

At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 9th DAY OF JUNE 1976

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, dated the 4th day of May 1976, in the words following, viz.:-

"YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your Order of the 18th day of March 1975, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius College, the Master, Fellows and Scholars of the College of Saint John the Evangelist and the Master, Fellows and Scholars of the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, all in the University of Cambridge, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation constituting a Body Politic and Corporate by the name and style of "The Master and Fellows of Darwin College in the University of Cambridge":

"THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition into consideration and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that a Charter may be granted by Your Majesty in terms of the Draft hereunto annexed."

HER MAJESTY, having taken into consideration the said Report and the Draft Charter accompanying it, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Roy Jenkins, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for Her Majesty's Royal Signature for passing under the Great Seal a Charter in conformity with the said Draft which is hereunto annexed.

N. E. Leigh

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS an humble Petition has been presented unto Us by the Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius College in the University of Cambridge Founded in Honour of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin, the Master Fellows and Scholars of the College of Saint John the Evangelist in the University of Cambridge and the Master Fellows and Scholars of the Holy and Undivided Trinity within the Town and University of Cambridge of King Henry VIII's Foundation 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 twenty-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four;

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 graduate Collegiate Society in the University to be named "Darwin College";

3. that the University did on the twenty-ninth day of January One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five grant to the said Society the status of an Approved Foundation within the University:

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 unto Us proper for the purpose of constituting the Master and Fellows of Darwin 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 Master and first Fellows of Darwin 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 Master and Fellows of Darwin 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 and to dispose of either by way of sale or lease and to exchange, mortgage, charge, improve, manage, develop, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property real or personal belonging to the College upon such terms and in such manner as 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 postgraduate 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, racial, political or social character;

(c) to acquire and take over the properties and liabilities now vested in the trustees of the said trust deed;

(d) to apply the moneys of the College including any money acquired or taken over as aforesaid to the purpose 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 the power, subject to the Statutes of the University, to present candidates for matriculation by the University.

5. The first Visitor of the College shall be Our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor John Passmore, Baron Widgery, Lord Chief Justice of England, for as long as he shall hold office as Lord Chief Justice of England. The successors to the first Visitor shall be the Lords Chief Justice of England from time to time.

6. The first Master of the College shall be Our trusty and well beloved Sir Frank George Young Knight, Master of Arts and Fellow of the Royal Society. Such persons as at the date of this Our Charter 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 Master and the first Fellows as if they had been appointed pursuant to the Statutes save that due regard shall be had to the terms of their appointment as Officers or Fellows of the Approved Foundation previous to the date of this Our Charter. Any subsequent Master 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 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 the 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 the provisions of this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in the manner aforesaid. A Special Statute is one made by the College and passed at a meeting of the Governing Body specially summoned for the purpose at which not fewer than two-thirds of the Governing Body are present by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the number of persons present and voting.

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

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 nonrecital, misrecital 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 th day of in the year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL