heires and Successors Will Ordaine and grant unto
the said Guild and their Successors That all Persons whatsoever within Our Cities of London and Westminster and the
Burrough of Southwark and all other places within ten Miles distant and round the same who do now use & Practice or
shall hereafter use & Practice the Art and Trade of Weaving be now or at any time or times hereafter free of the said
Company shall from henceforth and forever be remane and continue Members of the said Body Politick or Corporate and
shall be Subject to the power Jurisdiction Correccion and Government of the same in all matters whatsoever any way touching
or concerning the said Trade Art or Mystery of Weaving And because the said Art or Mystery of Weaving requires
much Skill and experience and is often wrongd and abused by diverse Frauds and other will Practices to the great damage
of our Subjects We therefore being willing as much as in us lyes to prevent the same in the future Doe for Us our
Heires and Successors declare to and Command all our Subjects whatsoever ^{that no person whatsoever} presume at any time hereafter to use and
exercise the said Art ^{or} Mystery ^{within} within Our Cities of London and Westminster and Burrough of Southwark and ten
Miles distant and round the same unless such Person be a Member and Free of the said Company Or duly qualified
according to the Laws for exercising the same, And further of Our especial Grace certaintie
knowledge and meer Motion We do by these Presents for Us Our Heires and Successors Will Ordaine and appoint That
there shall be two Bayliffs two Wardens and sixteen Assistants of the said Company at the least or so many more as
the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants or the major part of them for the time being shall think necessary not exceeding
four and twenty and to be Constituted and chosen in such manner and forme as hereafter in these Presents is expressed
and declared And that the said Bayliff Wardens Assistants and Comalty for the time being shall and may have one
discreet Person to be Clerk of the said Company in manner hereafter to be Chosen and for the better Execution of this our
Grant as also for the good Rule and Government of the said Company We have named constituted ratified confirmed
and appointed And by these Presents do Name constitute ratify confirm and appoint Ralph Tifford and Henry Soames
to be the first Two Bayliffs of the said Company and Gilbert Mace and William Edmunds to be the first Two Wardens
of the said Company and John Driue Esq^r Thomas Coles Richard Lavington Joseph Webster Thomas Parry
Daniel Causton William Marriott Richard Carrington William Norris Edward Kirrier James Brocken Phillipp
Lewdell Thomas Reynolds Benjamin Graves Thomas Wilks Edward Chosham and the said Ralph Tifford and
Henry Soames and Gilbert Mace and William Edmunds to be the first Assistants of the said Company And Case Showells
to be the first Clerk of the said Company to execute the said Office by himself or his sufficient Deputy to be allowed of
by the said Bayliffes Wardens and Assistants for the time being And We do also for Us Our Heires and Successors
by these Presents Will Ordaine and appoint that the said Ralph Tifford and Henry Soames shall abide and continue
in the said Office of Bayliff from the Date of these Presents untill the Feast day of St James the Apostles now next ensuing
And from thence untill they or some others of the Assistants shall be Elected chosen Sworne and admitted into the said Place of
Bayliff in such sort and manner as hereinafter is appointed unless the said Ralph Tifford and Henry Soames or either
of them in the mean time shall dye or be removed by reason of his or their misdeameours in the Exercise of their respective
Offices by the Court of Assistants duly Sumoned and Assembled in such manner as hereinafter is directed and appointed To

Whom We give full Power and Authority by these Our Letters Patents for just Cause to remove and displace the said Bailiffs or either of them or any other Person or Persons who shall be at any time or times hereafter Elected Sworne and Admitted into the said Office of Bayliffes of the said Company in such manner as is hereinafter directed and appointed And also that the said Gilbert Macez and William Edmunds shall be and continue in the said Office of Wardens from the Date of these Presents untill the said Feast of St James the Apostle now next Coming And from thence untill they or some others of the Assistants or Livery for the time being shall be Chosen and Sworne into their said Places in such Sort and manner as hereinafter also appointed Unless the said Wardens or either of them in the mean time shall dye or be removed for some just and reasonable Cause by the said Court of Assistants summoned and Assembled as aforesaid To whom by these Our Letters Patents We give full Power and Authority upon any just and reasonable Cause to remove and displace the said Wardens or either of them or any other person or persons who shall be at any time or times hereafter Elected Sworne and Admitted into the said Office of Warden of the said Company in such manner as is hereinafter directed and appointed And We do also for Us our Heires and Successors hereby Will Ordaine and appoint That the Assists and Clerk of the said Company by these Our Letters Patents nominated and appointed or hereafter to be Elected in to the said respective Offices in such manner as is hereinafter appointed shall be and continue respectively in the Places of Assistants and Clerk for and during the Term of their severall and respective lives untill they or any of them shall be removed from their said Offices for any Misdemeanor in the Execution of their said respective Offices by the said Court of Assistants duly summoned and Assembled as aforesaid To whom We do hereby give full Power and Authority at all times hereafter upon any just and reasonable Cause to remove and Displace any Assistant or Clerk of the said Company hereby nominated or hereafter to be Elected in such manner as is hereinafter directed and appointed And Our further Will and Pleasure is And We do hereby Direct and Command that the present Bailiff and Wardens of the said Company before they take upon them the Execution of their said Offices do take the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy And also the Oaths for the due Execution of their respective Offices before the said John Drigge Thomas Coles Richard Savington and Joseph Webster or any two of them who are hereby Authorized and empowered to Administer the same accordingly And Our Will and Pleasure is That after the said Bailiffs and Wardens have taken the said Oaths as aforesaid the present Assistants and Clerk of the said Company do and shall take the said Oaths before the present Bayliffs and Wardens of the said Company or any two of them who are hereby Authorized to Administer the said Oaths accordingly And furthermore Our Will and Pleasure is And by these Presents for Us our Heires and Successors We do Ordaine and grant unto them the said Bailiffes Wardens Assistants and Commonalty and their Successors That the said Bayliff and Wardens or any two of them together with any five of the Assistants for the time being shall make a Court and shall be called the Court of Assistants and that it shall and may be lawful for such Court upon due Notice to be given to all the Assistants of the said Company for the time being then residing in or near Our City of London to Assemble and meet together from time to time when and as often as the Bailiffs of the said Company for the time being shall think meet and convenient to Summon or call the same for the doing and managing of all the necessary Affairs and business of the said Company And We do for Us our Heires and Successors grant unto the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Commonalty and their Successors That on the Feast day of St James the Apostle next Enowing and so Yearly and every Year forever untill the same shall happen to be Sunday and then on the Sunday following a Generall Court or Common Hall consisting of the Bailiffs Wardens Assistants and such of the ^{Commonalty} Company as shall be of the Livery of the said Company for the time being or the major part of them which shall be then Assembled shall be held to Elect and choose two fitt and meet Persons out of the Bailiffs and Assistants of the said Company to be Bailiffs of the said Company for One Year then next following and from thence untill they or some others be duly Elected and Sworne into the said places of Bayliffs aforesaid untill they or either of them in the mean time dye or be removed by the Court of Assistants as aforesaid And that the said Generall Court so Assembled ~~as aforesaid~~ shall and may elect and choose two fitt Persons out of the Wardens Assistants or Livery of the said Company to be Wardens of the said Company and to remaine in the said Offices for One whole yeare then next following and from thence untill they or some others be duly elected and Sworne in their places if they or either of them be not from thence in the mean time removed by Death or otherwise as aforesaid Which said Bayliffs and Wardens so Elected as aforesaid shall upon due Notice to them given on the Munday next before St Bartholomews Day appeare at and before the Court of Assistants and shall then and there take the Oaths for the due Execution of their severall Places or Offices

Offices And also the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy And if such new Elected Bayliffs and Wardens or any of them shall not appeare or shall refuse to take the said Oaths Officers or places to which he or they were so Elected or otherwise shall be Excused for any reasonable Cause to be allowed of by the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants It shall and may be lawfull to and for the Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Livery Or the major part of them to be Assembled in every such Case to proceed to a new Election of Bayliffs or Wardens so Qualified as aforesaid in the Room of him or them so refusing or excused as aforesaid Nevertheless Our Will and Pleasure is And we do hereby for Us Our Heires and Successors Grant to the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Commonalty and their Successors forever That in Case of any such neglect or refusal It shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Court of Assistants to aske any reasonable Fine or Summe of Money not exceeding the Summe of Twenty pounds on the Person so neglecting or refusing Every which Fine or Summe of Money so askeed shall be levied or recovered in like manner as other Fines and Amerciaments hereinafter mentioned are to be Levied and recovered and shall be applyed to and for the use of the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Commonalty and their Successors forever And Wee do hereby for Us our Heires and Successors will and require that the Notacon of such Bayliffs and Wardens so to be Elected as aforesaid shall from time to time be made and performed in such manner and form as the Bayliffs of the said Company have antiently been accustomed to be made and performed And upon the Death or removall of the Bayliffs or Wardens by these our Letters Patents nominated and appointed or hereafter to be Elected or any of them It shall and may be lawfull to and for the Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Livery aforesaid or the Major part of them in a Generall Court or Common Hall to be Assembled to elect in the room of such Person or Persons dying or being removed as aforesaid such other Person or Persons duly qualified for such Election as aforesaid as they shall think fit And further that it shall and may be lawfull for the Court of Assistants being duly Sumoned as aforesaid to Assemble and meet together when and as often as they shall think fitt and then to Elect and Choose out of the Livery of the said Company from time to time so many as they shall Judge necessary to be Assistants of the said Company So as all the Assistants at any one time shall not exceed the number of four and twenty And Our further Will and Pleasure is That after the Death or removall of the said Clerk Shewell and in like manner after the Decease or removall of every succeeding Clerk of the said Company there shall from time to time forever hereafter be Elected and Chosen One discreet Person to be Clerk of the said Company by the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants or the greater part of them for the time being who shall exercise and execute the Office of Clerk of the said Company by himselfe or his sufficient Deputy to be allowed of by the Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants or the greater part of them for the time being during the Terme of his natural Life unless he shall be removed for just Cause as aforesaid And Our express Will and Pleasure is and we do hereby direct and Comand that no Person or Persons whatsoever shall hereafter be Admitted to be Bayliff Warden Assistant or Clerk of the said Company till he or they hath or have taken before the Court of Assistants for the time being the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy And also the Oath or Oaths for the due Execution of their Offices and Places And Wee do hereby for Us Our Heires and Successors Grant unto the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being and their Successors That it shall and may be lawfull for the Court of Assistants from time to time to call in and make choice of such fitt Persons being Freemen of the said Company to be of the Livery of the Company aforesaid when and as often as they shall think fitt And that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Court of Assistants hereafter to Constitute and make the Auditors Beadles and other Officers Ministers and Servants for the use and Service of the said Company as they shall think most And that they likewise may conceive and frame Oaths fitt and meet for the severall Officers Ministers and Servants of the said Company to be Administred unto them for the due and faithfull Execution of their respective Offices and Duties according to the true Intent and meaning of these Presents And Our further Pleasure is And Wee do hereby for Us Our Heires and Successors Declare and Grant That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Court of Assistants of the said Company and four of the Livery by the Major part of the Livery duly Assembled to be Appointed for that purpose to prepare make ordaine and constitute wholesome Laws and Ordinances upon reasonable Forfeitures penies and penalties as well for the well Ordering Rule and Government of the said Art and Mystery as of all and every the Members of the said Company using or exercising or that shall use or Exercise the said Trade of Weaving as aforesaid within the City of London and Westminster or Burrough of Southwark and within ten Miles distant of and round the same Nevertheless such Laws and Ordinances so prepared and made by the Court of Assistants and such four of the Livery as aforesaid shall not be in their full force and virtue till such Laws & Ordinances are Confirmed by the Livery of the said Company or the Major part of them in a Generall Court or Common Hall

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Assembled And for that purpose Wee do hereby Grant unto the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors
forever That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty in a Comon Hall Assembled
to ratify and Confirm such Laws and Ordinances and from time to time ~~and~~ as often as Occasion shall require to make
alter or annull any Laws or Ordinances touching the said Company And Our Pleasure is (and Wee do for us our Heires
and Successors Will and Ordaine that the Court of Assistants of the said Company shall have power and Authority from
time to time to sett impose and inflict reasonable Paines Punishments and Penalties by Fines and Amerciaments upon
such Offender or Offenders as shall Transgresse break or violate the said Laws Orders or Ordinances so to be made as
aforesaid and to mitigate and take off the same as they shall find Cause Which said Fines Penalties and Amerciaments
shall and may be levied sued for taken retained and recovered by the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants of the said
Company for the time being or their Successors by Distresse or Accoon of Debt or any other lawfull ways or meanes
To the Use and Advantage of the said Bayliffes Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors without
any Account or Accounts to be rendered for the same to us our Heires or Successors All and singular which Laws Orders
and Ordinances so as aforesaid to be made Wee Will and Command be duly observed and kept under the paines and
Penalties therein to be contained **Provided** always that the said Laws Orders and Ordinances be reasonable and
not contrary or repugnant to the Laws And Wee do hereby for us our Heires and Successors Ordaine Declare
and Appoint and expressly require and Command all & every Person & Persons whatsoever using or exercising the said
Art or Mystery of Weaving within Our Cities of London and Westminster Burrough of Southwark and ten Miles
distance thereof and round the same And by these Our Letters Patents Incorporated as aforesaid That they and every of
them prospectively from time to time be Subject and Obedient as well to all and every the Commands Directions Orders and
Ordinances herein mentioned under paine of Our high Displeasure as unto all such other Laws Orders and Ordinances
as shall be made as aforesaid under the paines and Penalties therein to be provided and under such further paines as by
our Laws and Statutes or otherwise may be inflicted on them And Wee do further by these Presents for us our Heires and
Successors Will and Command That no Merchant Mercer or other person or persons whatsoever (Except he or they have sowed
to the Trade of Weaving shall keep any Loom or Warping Frame in his or their own house or houses or other place for the
warping or weaving of Silk or Yarne or other Materials upon paine of Our ~~high~~ Displeasure and of such Penalties
and Punishments as shall or may be inflicted on them for their Contempt of our Royal Will and Pleasure herein
or otherwise by the Laws and Statutes of this Realme And Our Will and Pleasure also is and of our especial Grace
certain knowledge and meer Motion Wee do for us our Heires and Successors as farre as in us lyes for the better preventing
all Frauds and Deceits in the Exercise of the said Trade or Mystery of Weaving Give and Grant unto the said Bayliffs
Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors forever That they the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants or
any four or more of them from time to time hereafter by themselves or by such meet person or persons skilfull in the Art of
Weaving as the Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants for the time being or the greater part of them shall Depute and appoint
under their Comon Seale in that behalfe shall have the Inspection view search and Government of all manner of Workmen
and Materials in the Looms made use of by any Person or Persons now or at any time hereafter using or exercising the Art
or Trade of Weaving in our City of London and Westminster Burrough of Southwark and in any other places without
the said City and Burrough being within ten Miles next adjoyning thereto and round the same So as the Pattern or
figures of the Work in the Looms be not inspected or viewed by the Persons Deputed or appointed as aforesaid to mispocht
and view the Materialls in the Looms to the intent that all and every Person and Persons who upon such view or search
shall be found offending or guilty of any deceit or fraud in the said Trade or Mystery of Weaving shall and may be
prosecuted in due forme of Law for such their Offence And Wee do also for us our Heires and Successors declare and
grant unto the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors That it shall and may be lawfull
to and for every Member of the said Company from time to time to have receive and retain any fitt Person or Persons
whatsoever of Our natural Born Subjects or others as his and their Apprentices and Apprentices to be Employed taught
and brought up in the said Trade Art and Mystery of Weaving And Our Will and Pleasure is That all the aforesaid
Apprentices before bound shall be presented before the Bayliffs and Wardens of the said Company for the time being
or any one or more of them according to their ancient Usage for their Approbation and afterwards shall be bound at the
Comon Hall of the said Company by the Clerk of the said Company for the time being for the Term of Seaven years at
the last by indentures according to the form of the Statute in that Case made and provided unto which Bayliffs Wardens
and Assistants for the time being Wee do for us our Heires and Successors Give and Grant full Power and Authority to
bind such Apprentices from Time to Time as Occacon shall require And that it shall and may be lawfull to and

for the said Bayliffs and Wardens or any two of them for the time being in the Presence of any ^{of} Assistants for the time being from time to time to admitt into the Freedome of the said Company all & every of the said Apprentices which have served in the said Trade by the space of Seven Years at the least as aforesaid according to the Covenants and Tenors of their Indentures of Apprenticeships. And also Wee do for Us Our Heires and Successors Give and Grant unto the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors That it shall and may be lawfull for the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the greater part of them whereof three of them to be of the said Bayliffs and Wardens We will to be always present at any time or times hereafter to receive and admitt in to the said Company and the Freedome thereof such fitt and expert Persons in the Trade of Weaving as to them shall seem meet in their Discretions being above the Age of One and twenty Years and being duly qualified by Law for the Exercise of the said Trade. And whereas We are informed that the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty according to an Ordinance of the said Company Confirmed unto them according to the Statute in that behalf have of ancient time used to take of every Person at the time of his Admittance into the Freedome of the said Company One Silver Spoon of the weight of One Ounce and an halfe or the Value thereof for and towards the Relief of the Poor members of the said Company and other publick and Charitable Uses. Now know Ye That We in favor of the said Charitable Uses have willed Ordained Declared and Granted And by these Presents for Us Our Heires and Successors Do will Ordaine Declare and Grant unto the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty aforesaid and their Successors that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Bayliffs Wardens and Assistants for the time being to have take and receive to and for the Charitable and publick Uses of the said Company as aforesaid One Silver Spoon of the Weight of One Ounce and an halfe or the Value thereof and not above of every Person that from time to time shall be so Admitted into the Freedome of the said Company without any Account to be rendered or made to Us Our Heires or Successors of or for the same. And Our Will and Pleasure is And We do by these Presents for Us our Heires and Successors Will require Authorize and Command all Justices of the Peace Mayors Sheriffs Bayliffs Constables Headboroughs and all other Ministers whatsoever of Us our Heires and Successors for the time being from time to time and in all times hereafter upon the request of the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty or their Successors Officers or Deputies or any of them to be favoring aiding and assisting unto the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors and all and every the Officers and Ministers of the same Corporation in the due and lawfull Accomplishment of these our Letters Patents and of all the Powers licenses Liberties Priviledges matters and things whatsoever thereby granted according to the tenor and true meaning thereof. And our Will and Pleasure is that no other Company or Corporacion whatsoever whereof any of the said Weavers or any particular Member or Members of the said Company of Weavers were heretofore Members shall interrupt molest or hinder them or any of them in the Premises. Yielding and Paying therefore Yearly to Us Our Heires and Successors so many such and the like Rents Services Summes of money and Demands whatsoever as and which heretofore they were accustomed to yeild and pay to Us or any of Our Predecessors and of right ought to pay to Us Our Heires or Successors. And lastly Wee have granted And by these Presents for Us Our Heires and Successors do Grant unto the said Bayliffs Wardens Assistants & Comonalty and their Successors That these Our Letters Patents or the Inrollment thereof shall be in and by all things good firmes valid sufficient and effectual in the Law according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken construed and adjudged in the most favorable and beneficial Sense for the best Advantage of the said Company and their Successors as well in all Courts of Record as elsewhere and by all singular the Officers and Ministers whatsoever of Us Our Heires and Successors. Any defects Uncertainties and Imperfections in these Presents contained or any other causes or thing whatsoever to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. Provided always That nothing herein contained shall be prejudiciall to the Royal Luttering Company but that they may hold and enjoy all such Rights and Priviledges as they have at any time heretofore held and enjoyed in as large and ample manner as if these our Letters Patents had not been made. Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. In Witness whereof Wee have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Westminster the Seaven teenth day of November in the Sixth Year of our Reigne.

By Writ of Privy Seal

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