

**E**LIZABETH 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:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS an humble Petition has been presented unto Us by Our trusty and well beloved William Owen Chadwick, Esquire, Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge and Regius Professor of Modern History in Our University of Cambridge, Our trusty and well beloved Hugh Christopher Longuet-Higgins, Esquire, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge and Royal Society Professor in Our University of Sussex, Our trusty and well beloved Charles Kenyon Phillips, Esquire, Fellow and Bursar of Christ's College, Cambridge, Our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor Gordon William Humphreys Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, Our trusty and well beloved Sir Gordon Brims Black McIvor Sutherland, Knight, Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and Our trusty and well beloved Leonard Gordon Wolfson, Esquire, which sheweth:—

- (1) That Our Petitioners are the trustees of certain property and funds and hold the same upon the trusts of a Trust Deed dated the thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five;
- (2) That the objects of the said trust are the advancement of education, learning and research in Our University of Cambridge (hereinafter referred to as "the University") and the foundation of a new Collegiate Society in the University;
- (3) That the University did on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five grant to the said Society the status of an Approved Foundation within the University;

(4) that the said Approved Foundation, founded as University College, has been known since the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three as "Wolfson College".

AND WHEREAS by the said Petition Our Petitioners have prayed that We should be graciously pleased to grant a Charter in such terms as might seem to Us proper for the purpose of constituting the President and Fellows of Wolfson College a body corporate:

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 and declared and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare as follows:—

1. The first President and first Fellows of Wolfson College and all such persons as 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 President and Fellows of Wolfson College in the University of Cambridge" (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. The College shall have full power and capacity to accept, acquire and hold any personal 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 of any tenure and to dispose of either by way of sale or lease or by way of voluntary disposition 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 it shall see fit and also to do all other things incidental to 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 is incorporated and shall be conducted with the following objects:

- (a) to advance education, learning and research in the University;
- (b) to provide for men or women who shall be members of the University a College wherein they may work for Degrees in the University or may carry out postgraduate or other special studies at Cambridge provided that no member of the College or any candidate for membership thereof shall be subject to any test of a religious, social, political or racial character;
- (c) to acquire and take over the properties and liabilities now vested in the trustees of the said Trust Deed or in the University as Custodian Trustee for the said Approved Foundation;
- (d) to apply the moneys of the College including any money acquired or taken over as aforesaid to the purposes of the College with power to invest as prescribed in the Statutes of the College;
- (e) to administer any trust or scheme for purposes connected with the objects of the College;
- (f) to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the carrying out of the above objects.

4. The College shall have power subject to the Statutes of the University to present candidates for matriculation by the University.

5. The Visitor of the College shall be the Chancellor of the University for the time being.

6. The first President of the College shall be Our trusty and well beloved John Sinclair Morrison, Esquire, Master of Arts. Such persons as at the Effective Date are Fellows of the said Approved Foundation shall be the first Fellows of the College. The Statutes of the College shall apply to the first President and the first Fellows as if they had been appointed pursuant to the Statutes of the College save that due regard shall be had to the terms of their appointment as Officers or Fellows of the Approved Foundation previous to the Effective Date. Any subsequent President of the College or further Fellows of the College shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes of the College.

7. The government of the College shall be vested entirely in the Governing Body as defined in the Statutes of the College 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 the Statutes of the College provided that no alteration of the Statutes shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter.

8. The first Statutes of the College shall be those annexed to this Our Charter and the same shall be and shall remain in force unless and until they shall be altered in manner hereinbefore prescribed.

9. The Governing Body of the College may from time to time revoke, amend or add to the provisions of this Our Charter by a Special Statute in that behalf and such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made as so revoked, amended or added to. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid. A Special Statute is one passed at a meeting of the Governing Body specially summoned for the purpose by not less than fourteen days' notice in term at which at least two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body are present and at which at least two-thirds of those present vote in favour of the Special Statute.

10. Reference herein to the Statutes of the College shall be deemed to refer to such Statutes as are for the time being in force.

11 This Our Charter shall take effect on the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven (herein and in the Statutes of the College referred to as "the Effective Date").

And lastly We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and 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 elsewhere by all Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other subjects whatsoever of Us, Our Heirs and 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of *December* in the *twenty-fifth* year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

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