

CHARTER GRANTED TO THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF
ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES,

Bearing Date the Twenty-fourth of *September*, in the Thirteenth Year of the
Reign of *GEORGE I*, *Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred
and Twenty-Six.

Recital that the
Company had, by
exercising strict
Justice, encouraged
the Resort of
Inhabitants, at
their Settlements.

And had appointed
Governors and
Councils.

And that there was
great want of proper
authority for adminis-
tering Justice.

And the Company's
Petition for the pri-
vileges hereinafter
contained.

His Majesty being
desirous of giving
them all fitting
Encouragement,

GEOURGE, 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,
Greeting: Whereas Our Well-beloved Subjects, The *United Company of
Merchants of England, Trading to the East-Indies*, have, by a strict and equal
Distribution of Justice, within the Towns, Forts, Factories and Places,
belonging to the said Company, in the *East-Indies*, and other Parts beyond the
Cape of Good Hope to the Streights of *Magellan*, very much encouraged, not
only Our own Subjects, but likewise the Subjects of other Princes, and the
Natives of the adjacent Countries, to resort to, and settle in the said Towns,
Forts, Factories and Places, for the better and more convenient carrying on
of Trade; by which Means some of the said Towns, Factories and Places, are
become very populous, and especially the Town, or Place, anciently called
Chinapatnam, now called *Madraspatnam*, and *Fort St. George*, on the Coast of
Coromandel, and also the Towns, Factories or Places, called *Bombay*, on the
Island of *Bombay*, and *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, in the said *East-Indies*, and
Parts aforesaid: And whereas, in Pursuance of the Privileges and Powers,
granted to the said Company, by Our Royal Predecessors, the said Company
have constituted and appointed, within the Factories herein before-mentioned,
several Officers, by the Names of Governor and Council, or President and
Council: And whereas there is great Want, in all the said Places, of a proper
and competent Power and Authority, for the more speedy and effectual
administering of Justice, in Civil Causes, and for the trying and punishing of
Capital and other Criminal Offences and Misdemeanors committed within the
Places and Districts aforesaid, and in other the said Company's Settlements,
within the Limits of Trade granted to them, and for the better Government of
the several Factories belonging to the said Company, within the same. And
whereas the said Company have humbly applied to Us, by Petition, setting
forth, as herein before is set forth and suggesting that for as much as the
granting to the said Company such Powers as may conduce to the punishing
of Vice, and administering of Justice, and the better governing the said
Company's Factories and Settlements Abroad, will not only tend to the
Advancement of those good Ends, but also to the Increase of that Branch of
the National Trade which is carried on to the *East-Indies*, as well as to the
Increase of Our Revenues arising from the same; the said Company, therefore,
by their said Petition, humbly besought Us to grant to the said Company,
the several Powers, Privileges and Franchises, hereafter in these Presents
contained; We, having considered the Premises, and being desirous to afford
all fitting Assistance, and Encouragement, to the said Company, and for
advancing of Trade, and promoting of Justice, and being well assured, that
the establishing proper Courts of Justice will very much contribute thereunto,

have, therefore, by Virtue and in Pursuance of several Powers, granted to, and vested in Us, by several Acts of Parliament heretofore passed in that Behalf, and in Performance of divers Covenants between Our Royal Predecessors and the said Company, for the granting to them all further reasonable Powers, and Privileges, for the better Improvement and carrying on their Trade, and of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, given and granted, and, by these Presents, do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant, to the said Company and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, ordain, direct, establish and appoint, that there shall be, for ever hereafter, within the said Town or Factory of *Madraspatnam* aforesaid, One Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name of Mayor and Aldermen of *Madraspatnam*; and that such Body Politick and Corporate shall consist of a Mayor and Nine Aldermen, Seven of which said Aldermen, at least, together with the Mayor for the Time being, shall be natural born Subjects of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, and the other Two Aldermen may be Subjects of any other Prince, or State, in Amity with Us; and that the said Body Corporate, by Name aforesaid, shall have perpetual Succession, and shall and may be Persons able and capable in Law to sue and be sued in any Courts and Causes whatsoever; and shall and may have a Common Seal for the Business and Affairs of the said Corporation, which Common Seal they and their Successors may break and change at their Pleasure.

Doth hereby direct that there shall be a Mayor and Aldermen, at *Madraspatnam*; who shall be a Body Corporate;

and have a Common Seal, which may be broken or changed, at Pleasure.

AND We do hereby further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, grant and appoint, that *Richard Higginson*, Esq., shall be the First and modern Mayor of the said Town or Factory of *Madraspatnam* aforesaid, and *Edward Croke*, *Richard Carter*, *Duncombe Monroe*, *Robert Woolley*, *Abraham Wessel*, *John Powney*, *Francis Rouse*, *Luis De Medeiros*, and *Thomas Way*, Merchants, shall be the First and modern Aldermen thereof; which said Mayor and Aldermen shall, at a Time to be appointed for that Purpose by the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, by the Two Senior of the Council of *Fort St. George*, residing there, within Thirty Days after Notice of this Our Charter, take an Oath duly to execute their respective Offices, together with the Oath of Allegiance; which Oaths the said Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Two Senior of the Council residing at *Fort St. George* aforesaid, are hereby empowered to administer; and that, from the Time of taking the said Oaths of Office and Allegiance, the said Mayor shall continue in the said Office for the Space of One Year, and until another Person shall be duly elected and sworn into the said Office: And We do, by these Presents, appoint the said Persons herein before nominated to be Aldermen of *Madraspatnam*, to continue in their respective Offices of Aldermen, from the Time of taking such Oaths as aforesaid, for and during the Term of their natural Lives, unless removed in such Manner as herein after is mentioned: And We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant to the said Company and their Successors, and We do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will and direct, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor and Aldermen of *Madraspatnam*, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, yearly and every Year, on the Twentieth Day of *December* (unless the same happens on a *Sunday*, in which Case We appoint it to be on the next Day) to assemble themselves, and to proceed to the Election of a new Mayor out of the Aldermen of the said Town of *Madraspatnam* for the Time being, which Mayor, when elected, as soon as

First Mayor and Aldermen appointed;

who shall take an Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance;

Mayor to continue for one Year:

Alderman to continue for Life, unless removed:

Election of Mayor to be annually on 20th *December*, except when on a *Sunday*;

conveniently may be, shall be presented to the Governor, or President and Council of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, and shall take the usual Oath of Office, and the Oath of Allegiance, before the said Governor or President, or, in his Absence, before the Two Senior of the Council residing at *Fort St. George* aforesaid, who are hereby authorized to administer the same, and shall continue in such Office for the Space of One whole Year, from the Time of such swearing, and until another shall be duly elected and sworn into the said Office; and in case any Mayor shall happen to die in his said Office, the Aldermen, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall and may, as soon after as conveniently they can, upon reasonable Notice to be given in that Behalf, by the Senior Alderman, then residing at *Fort St. George* aforesaid, assemble and elect One of the said Aldermen to be Mayor for the Remainder of the Year, to be presented and sworn as aforesaid.

Mayor to be sworn;

In case of the Death of any Mayor, another Alderman to be elected.

Mayor after Expiration of his Office, to continue Alderman:

Aldermen to be elected out of the principal Inhabitants.

AND We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint, that the Mayor of *Madraspatnam*, herein before nominated, and every other Person, who shall hereafter be Mayor of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, shall, after the Determination of his Office of Mayor, be One of the Aldermen of the said Town, according to the Tenour of these Our Letters Patents: And Our further Will and Pleasure is, that so often as any of the Aldermen of the said Town shall die, or be removed, the said Mayor and Aldermen, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall and may, upon reasonable Notice, or Summons, to be given in that Behalf, assemble and elect some other fit Person, out of the principal Inhabitants of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, into the said Place of Alderman, who shall, within Fourteen Days after his Election, take the Oath of Office, and the Oath of Allegiance, before the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Two Senior of the Council, residing at *Fort St. George* aforesaid, and shall continue in such Office during his Life, unless removed in such Manner as herein after is mentioned; and that, before any Election shall be made of any Mayor, the several Vacancies in the Places of Aldermen shall be first filled up.

Aldermen may be removed by the Governor and Council, on reasonable Cause:

AND We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant, to The said *United Company* and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and direct, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor or President and Council, for the Time being, or the major Part of them (whereof the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Senior of the Council then residing at *Fort St. George* aforesaid, to be One) upon reasonable Cause, to remove any of the said Aldermen, so as there be a Complaint, in Writing, first exhibited against him, and he have a reasonable Time given him to make his Defence, and be summoned for that Purpose, in case he be resident within the Limits and Precincts of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, at *Fort St. George*; but in case any Person, being a Subject of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, shall think himself aggrieved by any such Sentence or Adjudication of Removal, such Person may, within Fourteen Days after such Removal, appeal to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, in Council, as is usual in Cases of Appeal from any of Our Colonies in the *West-Indies*, upon giving Security to pay the Costs of such Appeal, in case such Sentence or Adjudication be affirmed.

Party aggrieved by any Removal, may appeal to the King, in Council, within 14 Days.

In case of the Death, or departure from India of the Mayor

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, that in case any of the Persons herein before nominated to be Mayor or Alderman of *Madraspatnam* aforesaid,

shall happen to die, or depart the *East-Indies*, before Notice of this Our Charter, or before they shall be sworn into their respective Offices, it shall be lawful for the Governor and Council, or President and Council, of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them (whereof the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Senior of the Council then residing at *Fort St. George* aforesaid, to be One) to nominate any other fit Person or Persons, out of the principal Inhabitants of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, to be the modern Mayor, or Aldermen, and to admit and swear him, or them, into their respective Office, or Offices, as herein before is appointed.

or Aldermen before named, Governor and Council may appoint others.

AND further We do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant to the said Company and their Successors, and We do hereby ordain, direct and appoint, that the Mayor and Aldermen, for the Time being, of *Madraspatnam* aforesaid, shall for ever hereafter be, and they are hereby constituted, a Court of Record, by the Name of the Mayor's Court at *Madraspatnam*, and they, or any Three or more of them (whereof the Mayor, or the Senior Alderman, for the Time being, to be One) may, and they are hereby authorized to try, hear and determine, all Civil Suits, Actions and Pleas, between Party and Party, that shall or may arise, or happen, or that have already arisen, or happened, within the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, or within any of the Factories subject or subordinate unto *Fort St. George* aforesaid, or to the said Governor or President, and the Council of *Fort St. George* aforesaid.

Mayor and Aldermen to be a Court of Record by the Name of the Mayor's Court at *Madraspatnam*.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, nominate and appoint, the Junior of the Council of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, at the Time of the Arrival of this Our Charter, or an Exemplification of the same, at that Place, to be Our Sheriff of *Fort St. George*, and the Town of *Madraspatnam*, and the District aforesaid, and for any Space within Ten Miles of the same; and We will and direct, that such Sheriff shall, at a Time to be appointed for that Purpose by the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Two Senior of the Council at *Fort St. George*, residing there, within Thirty Days after Notice of this Our Charter, take an Oath duly to execute his Office, together with the Oath of Allegiance, which Oaths the said Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Two Senior of the Council, residing within the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, are hereby empowered to administer; and that, from the Time of Taking such Oaths, the said Sheriff shall continue in his Office, for the Space of One Year, and until another shall be duly elected and sworn into the said Office.

The Junior of the Council to be Sheriff of *Fort St. George* and *Madraspatnam* and within 10 Miles of the same;

to take an Oath of Office and Allegiance;

and to continue in Office one Year.

AND We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, ordain, direct and appoint, that the Governor, or President, and Council of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall yearly, on the Twentieth Day of *December*, unless the same happens on a *Sunday*, and then on the next Day, assemble themselves, and proceed to the Election of a new Sheriff, which Sheriff, when elected, as soon as conveniently may be, shall take the usual Oath of Office, and the Oath of Allegiance, before the said Governor or President, or, in his Absence, before the Two Senior of the Council, residing within the said Town of *Madraspatnam* (who are hereby authorized to administer the same) and shall continue in such Office, during the Space of One whole Year, from the Time of such swearing, and until another shall be duly elected and sworn into the said Office: And in case any such Sheriff shall die in his

New Sheriff to be elected annually on the 20th *December*, except when on a *Sunday*, and then on the Day following.

In case of Death,

another to be chosen
for the Remainder of
the Year.

Office, the said Governor or President and Council, or the major Part of them, shall and may, as soon as conveniently may be, assemble, and choose another Person to be Sheriff, in his Room, who shall be sworn, as aforesaid, and continue in his Office, for the Remainder of the Year; and the said Sheriff hereby appointed, and every other Sheriff to be elected and sworn as aforesaid, shall, during his and their Continuance in such Office respectively, have full Power and Authority to execute and make Return of all Process of the said Court, and of any other Court, erected by these Our Letters Patents, within the District aforesaid.

Proceedings in the
Mayor's Court.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, direct, ordain and appoint, that, upon Complaint to be made, in Writing, to the said Court, by, for, or on the Behalf of any Person or Persons, against any other Person or Persons whatsoever, then residing or being, or who, at the Time when such Cause of Action did or shall accrue, did or shall reside or be within the said Fort or Town, or the aforesaid Precinct, District, or Territories thereof, of any of the Causes of Suit aforesaid, already accrued, or which shall or may hereafter accrue, the said Court shall and may issue a Summons, in Writing, under the Hands and Seals of Two of the Judges of the said Court (whereof the Mayor for the Time being, or, in case of his Absence, the Senior Alderman then residing within the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, or *Fort St. George*, to be One) to be directed to the said Sheriff, requiring the Party or Parties Defendant or Defendants, to appear before them, at a certain Time and Place, therein to be appointed, to answer the said Complaint; and in Default of Appearance, upon Return of the said Summons at such Time and Place, the said Court shall and may issue forthwith a Warrant, under the Hands and Seals of any Two of the Judges of the said Court (whereof the Mayor for the Time being, or the Senior Alderman then residing within the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, to be One) directed to the Sheriff for the Time being, to take the Body, or Bodies, of such Defendant, or Defendants, and bring him, her or them, before the said Court, at a certain Time and Place, therein to be appointed, to answer to the said Complaint; and in case of Appearance, or Arrest of the Body, or Bodies, of such Defendant, or Defendants, to let such Defendant or Defendants out to Bail, upon giving sufficient Security (which We do hereby empower the said Court to take) to abide and perform the final Order and Judgment of the said Court, or such final Order and Judgment as shall and may be given upon any Appeal to be brought in the said Cause, or to surrender himself to the said Court, to be charged in Execution, till the said Judgment shall be satisfied; and in Default of finding Bail, or giving such Security as aforesaid, to detain such Defendant or Defendants in Custody, until he or they shall have found such Bail, or have given such Security as aforesaid, or shall have Judgment or Sentence given for him, her or them, upon such Complaint; and after such Bail found, or Security given as aforesaid, or in case such Defendant, or Defendants, shall be detained in Custody for want of Bail or Security, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain, direct and authorize the said Court to proceed to the Examination of the Matter and Cause of Complaint, either upon the Oath, or Oaths, of any Witness, or Witnesses, in Writing, to be by him, her or them subscribed and taken in the most Solemn Manner (for which Purpose We do, by these Presents, empower and require the said Court

to administer an Oath, or cause the same to be administered, to such Witness, or Witnesses, as shall be produced on the Behalf of either Party, Plaintiff or Defendant) or by the voluntary Confession of such Defendant or Defendants; and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said Court to give Judgment and Sentence according to Justice and Right, and to award and issue a Warrant or Warrants of Execution, under the Hands and Seals of Two of the Judges of the said Court (whereof the Mayor of the said Town or Factory of *Madraspatnam* for the Time being, or the Senior Alderman then residing within the same Town or Factory, to be One) to be directed to the Sheriff for the Time being, for levying the Debt, or Duty, adjudged or decreed to the Party or Parties complainant, together with Costs of Suit, upon the Goods and Chattels of such Defendant or Defendants, and to cause Sale to be made of the said Goods and Chattels, rendering to the Party the Overplus (if any be); and for Want of sufficient Distress, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give full Power and Authority to the said Court, to imprison the Defendant or Defendants, until Satisfaction be made by him, her or them, to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, of the Debt or Duty decreed or adjudged, together with the Costs of Suit; and in case Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, likewise give full Power and Authority to the said Court, to award Costs to such Defendant or Defendants, and to issue the like Process of Execution for the same, as in Cases where Costs are awarded to any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; and to the Intent, that due Provision be made that there be no Failure of Justice, if the Defendant or Defendants shall withdraw him, or herself, or themselves, out of, or shall not be found within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, We do, by these Presents, give and grant, will, direct and appoint, that in case the Sheriff shall make return to such Summons, or Warrant of Arrest, that the Party or Parties Defendant or Defendants, therein mentioned, or any of them, is or are not to be found within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Court, upon an Affidavit or Proof, verifying the Demand of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Suit to the Satisfaction of the said Court, to grant a Sequestration to seize the Estate and Effects of such Party or Parties Defendant or Defendants, to such Value as the said Court shall think reasonable and shall direct in such Process of Sequestration, and the same to detain in ~~the~~ the Hands of a proper Person to be appointed by the said Court, till such Party or Parties shall appear to ~~the~~ the said Complaint and give Security as aforesaid; and in case the Party or Parties ~~Defendant~~ or Defendants shall not appear and give Security as aforesaid, within the Space of Six Months (unless it be shewed to the said Court, on the Behalf of such Defendant or Defendants, that he or they is or are residing in *Great-Britain*) then it shall and may be lawful, for the said Court to proceed to hear and determine the said Cause, and to give Judgment therein as aforesaid; and in case Judgment shall be given for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Suit, to direct the Effects, so seized, to be sold, and, out of the Produce thereof, to make Satisfaction to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs for the Duty and Costs recovered, returning the Overplus, if any such shall be; and in case such Produce shall not be sufficient to make Satisfaction to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Court to award Execution for the Residue of the Duty and Costs recovered in Manner as aforesaid.

Mayor's Court may administer Oaths, frame Rules of Practice, and appoint Clerks and Officers.

AND We do hereby authorize the said Court to administer Oaths, and to frame such Rules of Practice, and nominate and appoint such Clerks and Officers, and to do all such other Things as shall be found necessary, for the Administration of Justice, and the due Execution of all or any of the Powers, given them, by these Presents.

Table of Fees to be approved by the Governor of Fort St. George.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby require and command, that a Table of the Fees to be allowed to such Clerks and Officers, shall be settled by the said Court, and approved and signed by the Governor or President of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, for the Time being, and shall be wrote out fair, and kept constantly fixed up in some visible and open Part of the Room, or Place, where the said Court shall be held.

Appeals may be made from the Mayor's Court to the Governor and Council, within 14 Days ;

AND it is Our further Will and Intent, and We do, by these Presents, ordain and establish, that if any Person, or Persons, shall think him, her or themselves aggrieved by any Judgment, Sentence or Decree of the said Mayor's Court, that such Person, or Persons, shall or may, within Fourteen Days after such Judgment, Sentence or Decree of the said Court shall be entered of Record, appeal to the Governor or President and Council of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, for the Time being, whom, or any Three or more of them (whereof the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Senior of the Council residing there, to be One) We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, constitute, nominate and appoint, to be, for ever hereafter, a Court of Record, for that Purpose, to receive such Appeals, and to hear and determine the same, and to do all other Acts, Matters and Things, necessarily incident thereunto ; whose Determination shall be final, if the Damages, Debt, or Thing directed to be paid, done or delivered, shall not exceed the Value of One Thousand Pagodas ; but in case the same do exceed the Value of One Thousand Pagodas, then any Person or Persons, who shall think him, her or themselves aggrieved by such Judgment, Sentence or Decree, made on such Appeal, shall and may, within Fourteen Days after the Sentence, Judgment or Decree, given or made upon such Appeal, shall be entered of Record, appeal to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in Council (as is usual in Cases of Appeal from any of Our Colonies in the *West-Indies*) upon giving Security to pay Interest after the Rate of Eight *per Cent.* for the Thing adjudged, or decreed to be paid, done or delivered, and the Costs of such Appeal, in case the said Judgment, Sentence or Decree shall be affirmed : And it is Our Will and Pleasure, that the Judgments, Sentences and Orders, of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and of the said Governor or President and Council, made upon any such Appeals respectively, shall and may be put in Execution by the said Mayor's Court, in such Manner as an original Judgment of the said Court should or might have been.

whose Decrees shall be final, for all Sums not exceeding 1000 Pagodas ; but above that Sum, Appeals may be made from the Governor and Council to the King in Council.

Governor and 5 Senior Members of Council to be Justices of the Peace.

AND We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant, unto the said Company and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, will, ordain, establish and appoint, that the Governor or President of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, and the Five Senior of the Council, according to their Precedency there, for the Time being, shall be Justices of the Peace, and have Power to act as Justices of the Peace in and for the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, and in and for *Fort St. George*, *Fort St. David*, *Vizagapatnam*, the Factories on the Coast of *Sumatra*, and all other the Factories subordinate to *Fort St. George* aforesaid, in the same or the like Manner, and with the same

or the like Powers, as Justices of the Peace constituted by any Commission or Letters Patents under Our Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, for any County, City or Town Corporate in *England*, do or may exercise such Office.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant to the said Company and their Successors, that the Governor or President of *Fort St. George*, and the Five Senior of the Council, for the Time being, or any Three or more of them (whereof the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Senior of the Council, residing at *Fort St. George*, to be One) shall and may hold Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Four Times in the Year, within the District aforesaid, and shall at all Times hereafter be and constitute a Court of Record, in the Nature of a Court of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, and shall, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, be Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, for the trying and punishing of all Offenders and Offences (High Treason only excepted) had, committed or done, or to be had, committed or done, within the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, *Fort St. George*, or within any of the said Factories subordinate thereunto, or within Ten *English* Miles of any of the same respectively: And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery respectively, to proceed by Indictment, or by such other Ways, and in the same or in the like Manner, as is used in that Part of *Great-Britain* called *England*, as near as the Condition and Circumstances of the Place, and Inhabitants, will admit of; and, for that Purpose, to issue their Warrant, or Precept, to the Sheriff of the said District for the Time being, commanding him to summon a convenient Number of the principal Inhabitants within the said District, to serve and attend as a Grand and Petty Jury at the said Courts respectively; and that the said Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery respectively, shall and may administer to them the usual Oath taken in *England* by the Grand and Petty Jury, and also administer a proper Oath, in the most solemn Manner, to all Witnesses, to be produced for or against the Party to be tried; and that the said Justices, and Commissioners, shall and may respectively proceed to the Arraignment, Trial, Conviction, and Punishment of Persons accused of any Crimes or Offences (High Treason only excepted) in the same, or the like Manner and Form, as near as the Condition and Circumstances of the Place and Inhabitants will admit of, as any Our Justices of the Peace or Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery in *England*, do or may proceed, by Virtue of any Commission by Us granted for that Purpose; and shall and may respectively do all other Acts that Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery usually and legally do; and that the said Court may assemble and adjourn, at and unto such Times and Places as they shall judge convenient: And We do hereby direct, that the Governor or President of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, shall, before the Council there, or the major Part of them, take an Oath faithfully to execute the said Offices of Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, together with the Oath of Allegiance (which Oath they are hereby empowered to administer) and after the taking of such Oaths, We do hereby authorize the said Governor or President, to administer the same Oaths to such of the Council as shall, from Time to Time, be, by Virtue hereof, a Justice of Peace or Commissioner of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery.

And to hold Quarter Sessions, for the Trial of all Offences, except High Treason;

and to be Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer.

Proceedings to be as like those in *England* as circumstances will admit of.

Grand and Petty Jury to be summoned;

and sworn.

Witnesses to be sworn.

Offenders to be tried and punished in the like Manner as in *England* as near as circumstances will admit of.

Governor and Council to be sworn as Justices of the Peace.

Company authorized
to appoint Generals,

And other Officers,

Who may exercise
the Inhabitants in
Arms; and may repel
Force by Force; and
exercise Martial
Law in War Time.

Corporation of
Mayor and Aldermen
established at
Bombay.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do, of Our more abundant Grace, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Company and their Successors, by these Presents, full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to name and appoint such Person, and Persons, as they shall think fit, to be General, or Generals, of all the Forces, by Sea and Land, of or belonging to the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, and the Towns, Places, and Dependencies of *Fort St. George* aforesaid; and to nominate, constitute and appoint, such and so many Commanders, and Military Officers, as to them shall seem meet and requisite, for the leading, conducting, and training up the Inhabitants of the said Town, Places and Limits, aforesaid, in Martial Affairs, and for the raising and maintaining such a Body of Standing Forces, within the said Towns and Limits aforesaid, and such a Number of Seamen, and Ships of Defence, as are or shall be necessary for the Defence and Safeguard of the same; and such General or Generals, and other Officers, or any of them, at the Pleasure of the said Company, to displace and amove: And that it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said General, or Generals, of the Forces, by Sea and Land, of or belonging to the said Town of *Madraspatnam*, and the Towns, Places, and Dependencies of *Fort St. George* aforesaid, and all and every such Commander, and Military Officers, that shall be so as aforesaid constituted and appointed, according to the Tenour of his and their respective Commissions and Instructions, to assemble, exercise in Arms, Martial Array, and put in warlike Posture the Inhabitants of the said Towns and Places, either by Sea or Land, for their especial Defence and Safety, and to lead and conduct them, and to encounter, repulse, expel and resist, by Force of Arms, as well by Sea as by Land, and also to kill, slay and destroy, by all fitting Ways, Enterprizes and Means whatsoever, all and every such Person or Persons as shall or may, at any Time hereafter, in an hostile Manner, attempt or enterprize the Destruction, Invasion, Detriment or Annoyance, of any of Our Subjects, within the said Towns and Factories, and Limits, or any of their Servants, or Persons dealing with them; and in Time of War, or open Hostility, to use and exercise Martial Discipline, and the Law Martial, in such Cases as Occasion shall necessarily require, and may legally be done; and to take and surprize, by all Ways and Means whatsoever, all and every such Person and Persons, with their Ships, Armour, Ammunition, and other Goods, as shall, in hostile Manner, invade, or attempt the defeating or Destruction of the said Towns and Places, or the Hurt of any of Our Subjects inhabiting there, or any of their Servants, or Persons employed by them, and, upon just Causes, to invade and destroy the Enemies of the same.

AND We do, of Our more abundant Grace, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, further give and grant, unto the said Company and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, ordain, establish and appoint, that there shall be, for ever hereafter, within the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, on the Island of *Bombay*, One other Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name of the Mayor and Aldermen of *Bombay*; and that such Body Politick and Corporate shall consist of a Mayor and Nine Aldermen, Seven of which said Aldermen, together with the Mayor, for the Time being, shall be natural born Subjects of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and the other Two Aldermen may be Subjects of any other Prince, or State, in Amity with Us: And that the said Body Corporate, by the Name aforesaid, shall have perpetual Succession, and shall and may be Persons able and capable in Law to suc and be sued, in any Courts and Causes

whatsoever; and shall and may have a Common Seal, for the Business and Affairs of the said Corporation, which Common Seal, they and their Successors may break and change, at their Pleasure.

AND We do hereby further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, grant and appoint, that *William Henry Draper*, Esq.; be the First and modern Mayor of the said Town or Factory of *Bombay* aforesaid, and that *Edward Massey*, *John Lampton*, *Arthur Upton*, *William Forbes*, *Arnoldus Paauw*, *Thomas Harnett*, *Ephraim Bendall*, *Henry Albert*, and *Allan Chambree*, Merchants, shall be the First and modern Aldermen thereof; which said Mayor and Aldermen shall, at a Time to be appointed for that Purpose, by the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, by the Two Senior of the Council of *Bombay*, residing there, within Thirty Days after Notice of this Our Charter, take an Oath, duly to execute their respective Offices, together with the Oath of Allegiance; which Oaths the said Governor or President, and, in his Absence, the Two Senior of the Council, residing at *Bombay* aforesaid, are hereby empowered to administer.

First Mayor and Aldermen nominated;

Oaths to be taken by them.

AND it is Our further Will and Pleasure, and We do hereby ordain, direct, establish and appoint, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, hereby nominated, and all, and every other and future Mayors, and Aldermen, of the said Town or Factory, shall respectively have such Continuances in their several Offices, and shall be so appointed, elected and removed, at such Time, upon the like Contingencies or Occasions, and in the like Manner, and be so presented, and take such Oaths, before such Officers, having the like Authority, within the said Town or Factory of *Bombay* (whom We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, authorize to administer the same) and shall have the like Powers, Authorities and Privileges, within the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, and the Limits thereof, and the Factories subordinate thereto, to all Intents and Purposes, as is or are herein before respectively appointed, directed, ordained or established, concerning Elections, Continuance, swearing, presenting or removing, as are hereby before given unto the Mayor, and Aldermen, of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*: And We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint, that the Mayor of *Bombay*, herein before nominated, and every other Person who shall hereafter be Mayor of *Bombay*, shall, after the Determination of his Office of Mayor, be One of the Aldermen of the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*.

Mayor and Aldermen at *Bombay* to have the same Powers and Authority as those at *Madras*.

Mayor, after determination of his Office, to continue Alderman.

AND We do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant, to the said Company and their Successors, and We do hereby ordain, direct and appoint, that the Mayor and Aldermen of *Bombay* aforesaid, for the Time being, shall for ever hereafter be, and they are hereby constituted, a Court of Record, by the Name of the Mayor's Court at *Bombay*; and that they, or any Three or more of them (whereof the Mayor, or Senior Alderman, for the Time being, to be One) may and are hereby authorized to try, hear and determine, all Civil Suits, Actions and Pleas, between Party and Party, that shall or may arise or happen, or that have already arisen or happened, within the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, or within any of the Factories subject or subordinate thereunto.

Mayor and Aldermen to be a Court of Record by the Name of the Mayor's Court at *Bombay*.

AND We do further will, ordain, direct, establish and appoint, that the Junior of the Council of *Bombay* aforesaid, at the Time of the Arrival of this Our Charter, or an Exemplification of the same, at that Place, shall be Our

Sheriff.

Sheriff for the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, and the Precincts, Districts or Territories thereof, and for any Space within Ten Miles of the same; and that such Sheriff so hereby appointed, and all and every other future Sheriffs of *Bombay* aforesaid, shall have such Continuance in their several Offices, and shall be so appointed and elected, at such Times, upon such Contingencies or Occasions, and in the like Manner, and take such Oaths, before such Officers (whom We do hereby authorize to administer the same) and shall have the like Powers, Authorities and Privileges, within the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, and the Limits thereof, and the Factories subordinate thereunto, to all Intents and Purposes, as is or are herein before appointed, directed or ordained, concerning the Sheriff of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*.

Proceedings in the
Mayor's Court.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain, direct and appoint, that, upon Complaint to be made, in Writing, to the said Court at *Bombay*, by, for, or on the Behalf of any Person or Persons, against any other Person or Persons whatsoever, then residing or being, or who, at the Time when such Cause of Action did or shall accrue, did or shall reside or be within the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, or the Precincts, Districts or Territories thereof, of any the Causes of Suit aforesaid, already accrued, or which shall or may hereafter accrue, the said Court shall and may issue a Summons, in Writing, under the Hands and Seals of Two of the Judges of the said Court (whereof the Mayor, for the Time being, or, in his Absence, the Senior Alderman then residing within the same Town or Factory, to be One) to be directed to the Sheriff of *Bombay* for the Time being, requiring such Appearance of the Defendant or Defendants therein named; and, in Default of such Appearance, shall and may issue the like Warrant, under the Hands and Seals of the like Judges, directed to the Sheriff of *Bombay* for the Time being, to take and bring the Body, and Bodies, of such Defendant, or Defendants, before the said Court, at such Time as is or are herein before respectively appointed, or directed, touching or relating to the issuing of Summons, or Warrants, upon the Complaint, or at the Suit of any Complainant, against any Defendant, in the said Mayor's Court at *Madraspatnam*: And We do further give and grant, and, by these Presents, ordain and appoint, that the said Mayor's Court at *Bombay*, shall and may in case of an Appearance, or an Arrest of the Body, or Bodies, of such Defendant, or Defendants, let such Defendant or Defendants out to Bail, upon such Security, so to be taken, upon such Condition, and for such Purposes; and, in Default thereof, to hold such Defendant, or Defendants, in such Custody, and for such Time, and in such Manner, as is herein before appointed, concerning the same, to be done and performed, by the said Mayor's Court at *Madraspatnam*, or the Officers thereof; and after such Bail found, or in case the Defendant, or Defendants, be detained in Custody for Want of such Bail, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain, direct and authorize the said Court, so and in such Manner to proceed to the Examination of the Matter of Complaint, and so to give Sentence and Judgment, and to award such Executions, directed to such Sheriff; and generally to proceed, act and do, in all Things relating to the administering or executing of Justice, in all Civil Causes, Suits or Pleas, to be commenced, or depending, in the said Mayor's Court at *Bombay*, by and with such Rules, Regulations, Powers and Authorities, and under such Limitations and Restrictions, and subject to such Appeal to the Governor or President and

Council of *Bombay* (whom We do, in like Manner, authorize to hear and determine the same) and from them to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in Council, as are herein before given, granted, ordained or appointed to be done, exercised, executed, held or enjoyed, by the said Mayor's Court herein before appointed and established at *Madraspatnam*, in such ample and beneficial Manner as if the same were here again repeated.

AND We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant, unto the said Company and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, ordain, direct, establish and appoint, that the Governor or President of *Bombay* aforesaid, and the Five Senior of the Council, according to their Precedency there, for the Time being, shall be Justices of the Peace, and have Power to act as Justices of the Peace, and as Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, and that they, or any Three or more of them (whereof the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Senior of the Council residing at *Bombay*, to be One) shall and may hold Sessions of the Peace, and of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery respectively, in and for the said Town or Factory of *Bombay*, and other the Factories subordinate thereto, and within Ten Miles of the same respectively; and to do all such other Acts as Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, with such Powers, Jurisdictions and Authorities, and under such Regulations, and Restrictions, as are herein before given and granted, directed and appointed, concerning Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, for the said Town of *Madraspatnam*.

AND We do, of Our more abundant Grace, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Company and their Successors, by these Presents, full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to name and appoint such Person, and Persons, as they shall think fit to be General, or Generals, of all the Forces, by Sea and Land, of or belonging to the Towns, Limits or Factories of *Bombay* aforesaid, and to constitute and appoint such Commanders, and Military Officers, for such Purposes; and such General or Generals, and other Officers, or any of them, at the Pleasure of the said Company, to amove, in such Manner, and Form, as is or are herein before directed, ordained or established, concerning the appointing, or amoving the Generals, Commanders, or Military Officers of *Madraspatnam*, and the Towns, Places, and Dependencies of *Fort St. George*: And Our further Will and Pleasure is, that it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said General, or Generals, of the Forces, by Sea and Land, of or belonging to the Town, Limits and Factories of *Bombay* aforesaid; and all and every such Commander, and Military Officer, according to his and their respective Commissions and Instructions, to assemble, exercise in Arms, Martial Array, and put in warlike Posture the Inhabitants of the said Towns and Factories, for their Defence and Safety, and to lead and conduct them, and to encounter, expel and resist, by Force of Arms, and also to kill, slay and destroy, all such Persons as shall or may, in an hostile Manner, attempt or enterprize the Destruction, Invasion, Detriment or Annoyance, of any of Our Subjects, within the said Town and Factories and Limits, or any of their Servants, or Persons dealing with them; and in Time of War, or open Hostility, to use and exercise Martial Discipline, and the Law Martial, in such Cases as Occasion shall necessarily require, and may legally be done, and to take and surprize all and every such Person, or Persons, with their Ships, Armour,

Governor and 5 Senior Members of Council to be Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer.

Company may appoint Generals and other Officers,

To train the Inhabitants in Arms;

and to resist Invasion,

and exercise Martial Law, in War Time.

Ammunition and other Goods, as shall, in hostile Manner, invade, or attempt the defeating or Destruction of the said Towns and Factories, or the Hurt of any of Our Subjects inhabiting there, or within the Limits aforesaid, or any of his or their Servants, or Persons employed by them, and, upon just Cause, to invade and destroy the Enemies of the same.

Corporation of Mayor and Aldermen established at Fort William in Bengal.

AND We do, of Our more abundant Grace, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, further give and grant, unto the said Company and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, ordain, establish and appoint, that there shall be, for ever hereafter, within the said Factory of *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, One other Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name of the Mayor and Aldermen of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, and that such Body Politick and Corporate shall consist of a Mayor and Nine Aldermen, Seven of which said Aldermen, together with the Mayor, for the Time being, shall be natural born Subjects of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and the other Two Aldermen may be Subjects of any other Prince, or State, in Amity with Us: And that the said Body Corporate, by the Name aforesaid, shall have perpetual Succession, and shall and may be Persons able and capable in Law to sue and be sued, in any Courts and Causes whatsoever, and shall and may have a Common Seal for the Business and Affairs of the said Corporation, which Common Seal they and their Successors may break and change at their Pleasure.

First Mayor and Aldermen nominated.

AND We do hereby further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, grant and appoint, that *John Sainsbury Lloyd*, Esq.; be the First and modern Mayor of the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, and that *Thomas Bradyll*, *John Bonket*, *Thomas Coalis*, *Thomas Cooke*, *Henry Harnett*, *Robert Frankland*, *George Petty*, *Oliver Coult*, and *James Nevill*, Merchants, be the First and modern Aldermen thereof; which said Mayor and Aldermen shall, at a Time to be appointed for that Purpose, by the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, by the Two Senior of the Council of *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, residing there, within Thirty Days after Notice of this Our Charter, take an Oath duly to execute their respective Offices, and shall also take the Oath of Allegiance; which Oaths, the said Governor or President, and, in his Absence, the Two Senior of the Council residing at *Calcutta*, in *Bengal* aforesaid, are hereby empowered to administer.

Oaths to be taken by them.

Mayor and Aldermen to have the like Powers, Privileges and Authorities, as those at Madras.

AND it is Our further Will and Pleasure, and We do hereby ordain, direct, establish and appoint, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, hereby nominated, and all and every other and future Mayors, and Aldermen, of the said Town respectively, shall have such Continuance in their several Offices, and shall be so appointed, elected and removed, at such Times, upon the like Contingencies or Occasions, and in the like Manner, and be so presented, and take such Oaths, before such Officers, having the like Authority, within the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, (whom We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, authorise to administer the same) and shall have the like Powers, Authorities and Privileges within the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, and the Limits thereof, and the Factories subordinate thereto, to all such Intents and Purposes as is or are herein before respectively appointed, directed, ordained or established, concerning the Elections, Continuance, swearing, presenting or removing of, as are hereby before given unto the Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*.

AND We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint, that the Mayor of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal* aforesaid, herein before nominated, and every other Person, who shall hereafter be Mayor of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, shall, after the Determination of his Office of Mayor, be One of the Aldermen of the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*: And We do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant, to the said Company and their Successors, and We do hereby ordain, direct and appoint, that the Mayor and Aldermen of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal* aforesaid, for the Time being, shall for ever hereafter be, and they are hereby constituted, a Court of Record, by the Name of the Mayor's Court of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*; and that they, or any Three or more of them (whereof the Mayor, or Senior Alderman, for the Time being, to be One) may and are hereby authorized to try, hear and determine, all Civil Suits, Actions and Pleas, between Party and Party, that shall or may arise or happen, or that have already arisen or happened, within the said Town or Factory of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, or within any of the Factories, subject or subordinate thereunto.

Mayor to continue to be an Alderman after the Expiration of his Office.

Mayor and Aldermen to be a Court of Record, by the Name of the Mayor's Court of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*.

AND We do further will, ordain, direct, establish and appoint, that the Junior in Council of *Fort William* aforesaid, at the Time of the Arrival of this Our Charter, or an Exemplification of the same, at that Place, shall be Our Sheriff, for the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, and the Precincts, Districts or Territories thereof, and for any Space within Ten Miles of the same; and that such Sheriff, so hereby appointed, and all and every other future Sheriffs of *Fort William* aforesaid, shall have such Continuance in their several Offices, and shall be so appointed and elected, at such Times, upon such Contingencies or Occasions, and in the like Manner, and take such Oaths, before such Officers (whom We do hereby authorize to administer the same) and shall have the like Powers, Authorities and Privileges, within the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, and the Limits thereof, and the Factories subordinate thereunto, to all Intents and Purposes, as is or are herein before appointed, directed or ordained, concerning the Sheriff of the said Town of *Madraspatnam*.

Sheriff.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain, direct and appoint, that, upon Complaint to be made, in Writing, to the said Mayor's Court, at *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, by, for, or on the Behalf of any Person or Persons, against any other Person or Persons whatsoever, then residing or being, or who, at the Time when such Cause of Action did or shall accrue, did or shall reside or be within the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, or the Precincts, Districts, or Territories thereof, of any the Causes of Suit aforesaid, already accrued, or which shall or may hereafter accrue, the said Court shall and may issue a Summons, in Writing, under the Hands and Seals of Two of the Judges of the said Court (whereof the Mayor, for the Time being, or, in his Absence, the Senior Alderman then residing within the same Town or Factory, to be One) to be directed to the Sheriff, for the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, for the Time being, requiring such Appearance of the Defendant or Defendants, therein named; and, in Default of such Appearance, shall and may issue the like Warrant, under the Hands and Seals of the like Judges, directed to the Sheriff of the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort*

Proceedings of the Mayor's Court.

William, in Bengal, for the Time being, to take and bring the Body, and Bodies, of such Defendant, or Defendants, before the said Court, at such Time as is or are herein before respectively appointed, or directed, touching or relating to the issuing of Summons, or Warrants, upon the Complaint, or at the Suit, of any Complainant, against any Defendant, in the said Mayor's Court at *Madraspatnam*: And We do further give and grant, and, by these Presents, ordain and appoint, that the said Mayor's Court of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William, in Bengal*, shall and may, in case of an Appearance, or an Arrest of the Body, or Bodies of such Defendant, or Defendants, let such Defendant or Defendants out to Bail, upon such Security, so to be taken, upon such Conditions, and for such Purposes; and, in Default thereof, to hold such Defendant, or Defendants, in such Custody, and for such Time, and in such Manner, as is herein before appointed, concerning the same, to be done and performed, by the said Mayor's Court of *Madraspatnam* aforesaid, or the Officers thereof; and after such Bail found, or in case the Defendant or Defendants be detained in Custody for Want of such Bail, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain, direct and authorize the said Court, so and in such Manner to proceed to the Examination of the Matter of Complaint, and so to give Sentence and Judgment, and to award such Executions, directed to such Sheriff; and generally to proceed, act and do, in all Things relating to the administering or executing of Justice, in all Civil Causes, Suits or Pleas, to be commenced, or depending, in the said Mayor's Court of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William, in Bengal*, by and with such Rules, Regulations, Powers and Authorities, and under such Limitations and Restrictions, and subject to such Appeal to the Governor or President and Council of *Fort William, in Bengal* (whom We do, in like Manner, authorize to hear and determine the same) and from them to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in Council, as are herein before given, granted, ordained or appointed, to be done, exercised, executed, held or enjoyed, by the said Mayor's Court, herein before appointed and established at *Madraspatnam*, in such ample and beneficial Manner as if the same were here again repeated.

Governor and 5
Senior Members of
Council to be
Justices of the
Peace, and Commis-
sioners of Oyer and
Terminer.

AND We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant, unto the said Company and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, ordain, direct, establish and appoint, that the Governor, or President of *Fort William, in Bengal* aforesaid, and the Five Senior of the Council, according to their Precedency there, for the Time being, shall be Justices of the Peace, and have Power to act as Justices of the Peace, and as Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery; and that they, or any Three or more of them (whereof the Governor or President, or, in his absence, the Senior of the Council, residing at *Fort William* aforesaid, to be One) shall and may hold Sessions of the Peace, and of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery respectively, in and for the said Town or Factory of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William, in Bengal*, and other the Factories subordinate thereto, and within Ten Miles of the same respectively; and to do all such other Acts as Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, with such Powers, Jurisdictions and Authorities, and under such Regulations, and Restrictions, as are herein before given, granted, directed and appointed, concerning Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, for the said Town of *Madraspatnam*.

AND We do, of Our more abundant Grace, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Company and their Successors, by these Presents, full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to name and appoint such Person, and Persons, as they shall think fit, to be General, or Generals, of all the Forces, by Sea and Land, of or belonging to the Towns, Limits or Factories, in *Bengal* aforesaid, and to constitute and appoint such Commanders, and Military Officers, for such Purposes, and such General or Generals, and other Officers, or any of them, at the Pleasure of the said Company, to amove, in such Manner, and Form, as is or are herein before directed, ordained or established, concerning the appointing or amoving the Generals, Commanders, or Military Officers of *Madraspatnam*, and the Towns, Places and Dependencies of *Fort St. George*: And Our further Will and Pleasure is, that it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said General, or Generals, of the Forces, by Sea and Land, of or belonging to the Towns, Limits and Factory of *Calcutta*, or *Fort William* aforesaid, and all and every such Commander, and Military Officer, according to his and their respective Commissions and Instructions, to assemble, exercise in Arms, Military Array, and put in warlike Posture the Inhabitants of the said Town, Factory and Limits of *Calcutta*, and *Fort William* aforesaid, for their Defence and Safety, and to lead and conduct them, and to encounter, expel and resist, by Force of Arms, and also to kill, slay and destroy, all such Persons as shall or may, in an hostile Manner, attempt or enterprize the Destruction, Invasion, Detriment or Annoyance, of any of Our Subjects within the said Town, Factory or Limits, or any of their Servants, or Persons dealing with them; and in Time of War, or open Hostility, to use and exercise Martial Discipline, and the Law Martial, in such Cases as Occasion shall necessarily require, and may legally be done; and to take, and surprize, all and every such Person or Persons, with their Ships, Armour, Ammunition and other Goods, as shall, in hostile Manner, invade, or attempt the defeating or Destruction of the said Towns and Factories, or the Hurt of any of Our Subjects inhabiting there, or within the Limits aforesaid, or any of His or their Servants, or Persons employed by them, and, upon just Causes, to invade and destroy the Enemies of the same.

Company may
appoint Generals,
and other Officers.

To train the
Inhabitants to
Arms;

and to repel Inva-
sion, &c.

AND whereas it may be necessary, that certain By-Laws, and Ordinances, should hereafter be made, for the better Government and Regulation of the several Corporations hereby erected, and it is reasonable, that the Power of making such By-Laws and Ordinances should be subject to the Direction and Control of The said *United Company of Merchants of England, Trading to the East-Indies*, We do hereby, of Our more abundant Grace, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant to The said *United Company* and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, ordain and direct, that it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Governors or Presidents and Councils, of the several Towns and Factories of *Madraspatnam*, *Bombay*, and *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, for the Time being, or the major Part of them respectively (whereof the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, the Senior of the Council then residing in each respective Factory, to be One) from Time to Time, to make, constitute and ordain, By-Laws, Rules and Ordinances, for the good Government and Regulation of the several Corporations hereby erected, and of the Inhabitants of the several Towns, Places and Factories aforesaid respectively, and to impose reasonable Pains and Penalties

Governors and
Councils to make
By-laws and
Ordinances.

To be approved by
the Court of
Directors.

upon all Persons offending against the same, or any of them : Provided that all such By-Laws, Rules and Ordinances, and all Pains and Penalties thereby to be imposed, be agreeable to Reason, and not contrary to the Laws and Statutes of *England* : Provided also, that no such By-Law, Rule or Ordinance, shall be put in Execution, or have any Force or Effect whatsoever, until the same shall have been approved and confirmed, by Order, in Writing, of the Court of Directors of The said *United Company*, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to be made at any Meeting of such Court of Directors, to be held for that Purpose, upon reasonable Notice to be given thereof : Provided also, and We do hereby ordain and declare, that none of the Corporations hereby created, shall have a Power, or Authority, to make any By-Laws, Rules or Ordinances whatsoever, other than such Rules as they are respectively, by these Presents, expressly empowered to make.

Mayor's Courts may
grant Probate of
Wills, and Adminis-
tration to Intestates
Estates.

AND whereas it frequently happens, that the Effects and Estates of Persons dying in the *East-Indies*, or Parts aforesaid, are wasted and embezzelled, and their Debts, contracted there, remain unpaid, for Want of a proper Authority vested in some Person, or Persons, residing in the *East-Indies*, or Parts aforesaid, to take care of the same, for the preventing of which Mischief, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant to the said Company and their Successors, and do, by these Presents, ordain, establish and appoint, that where any Person shall die within the said Town of *Madrasputnam*, or *Fort St. George*, or the Limits thereof, or any of the Factories subordinate to *Fort St. George* aforesaid, the said Town of *Bombay*, in the Island of *Bombay*, or the Limits thereof, or the Factories subordinate thereto, or the said Town of *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, or the Limits or Districts of the same, or the Factories subordinate thereto, and shall by his Will appoint any Person, or Persons, residing within the said Towns, or the Limits thereof, or the Factories aforesaid, to be his Executor or Executors, that, in such Case, the Mayor's Court, within the District or Jurisdiction whereof such Person shall happen to die, upon Proof made of the due Execution of the said Will shall, and they are hereby authorized to grant Probate of the said Will, under the Seal of the said Court, which We authorize them to provide and use for this and other necessary Purposes, whereby the Person or Persons, so named Executor or Executors, shall have full and ample Authority to act as Executor, or Executors, as touching the Debts and Estate of his, her or their Testator, within the Limits of Trade granted to the said Company ; and where any Person shall die within any of the said Towns or Factories, or the Limits thereof, Intestate, or not having appointed some Person, or Persons, to be his Executor, or Executors, residing within the said Towns or Factories, or the Limits thereof, that, in either of these Cases, the said Mayor's Court, within the Jurisdiction whereof such Person shall happen to die, shall, and the same is hereby empowered to grant Letters of Administration, or Letters of Administration with an authentick Copy of the Will annexed, determinable upon any Executor, named in such Will, appearing in the said Court, and praying Probate thereof, as touching the Debts and Estate of such Person dying Intestate, or not naming such Executor as aforesaid, that shall be or arise within the limits of Trade granted to the said Company, to such Person, or Persons, then residing within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, as shall be next of Kin to the Person so dying ; and in case no such Person shall be then

residing within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, then to the Principal Creditor of the Person so dying; and for Want of any Creditor appearing, then to such other Person, or Persons, as shall be thought proper by the said Court; every such Person, or Persons, to whom Administration shall be granted, first giving Security, by Bond, with Two or more able Sureties (Respect being had to the Value of the Estate) to the Mayor of the said Town or Factory, with Condition in Manner and Form following, *mutatis mutandis, viz.*

THE Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above-bounden *A. B.* Administrator of the Goods, Chattels and Credits of *C. D.* deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of him, the said *A. B.* or to the Hands or Possession of any other Person, or Persons, for him; and the same, so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Mayor's Court of

at or before the Day of next ensuing; and the same Goods, Chattels and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, at the Time of his Death, which, at any Time after, shall come to the Hands or Possession of the said *A. B.* or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person, or Persons, for him, do well and truly administer, according to Law, and further do make, or cause to be made, a true and just Account of his said Administration, at or before the Day of

and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods, Chattels and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrator's Account, the same, being first examined and allowed of by the Judges, for the Time being, of the said Court, shall deliver and pay, unto such Person, or Persons respectively, as shall be lawfully entitled to such Residue, then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

AND it is Our Will and Pleasure, that such Person or Persons to whom Administration shall be so granted, shall and may act, in all Respects, as Administrator or Administrators, touching the Debts, Effects and Estate, of such Person or Persons to whom he or she shall take out Administration as aforesaid, which shall be, or arise, within the said Limits of Trade.

AND We do further will and direct, by these Presents, that each Person, who is nominated and appointed, by these Presents, or shall hereafter be nominated, appointed or elected, to be Mayor, or One of the Aldermen, of any of the said Towns of *Madraspatnam*, at *Fort St. George*, or of *Bombay*, or *Calcutta*, at *Fort William*, in *Bengal*, shall, before he enters upon the Execution of his said Office, take an Oath, in the most solemn Manner, before the Governor or President, or, in his Absence, before any Two of the Council of such Town or Factory, whereof such Person is or shall be appointed or elected Mayor, or Alderman (whom We hereby authorize and empower to administer such Oath) that he will, to the best of his Skill, duly and justly execute the Office of One of the Judges of the said Court, and impartially administer Justice, in every Cause, Matter or Thing, that shall come before him: Provided always, that no Person or Persons shall be capable of any of the Offices herein before mentioned, until he or they shall have taken the Oath of Allegiance to Us, Our Heirs and Successors; which Oath We do hereby empower the said respective Governors, or Presidents, or, in their Absence, the Two Senior of the Council then residing within the said respective Towns or Factories, to administer.

Form of the Bond
to be given by
Administrators:

Administrators to
act within the
Company's Limits
of Trade.

Mayor and Alder-
men to take Oaths
of Office and
Allegiance.

Charter to be taken
in the most favour-
able Sense.

AND We do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and declare, that these Our Letters Patents, or the Enrolment thereof, shall be, in and by all Things, valid 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 favourable and beneficial Sense, for the best Advantage of the said Company, as well in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere, notwithstanding any Non-recital, Mis-recital, Defect, Incertainty or Imperfection, in these Our Letters Patents.

In Witness, &c.

IN WITNESS whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Ourselves, at *Westminster*, the Four and Twentieth Day of *September*, in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

COCKS.