

# ELIZABETH THE SECOND

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

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented unto Us by the Right Reverend Our right trusty and well beloved Christopher Maude Chavasse, Doctor in Divinity, Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, lately Lord Bishop of Rochester; Our trusty and well beloved Sir Kenneth George Grubb, Knight, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; George Armin Goyder, Esquire; the Right Reverend Father in God Our right trusty and well beloved Ronald Ralph Williams, Doctor in Divinity, Lord Bishop of Leicester; the Right Reverend Father in God Our right trusty and well beloved Clifford Arthur Martin, Lord Bishop of Liverpool, Doctor in Divinity, Visitor of St. Peter's Hall, Oxford; and Our beloved in Christ Julian Percy Thornton-Duesbery, Clerk, Master of Saint Peter's Hall, Oxford, praying Us to grant a Charter of Incorporation for the purpose of constituting the Master, Fellows and Scholars of St. Peter's Hall in the University of Oxford a Corporation to be called "The College of St. Peter le Bailey in the University of Oxford", with the object among others of acquiring and taking over the property and liabilities of the Association known as St. Peter's Hall and of carrying on and developing its work under such regulations and with such powers as to Us might appear meet and expedient:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We, by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf, and of all other powers enabling Us so to do of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted, willed, directed and ordained and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant, will, direct and ordain as follows :-

1. All such persons as are now or may hereafter become Members of the Body Corporate hereby constituted shall for ever hereafter be one Body Politic and Corporate by the name and style of "The Master, Fellows and Scholars of the College of St. Peter le Bailey in the University of Oxford" (hereinafter referred to as "the College"), and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure, and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and before all Justices of Us, Our Heirs and Successors.

2. By the same name they shall have full power and capacity to accept, acquire and hold any property whatsoever, and shall also, without any further authority, by virtue of this Our Charter, have full power and capacity to accept, acquire and hold any lands and hereditaments situate

in Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and they shall have full power to dispose of either by way of sale or lease, and to exchange, mortgage, charge, improve, manage, develop, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property, real or personal, belonging to the College, upon such terms and in such manner as they shall see fit, and also to do all other matters incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate: provided always that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to empower the College to dispose of, or deal with, its property in the manner above mentioned without first obtaining such consent as would otherwise be required by law.

3. The College shall be conducted with the following objects :-

(a) to acquire and take over the property and liabilities of the Association hitherto known as St. Peter's Hall; and to maintain and continue the primary objects and principles of the Hall as defined in its first Trust Deed dated the twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, namely :-

(i) To maintain and promote education religion and learning for and among students generally of whatever religious persuasion and especially to give aid to students in straitened or reduced circumstances who shall be deemed worthy thereof by its Council by way of Bursaries, Scholarships, Exhibitions or by such other means as in the opinion of and at the absolute discretion of the Council be most conducive to the advancement of such students and the attainment of these objects.

(ii) To train, cherish and encourage candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England or any students or other persons intending to labour for Foreign Missions with which the Ministry of the late Bishop James Hannington was particularly identified.

(iii) To diffuse sound information and teaching of and in Christian principles and doctrine in conformity with Holy Scripture and particularly the Protestant and reformed teaching of the Church of England as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer annexed to the Act of Uniformity of 1662 and the 39 Articles of Religion and Ordinal as now ordinarily bound up with such Book and so that the teaching of the Hall and the conduct of the services in the Chapel thereof shall be in all respects in accordance with such principles.

(iv) Generally to do all other incidental things which may be conducive to the furtherance and elucidation of such objects and principles;

(b) to provide for ~~men who are~~<sup>1</sup> members of the University of Oxford a College wherein they may participate in the educational facilities offered by, and study for Degrees in, the University of Oxford. Provided always that no member of, or applicant for admission to the College, shall be subject to any test of a religious, political or racial character;

(c) to apply the money of the College to the above objects with power to invest as prescribed in the Statutes annexed to this Our Charter;

(d) to do all other such things as are incidental or conducive to advancing religion, education, learning and research in Oxford or elsewhere; Provided always that the College shall not be deemed to be a body formed for the purpose of carrying on a business which has for its object the acquisition of

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<sup>1</sup> Text deleted by amendment made in 1977

gain either by itself or by the individual members thereof.

4. The government of the College shall be vested entirely in the Governing Body which shall, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, have full power to make, and when made, to alter and add to the Statutes of the College provided that no alteration or addition of or to the Statutes shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or to the laws of Our Realm or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University as may from time to time be made to govern the religion of the Colleges to the University.

5. The members of the first Governing Body shall be the persons named in the First Schedule to this Our Charter.

6. The first Statutes shall be those contained in the Second Schedule to this Our Charter and the said Statutes shall remain in force unless and until they shall be altered or added to in the manner therein prescribed.

7. The Governing Body of the College may from time to time repeal, amend or add to the provisions of these Presents by a Special Statute in that behalf, and such repeal, amendment or addition shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, become effectual so that these Presents shall thenceforward continue and operate as though they had been originally granted and made as so repealed, amended or added to. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as altered, amended or added to in manner aforesaid. A Special Statute is one passed at a Stated Meeting and confirmed at a College Meeting specially summoned for the purpose not less than three not more than eight weeks later, provided that on each occasion not less than fourteen days' notice of the meeting has been given and not less than three-fourths of the members present vote in favour of the Statute.

8. There shall be a Visitor of the College who shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes for the time being of the College.

AND LASTLY We do by these Presents for Us and Our Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the College as well in Our Courts of Record as well as elsewhere by all Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other subjects whatsoever of Us and Our Successors any non-recital, mis-recital or other omission, defect or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November in the tenth year of Our Reign (1961).

BY WARRANT UNDER THE HANDS OF THE COUNCILLORS OF STATE