



And it is Our further Will and Pleasure

that after the day of the date of these Presents no Person except those who before the day of the date of these Presents were Members of the late Corporation of Surgeons established by the said Act made and passed in the eighteenth Year of the Reign of our Royal Grandfather King George the Second and also excepting such Persons as shall have received such Letters Testimonial as aforesaid under a Seal purporting to be the Seal of the late dissolved Company or Corporation in of Surgeons shall be capable of becoming a Member of the said College hereby established unless he shall have obtained Letters Testimonial of his Qualification to practise the Art and Science of Surgery under the Common Seal of the College hereby established but every Person who shall hereafter obtain such Letters Testimonial under the Common Seal of the College aforesaid shall thereby by Virtue of such Letters Testimonial become and be constituted a Member of the said College subject to all the Regulations Provisions and Bye Laws of the said College *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* that from and after such day on which the Court of Assistants of the College hereby established shall first meet in the manner before mentioned the Examiners of the College of Surgeons hereby established shall and they are hereby required from time to time upon request to them made by the Commander in Chief of our Forces and by the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral or any other Officer of Us Our Heirs or man Successors properly authorised to examine every Person who shall be a Candidate to be appointed to serve as a Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon in any Regiment Troop Company Hospital or Garrison of Soldiers in the Service of Ourselves Our Heirs or Successors or to serve as a Surgeon or Surgeon's Mate appointed on board any Ship or Ships in the Service of Ourselves Our Heirs or Successors or any other Service in which We Our Heirs or Successors shall think fit to employ any Persons to act in any such Capacities and shall accept and receive for each such Examination from the Person so examined respectively such Fee or Reward as shall from time to time be allowed by such Officer or Officers of Us Our Heirs or Successors as shall be authorised to require such Examinations to be had respectively and no more And shall also in like manner examine all Surgeons Instruments to be used in Our Service which then shall be required in like manner to examine and shall return such Instruments when examined to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed to receive the same with such max Certificate in such form and properly sealed up or otherwise authenticated in such manner as the Officer or Officers from time to time to be appointed by Us for such purposes shall in require and taking for the same Examination such Fee or Reward as shall be allowed from time to time by such Our Officer or Officers respectively and no more *Provided* *alwans* that the Fees or Rewards from time to time to be appointed as aforesaid for the Examination of any such Person or Instruments as aforesaid shall not be less than the Fees or Rewards heretofore paid for the like Examinations respectively *And further We Will* that no Court or Courts for the Examination of any Person or Persons touching their Skill in Surgery shall ever be held but in the Presence of the Master or one of the Governors and five of the Members at least of the Court of Examiners of the said College hereby established in and incorporated as aforesaid *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* that the Members of the said late Corporation and such other Persons who since the Dissolution thereof shall have obtained such Letters Testimonial under a Seal purporting to be the Seal of the late dissolved Company or Corporation as aforesaid and who shall be willing to become and be Members of the said College hereby established and incorporated shall testify their Acceptance of these Our Letters Patent and their Consent to become Members of the said College by signifying such their acceptance and Consent in Writing to the Court of Assistants within six Calendar Months after the date of these Our Letters Patent who shall cause such Acceptance and consent to be entered in certain Books to be kept for that purpose at the Hall or Council House of the said College and the said Court of Assistants are hereby required to keep such Books and have such Entries made therein accordingly *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* that such and so many of the Members of the said late Corporation and of such Persons as shall have obtained such Letters or Testimonial as aforesaid as shall not within the time aforesaid signify in manner aforesaid their Acceptance of these Our Letters Patent shall not be deemed or be Members of the said College unless they shall be duly admitted to be Members thereof by the said Court of Assistants upon special Application made to them for that purpose *Provided alwans* that if any of such Persons shall happen to be beyond the Seas at the date of these Our Letters Patent it shall be lawful for such Persons respectively to signify their Acceptance thereof in manner aforesaid within six Calendar Months after then shall return respectively to this Kingdom Nevertheless *It is Our Will and Pleasure* that the Master Governors and Assistants of the College hereby established and hereinbefore specially named and appointed shall and man proceed to hold a Court for the purpose of carrying these Our Letters Patent into Execution as aforesaid without having testified their Assent to and Acceptance of such Letters Patent by any Writing or by any Entry to be made in manner aforesaid *Witness* His Majesty at Westminster the twenty ninth day of March in the seventh Year of His Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

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Of these Our Letters Patent

And We further Will that the Master Governors and Assistants for the time being of the said College hereby made and established shall upon the first Thursday in the Month of July next after the Date of these Our Letters Patent or within one Month then after and upon the first Thursday in July in every succeeding Year or within one Month then after meet in the Place which shall from time to time be used or appointed to be used as their Hall or Council House or as near to such Hall or Council House as conveniently may be and then and there elect chuse and appoint out of the Examiners by the un- Majority of Votes of such of the Court of Assistants as shall be then present one Person to be Principal Master and two other Persons to be a ma- Governors of the said College for the then succeeding Year and then and there also in like manner chuse and appoint one or more of our Principal ma- Serjeant Surgeons or the Surgeon General of our Forces if not already an Examiner or Examiners of Surgeons of the said College or otherwise shall chuse and appoint out of their own Body some other Person or Persons to be Examiner or Examiners of Surgeons for the same College in the Place and stead of such Examiner or Examiners as shall have happened to die or have been removed from the said Office of Examiner in the then next preceeding an- Year unless such Vacancies in the Office of Master or Governor and in that Court shall have been previously filled up within the then preceeding Year nam- which it shall be lawful for the said Court of Assistants to do at any Special Court to be held for that purpose and also in like manner chuse and am- appoint out of the Members of the said College established by these Presents such Person or Persons to be of the Court of Assistants of the same nam- College in the Place of such Person or Persons who shall have happened to die in or have been removed from the said Office of one of the Court of ma- Assistants in the then next preceeding Year unless such Vacancies in that Court shall have been previously filled up within the then preceeding Year in- which it shall be lawful for the said Court of Assistants to do at a Special Court to be held for that purpose And it is Our Will and Pleasure that the Master or one of the Governors together with ten Assistants at the least shall be at all times sufficient to constitute a Court of Assistants in- for the purpose of such Elections or for the purpose of transacting any other Business belonging to the said Court But that no Court of Assistants shall be holden for the special purpose of electing any Person to be Master Governor Examiner or Assistant without seven days previous Notice to be given for that purpose by Summons to the Members of the Court of Assistants for the time being And furthermore it is Our Will and Pleasure that if at any time or times hereafter it shall happen that the Master and both the Governors of the said College hereby established in- shall die or become incapable of acting before the Election of a new Master and Governors according to the Provisions hereinbefore contained that then a- and in every such case it shall and may be lawful for the Senior Member of the Court of Assistants who shall be capable of attending to summon in- convene and hold a Court of Assistants which shall be held as soon as may be next after the Death or Incapacity of the last of such of them the said Master and Governors who shall be so dead or incapable of acting and that at such Court a Master and Governors of the said College shall be elected for the remainder of the then current Year and that it shall and may be lawful for the Senior Assistant of the said College who shall be then present to- preside at and hold such Court and to administer to the new Master and Governors who shall be then and there elected the Oath appointed to be taken by the Master and Governors of the said College as aforesaid. any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding And in case it in- shall so happen that on the day appointed for the ordinary Election of Master and Governors for the ensuing Year the Master and both the ma- Governors shall be dead or incapable of attending the Senior Member of the Court of Assistants who shall be present at the Court of Assistants to be held for the purpose of such Election shall preside at and hold such Court and administer to the new Master and Governors who shall then in- and there be elected the Oath appointed to be taken by the Master and Governors of the said College as aforesaid. any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding And in case it shall at any time happen that the Persons who shall assemble at the day and place appointed for any Court of Assistants to be holden in pursuance of these Our Letters Patent shall not be capable of holding such Court by reason of the Absence of any of the Members of the said Court whose Presence shall be required for that purpose it shall be lawful for the Senior Member present to adjourn such Court to a future Day Provided that no such Adjournment shall be made until after the Expiration of one Hour at the least from the Hour appointed for holding such Court.



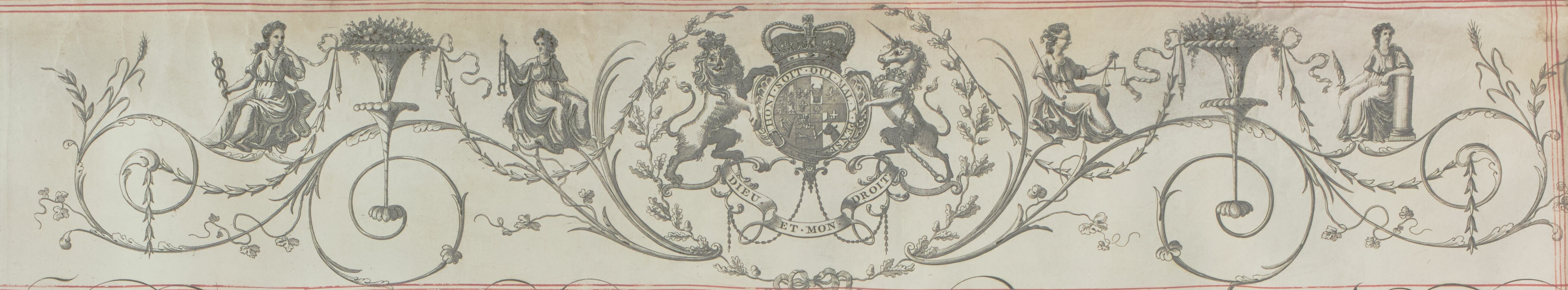
Charles Hawkins William Long and

George Chandler together with Joseph Warner William Lucas Samuel Howard and William Cooper Esquires the said James Earle Thomas Keate Esquire in the Surgeon General to our Forces and Charles Blicke Esquire shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed the first **Examiners** of Surgeons for the said College and also that the said Charles Hawkins William Long George Chandler and Joseph Warner Jonathan Watton Esquire the said William Lucas Samuel Howard William Cooper James Earle and Charles Blicke Thompson Forster Esquire John Birch Esquire the said Thomas Keate John Heaviside John Howard William Blizard and Henry Esine Esquires David Dundas Esquire the other of our principal Serjeant Surgeons and such three other Persons as shall be elected to that Office on the Day whereon the Court of Assistants of the said College hereby incorporated shall first meet after the date of these our Letters Patent or at a Court of Assistants to be holden within one Month then next after shall be and they are hereby constituted the first **Court of Assistants** of the said College of Surgeons hereby incorporated and established *And it is Our further Will* that the said Master and Governors shall respectively hold n and enjoy their said Offices of Master and Governors from henceforth until the first Thursday in July next after the day of the date of these Presents n and from thenceforth until a new Election of a Master and Governors of the said Corporation shall take place as is hereinafter expressed *And We also Will* that the said Persons so before named and constituted Examiners of Surgeons of the said College and their Successors in that Office only chosen nominated or appointed and that the said Persons so before named and constituted Assistants of the said College established by these our Letters Patent and their Successors in that Office only chosen nominated or appointed shall respectively hold and enjoy their said Offices during their natural Lives or until then shall be lawfully removed out of the said Offices for any reasonable Cause *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* that the two principal Serjeant Surgeons to Us and to Our Heirs and Successors and the Surgeon General to our Forces and to the Forces of Our Heirs and Successors if they or any of them at the m times of their Appointments respectively shall not be Members of the Court of Assistants and Examiners of the said College shall be from time to time m admitted Members of the said Court of Assistants and also Examiners of the said College hereby incorporated when and so soon as any Vacancy shall happen from time to time after the Appointment of every such Serjeant Surgeon or Surgeon General respectively in preference to all other Persons *And further it is Our Will and Pleasure* that the Master and Governors of the said College hereby incorporated and established or one of them together with the Assistants of the said College hereby nominated or the major part of them shall within thirty Days next after the date of these our Letters Patent meet at such place at which the Persons Members of the said late Corporation shall have usually held their Meetings for the space of six Months next before the day of the date of these Presents or at such other place within the Cities of London or Westminster or within one mile of either of those Cities as the Master or Governors or any two of them hereby constituted shall in that behalf (by Notice to be by them given and published in the London Gazette fourteen days before the day of holding such Meeting for that purpose) appoint and shall then and there hold a Court of Assistants for carrying into effect these our Letters m Patent and at such Court the said Master and Governors Examiners and Assistants or such of them as shall be then present shall administer unto each other respectively and each of them shall take the respective Oaths following (that is to say) the said Master and Governors shall take the following Oath - *m You do swear* that according to the best of your Skill and Knowledge you will discharge the several Trusts and Powers vested in you (as Master or Governor as the Case may be) of the Royal College of Surgeons in London and that you will diligently maintain the Honor and Welfare of the said College and in all m things which shall in any sort concern your Office you will act faithfully and honestly without Favor or Affection Prejudice or Partiality to any Person or m Persons whomsoever - So help you God - *And* that each of such Examiners and Assistants shall take the following Oath (that is to say) *And* that so long as you shall remain in the Office of (Examiner or Assistant as the Case may be) of the Royal College of Surgeons in London you will diligently maintain the Honor and Welfare of the said College and in all things relating to your Office and with all manner of Persons act equally and impartially m according to the best of your Skill and Knowledge - So help you God - *And* no Person hereby appointed or hereafter to be elected Master Governor Examiner or Assistant of the said College hereby established and incorporated shall proceed to act in the Execution of such Office until he and they shall have taken the respective Oath and Oaths hereinbefore mentioned which shall be duly administered to them respectively at a Court of Assistants to be holden in pursuance



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before all manner of Iustices in all Courts and in all manner of Actions and Suits and shall be at all times for ever hereafter Persons able and capable in Law to take purchase possess hold and enjoin and shall and may take purchase possess hold and enjoin a Hall or Council House with its Appurtenances situate within the Cities of London or Westminster or xiii within One Mile of either of them for the use and purposes of the said College and also any other Lands Tenements Rents or Hereditaments wheresoever situate lying and being not in xiii exceeding together with the aforesaid Hall or Council House and its Appurtenances the Yearly Value of One thousand Pounds in the whole without incurring any of the Penalties in any xiii Statute of Mortmain or any thing in any Statute of Mortmain to the contrary notwithstanding *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* that nothing in these Presents shall be x. construed to give the Corporation of the City of London any Power or Jurisdiction over the said College hereby established and incorporated And that no Person by virtue of these Our Letters Patent constituted or ordained or hereafter to be admitted a Member of the said College shall be therein entitled to any Franchise belonging to the Freemen of the City of London *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* And We do hereby so far as We lawfully can or may grant and ordain that the said Royal College of Surgeons hereby incorporated shall and may exercise and enjoin all and singular other the Gifts Grants Liberties Privileges and Immunities Possessions Real and Personal whatsoever and wheresoever hereinbefore mentioned or by any Act or Acts of Parliament or by any Letters Patent of Our Royal Predecessors Kings and Queens of England given granted and confirmed unto or otherwise lawfully acquired by and belonging to the said late Master xiii Governors and Commonality of the Art and Science of Surgeons or any of them and not hereby altered taken away changed or abridged made void or annulled *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* that the College of Surgeons hereby established shall be liable to and shall perform such Duties as the late dissolved Corporation of Surgeons was at any time heretofore liable to and did perform by virtue of an Act made in the Twentieth fifth Year of the Reign of Our Royal Grandfather King George the Second entitled an Act for the better preventing the horrid Crime of Murder *And further We Will* that the said College shall and by these Presents they are required to purchase or provide a proper x Room House or Building with suitable Conveniences within Four hundred Yards at the furthest from the usual Place of Execution for the County of Middlesex or the City of London and the Suburbs thereof for the purpose of more conveniently dissecting and anatomizing the Bodies of such Murderers as shall at x any time hereafter be delivered to them by virtue of the last mentioned Act *And it is Our further Will and Pleasure* that it shall and may be x lawful to and for the said College hereby established and incorporated from time to time in the manner hereinafter mentioned to elect chuse and appoint xiii Twenty one Persons to be the Court of Assistants of the said College Of which Court of Assistants Ten Persons shall at all times be constituted and xiii appointed Examiners of Surgeons for the said College And of such Ten Persons one shall be principal Master and two others shall be Governors to x be respectively qualified and admitted in such manner and to continue in the said Offices respectively for such time or times as by these Our Letters Patent is hereinafter ordered and appointed And it shall and may be lawful for the Master and Governors of the said College or for one of them x together with Ten or more of the Members of the said Court of Assistants for the time being when and as often as to any one of the Master or Governors shall seem meet to hold Courts and Assemblies in order to treat and consult about and concerning the Rule Order State and xiii Government of the said College *And also* that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master and Governors and Court of Assistants so Assembled or the major part of them to make ordain confirm amend or revoke from time to time such Bye Laws Ordinances Rules and xiii Constitutions as to them shall seem requisite and convenient for the Regulation Government and Advantage of the said College so as such Bye Laws Ordinances Rules and Constitutions be not contrary to Law And in all such Cases as shall be necessary be examined approved of and allowed as x by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm is provided and required And also to transact and ordain all such other Matters and Things as the xiii Master Governors and Court of Assistants of the late dissolved Company or Corporation of the Master Governors and Commonality of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London might heretofore lawfully do transact or ordain *And further We Will* that Charles Hawkins Esquire one of xiii Our principal Serjeant Surgeons since he is hereby constituted and appointed the first Master of the said College of Surgeons And that William Long and George Chandler Esquires shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed the first Governors of the same And that the said xiii x.



George the Third by the Grace of God

of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To all to whom these Presents shall come Whereas Our Royal Predecessor King Edward the Fourth by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England bearing date the twentieth fourth day of February in the First Year of His Reign did at the Supplication of the Freemen of the Mystery of Barbers of the City of London using the x. Mystery or Faculty of Surgery grant to them among other things that the said Mystery and all the Men of the same Mystery of the said x. City should be one Body and perpetual Community and that two Principals of the same Commonalty of the most expert Men in the Mystery of Surgery might with the Assent of twelve or eight Persons at the least of the same Community every Year elect and make out of the Community two Masters or Governors being the most expert in the Mystery of Surgery to Oversee Rule and Govern the Mystery and Commonalty aforesaid And whereas by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Thirty second Year of the late King Henry the Eighth entitled for Barbers and Surgeons After Reading that within the City of London there were then two several and distinct Companies of Surgeons occupying and exercising the Faculty of Surgery One Company called the Barbers of London and the other Company called the Surgeons of London It was thereby Enacted that the said two several and distinct Companies of Surgeons should from thenceforth be united and made one unite and whole Body Corporate and one Commonalty perpetual which at all times hereafter should be called by the Name of the Masters or Governors of the Mystery and Commonalty of the Barbers and Surgeons of London and by the same Name to Implead and be Impleaded before all manner of Justices in all Courts and in all manner of Suits And whereas in and by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England bearing date the fifteenth day of August in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Charles the x. first Reading that the Men of the same Companies enjoyed divers Liberties and Franchises within the City of London the Suburbs and Liberties thereof by virtue of divers Acts of Parliament and divers Charters and Letters Patent His said Majesty Did grant and confirm unto the said Masters and Governors of the Mystery and Commonalty aforesaid and their Successors all and singular the Manors Messuages Lands Tenements Customs Liberties Franchises Immunities Jurisdictions and Hereditaments whatsoever which the Men of the said Companies then held used and enjoyed by any lawful Means or Title whatsoever And His said late Majesty did thereby give Power to the said Corporation to make Annual Elections of Masters or Governors of the said Commonalty whereof Two to be Professors in the Art and Science of Surgery And also to elect and constitute Ten of the Freemen of the said Society to be Examiners of Surgeons in London And whereas by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Our late Royal Grandfather King George the Second intitled An Act for making the Surgeons of London and the Barbers of London two separate and distinct Corporations It was Enacted that the said Union and Incorporation of the Barbers and Surgeons of London made and effected by the aforesaid Act of the Thirty second Year of King Henry the Eighth should from and after the twentieth fourth day of June One thousand seven hundred and forty five be dissolved and declared void and of no effect And that such of the Members of the said United Company who were x. Freemen of the said Company and admitted and approved Surgeons within the Rules of the said Company and their Successors should from thenceforth be made and they were thereby made and constituted a separate and distinct Body Corporate and Commonalty perpetual which at all times hereafter were to be called by the Name of Master Governors and Commonalty of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London And by the same Name might Implead and be Impleaded before all manner of Justices in all Courts and in all manner of Actions and Suits and take to them and their Successors Lands Tenements Rents or Hereditaments not exceeding the Yearly Value of Two hundred Pounds in the whole And whereas we are informed that the said Corporation of Master Governors and Commonalty of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London hath become and now is dissolved And whereas it is of great Consequence to the Common Weal of this Kingdom that the Art and Science of Surgery should be duly promoted And whereas it appears to us that the Establishment of a College of Surgeons will be expedient for the due promotion and encouragement of the study and practice of the said Art and Science Now We of Our Special Grace and mere Motion and at the humble Petition of James Earle Esquire the late Master and divers other Members of the aforesaid late Corporation of Surgeons Have willed ordained constituted declared given and granted And by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors Do will ordain constitute and declare give and grant unto the aforesaid James Earle and unto all the Members of the said late Company or Corporation of Master Governors and Commonalty of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London having been admitted and approved Surgeons x. within the Rules of the said Company and also unto all such Persons who upon or since the dissolution of the said Corporation shall have obtained Letters Testimonial under a Seal purporting to be the Seal of the said late dissolved Corporation authorising them to practice the Art and Science of Surgery that they from henceforth for ever hereafter shall be and remain by virtue of these Presents One Body Corporate and Politic by the Name of The Royal College of Surgeons in London and by the same Name shall and may 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.





