

Letters patent of James I

Jacobus, Dei gratia Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae rex, Fidei defensor, omnibus ad quos praesentes literae pervenerint salutem. Cum jam intellexerimus quod dilectus nuper subditus noster Nicholaus Wadham nuper de Merefield in comitatu nostro Someset, armiger, defunctus, ex singulari sua devotione et charitate dum vixit proposuit et intendebat erigere, fundare et stabilire quoddam Collegium perpetuum Sacrae Theologiae, Juris Civilis et Canonici, Artis Medicae, ac aliarum bonarum artium et linguarum: Quod quidem pium propositum idem Nicholaus in vita sua manifestavit Dorotheae Wadham uxori ejus, et ea intentione dedit et commisit diversa, terras, tenementa, hereditamenta, bona, catalla, et pecuniarum summas eidem Dorotheae ac aliis personis ad opus praedictum perficiendum et perimplendum post mortem ejusdem Nicholai. Cumque eadem Dorothea ad exequendum et performandum piam intentionem et voluntatem dicti Nicholai nuper viri sui, in animo habet ac sibi proponit facere, fundare ac stabilire quoddam Collegium perpetuum Sacrae Theologiae, Juris Civilis et Canonici, Artis Medicae et aliarum bonarum artium et linguarum:

Quod quidem Collegium consistet de uno Gardiano, sexdecim Sociis et triginta Scholaribus graduatis et non graduatis, aut pluribus vel paucioribus secundum dicti Collegii futuri facultatem et statuta ejusdem inde in posterum facienda, augenda, minuenda, et mutanda, prout inferius in his praesentibus rescribitur et limitatur, in quodam loco communiter vocato per nomen The Augustine Fryers, in vel prope Civitatem sive Universitatem Oxoniensem perpetuis futuris temporibus sustinendum et alendum.

Cumque etiam praedicta Dorothea Wadham nobis humillime supplicaverit ut nos ad Collegium praedictum faciendum, fundandum, erigendum et stabiliendum licentiam nostram regiam concedere dignaremur: Nos nedum praemissa, verum

James, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Wales, Defender of the Faith, to all those to whom these present letters might come, greetings. Since we have learned that my dear late recently deceased subject, Nicholas Wadham Esquire from Merrifield, in the County of Somerset, proposed out of his singular devotion and generosity whilst he was alive to set up, found and establish a College of Holy Theology, Civil and Canon Law, the Medicinal Arts and other noble subjects and languages and that the same clear piety which Nicholas exhibited during his life is shared by his wife Dorothy Wadham, and with the said intention he gave and entrusted divers, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and sums of money to Dorothy and to others to perform and fulfil after the death of the said Nicholas; since when, Dorothy has been determined to execute the intention and will of her said husband Nicholas and to bring about this pious intention, as communicated to her by her late husband Nicholas, and intends and proposes to found and establish for all time a College of Holy Theology, Civil and Canon Law, the Medicinal Arts and other noble arts and languages: and that this College is to consist of one Warden, sixteen Fellows and thirty Scholars, both graduates and undergraduates, either more or less, according to the capacity of this proposed College and its Statutes to be made in the future and either increased, reduced or changed, just as in these present Letters it is most briefly written down and set out, in a certain place commonly called by the name The Augustine Fryers in or near the City or University of Oxford, to be supported and nourished for all time to come. And since then the aforementioned Dorothy Wadham has beseeched us most humbly in order that we might deem her worthy of our royal sanction to build, found, set up and establish the College mentioned above. Furthermore in

etiam bonum et laudabile ac pium institutum praefati Nicholai et Dorotheae Wadham in praemissis considerantes, et intime quantum in nobis est ea omnia et singula quae fidem Christianam orthodoxam quoquomodo concernere poterunt cupientes augeri, de gratia nostra speciali et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris concessimus, et licentiam dedimus, ac per praesentes concedimus et licentiam damus pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est, dictae Dorotheae Wadham quod ipsa, executores et assignati sui, seu eorum aliqui vel aliquis, ad purum Christi unici mediatoris nostri Evangelium propagandum, in laudem et honorem Dei omnipotentis, quoddam Collegium perpetuum Sacrae Theologiae, Juris Civilis et Canonici, Artis Medicae et aliarum bonarum artium et linguarum, de uno Gardiano, sexdecim Sociis et triginta Scholaribus graduatis aut non graduatis, vel pluribus aut paucioribus, ut praedictum est, juxta ejusdem Collegii ordinationes et statuta in ea parte facienda, cedenda, statuenda et stabilienda, prout inferius in his praesentibus perscribitur et limitatur, in Universitate Oxoniensi in praedicto loco, cognito vel vocato per nomen nuper Domus sive Prioratus Fratrum Augustinorum, vulgariter 'The Augustine Fryers,' in vel prope dictam civitatem Oxoniensem in comitatu Oxoniensi, dudum dissolutus, erigere, fundare, et stabilire possit et valeat, possint et valeant, perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturum: Et quod eadem Dorothea Wadham, executores vel administratores sui, unam idoneam personam theologiam in primum Gardianum et pro primo Gardiano ipsius Collegii, necnon alias personas quascunque in Socios et Scholares ejusdem Collegii per ipsam Dorotheam Wadham, executores vel administratores suos, aut eorum aliquos vel aliquem primo nominandos et assignandos, praeficere creare et ordinare valeat seu valeant. Et ulterius volumus ac pro novis, heredibus et successoribus nostris per praesentes concedimus quod praedictum Collegium cum sit erectum,

consideration of these premises, for the noble, praiseworthy and pious intention of the aforementioned Nicholas and Dorothy Wadham, and by our own authority, all and each of them and wishing to strengthen the orthodox Christian faith in whatever manner they might, We of our own special grace and out of our certain knowledge and of our own motion have granted and given licence by these presents and grant and give licence for ourself and our heirs and successors to the full extent of our authority to Dorothy Wadham that she, her executors and assigns or each or any of them, may spread the holy Gospel of our only mediator Christ in praise and honour of almighty God through a College for future generations of Holy Theology, Civil and Canon Law, the Medicinal Arts and other noble subjects and languages, of one Warden, sixteen Fellows and thirty Scholars, graduates or undergraduates, either more or less, as was said before, according to the ordinances of the College and the statutes made, changed, set up or established with regard to this topic, just as it is written down more briefly and set out in these presents in the University of Oxford in the aforementioned place known as and formerly called by the name of the House or Priory of Augustinian Brothers, or more commonly 'The Augustine Fryers', recently dissolved in or close to the said City of Oxford in the county of Oxfordshire and may she or they found and establish it in perpetuity.

And that the same Dorothy Wadham, her executors and administrators may choose, appoint and install a suitable theological man, as the first Warden, and on behalf of the first Warden also other people as the Fellows and Scholars of the same College by Dorothy Wadham herself, her executors or administrators, or other or others of those first named and appointed.

And we further will for ourself our heirs and successors and by these present letters grant that the aforementioned College, when it has been erected, built, founded

factum, fundatum, et stabilitum fuerit, Collegium Wadhmi in Universitate Oxoniensi ex fundatione Nicholai Wadham et Dorotheae uxoris ejus, in perpetuum appelletur et nuncupetur: Et quod dicti Gardianus, Socii, et Scholares Collegii illius sint unum corpus incorporatum et politicum in re, facto, ac nomine, habeantque successionem perpetuam:

Quodque iidem Gardianus, Socii et Scholares Collegii Wadhmi in Universitate Oxoniense ex fundatione Nicholai Wadham et Dorotheae uxoris ejus in perpetuum appellentur et nuncupentur:

Et quod dicti Gardianus, Socii et Scholares et successores sui per nomen Gardiani, Sociorum et Scholarium Collegii Wadhmi in Universitate Oxoniense ex fundatione Nicholai Wadham et Dorotheae uxoris ejus, sint personae in lege habiles et capaces apte et perpetue ad perquirendum, recipiendum dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, rectorias, portiones, pensiones, annuitates, hereditamenta, possessiones, et servitia quaecumque tam spiritualia quam temporalia;

Ac etiam bona et catalla quaecumque tam de dono nostro, heredum vel successorum nostrorum, quam de dono ipsius Dorotheae Wadham, heredum, executorum vel assignatorum suorum seu aliorum quorumcunque, habenda et tenenda sibi et eorum successoribus in perpetuum;

Ac etiam quod iidem Gardianus, Socii et Scholares Collegii Wadhmi in Universitate Oxoniensi ex fundatione Nicholai Wadham et Dorotheae uxoris ejus sub eodem nomine placitare et implacitari, prosequi, defendere et defendi, respondere et responderi possint et valeant in omnibus et singulis causis, querelis, actionibus, realibus personalibus et mixtis, cujuscunque generis fuerint sive naturae, in quibuscunque foris, curiis, et locis nostris, heredum et successorum nostrorum, ac foris, curiis et locis aliorum quorumcunque, coram quibuscunque justiciis et iudicibus ecclesiasticis et

and established, should be named and henceforth called and known as Wadham College in the University of Oxford of the foundation of Nicholas Wadham and Dorothy his wife. And that the said Warden, Fellows and the Scholars of that College shall be one body corporate and political, in substance fact and name and that they shall have perpetual succession.

And that the same Warden, Fellows and Scholars and their successors be named and henceforth called the Warden, Fellows and Scholars of Wadham College in the University of Oxford of the foundation of Nicholas Wadham and his wife Dorothy.

And that the said Warden, Fellows and Scholars and their successors, who shall be called by the name of Warden, Fellow and Scholars of Wadham College in the University of Oxford, of the foundation of Nicholas Wadham and Dorothy his wife, shall be persons who are qualified by law and who are capable suitably now and for the future of acquiring and accepting demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversiones, rectories, portions, benefices, hereditaments, possessions and services both spiritual and temporal; and also the goods and chattels from among my gifts, or those of my heirs and successors, as much as those from Dorothy Wadham, her heirs, executors or assigns or any of them, to have and to hold by them or by their successors in perpetuity;

Also, may the same Warden, Fellows and Scholars of Wadham College in the University of Oxford of the foundation of Nicholas Wadham and Dorothy his wife in their own name, be able to sue and be sued, to litigate, to defend and to be defended, to respond and accept reply and have capacity in all and singular causes, complaints, actions real, personal and mixed of whatever kind or nature, in whichever of our forums, courts or other places or those of our heirs or successors, and in the forums courts and places before any justiciars and judges, both ecclesiastical and lay in this my kingdom of England; and may they be able to do, act and

secularibus infra hoc regnum nostrum Angliae, et ad ea ac ad omnia et singula ad faciendum, agendum et exequendum, prout et eodem modo quo ceteri ligei nostri, personae habiles et capaces in lege infra idem regnum nostrum faciunt et facere poterint in foris, curiis et locis praedictis et coram iudiciis et iudicibus supradictis.

Necnon quod praedicti Gardianus, Socii, Scholares et eorum successores habeant unum commune sigillum pro negotiis suis et successorum suorum agendis in perpetuum servitutum. Et ulterius volumus ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus et praecipimus quod Gardianus Collegii praedicti qui primo post datum praesentium per praefatam Dorotheam Wadham, executores vel administratores suos electus et praefectus fuerit, antequam ad executionem dicti officii Gardianatus Collegii praedicti admittatur aut se intromittat, sacramentum corporaliter super Sancta Dei Evangelia coram Vicecancellario dictae Universitatis Oxoniensis pro tempore existente ad officium Gardiani Collegii praedicti recte, bene, et fideliter exequendum, et iuramentum per leges, consuetudines vel statuta hujus regni nostri Angliae provisum, et a quibuscunque Gardianus Collegii praestari requisitum, praestabit.

Dedimus etiam et concessimus ac per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus Vicecancellario dictae Universitatis Oxoniensis pro tempore existenti plenam potestatem et auctoritatem virtute praesentium recipiendi et capiendi dictum sacramentum absque aliquo alio warranto a nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, impetrando et obtinendo. Et ulterius volumus et concedimus quod post sacramentum sit per praefatum Gardianum praestitum, Socii et Scholares Collegii praedicti qui pro tempore erunt, antequam ad locum sive officium Socii vel Sociorum, Scholaris vel Scholarium

accomplish these things both altogether and singly, in the same way as our other lieges, persons within our kingdom skilled and capable in the law do and are able to do and will have been able to do in the aforementioned forums, courts and places and before the said justiciars and judges. In addition may the aforementioned Warden, Fellows, Scholars and their successors have one common seal for their own dealings and those of their successors to serve them in perpetuity. Furthermore I will and by these presents for us and our heirs and successors ordain and command that the Warden of the aforementioned College, who will have been elected and appointed first after the date of these presents by the aforesaid Dorothy Wadham, her executors or administrators, before he takes up the said office and before he is admitted or admits himself into the office of Warden of the said College, shall swear over the Sacred Gospel of God in the presence of the Vice Chancellor for the time being of the said University of Oxford and shall swear justly, truly and faithfully to perform the office of Warden of the said College and the oath provided in accordance with the laws, customs and statutes of this my kingdom of England and required by whoever might hold the position of the Warden of the College.

We have also given and granted by these presents on behalf of ourself, our heirs and successors and will give and will grant to the Vice-Chancellor of the said University of Oxford for the time being full power and authority by virtue of these presents to receive and take the said oath without seeking or obtaining further authority from us our heirs and successors.

Furthermore we will and grant that after the oath has been taken by the aforesaid first Warden, those who will be the Fellows and Scholars of the aforesaid College for the time being must, before that time and before he or they are admitted to the post or position of Fellow or Fellows, Scholar or Scholars of the

Collegii praedicti admittantur vel eorum aliquis admittatur, sacramentum corporale super Sanctum Dei Evangelium coram praefato Gardiano Collegii praedicti qui sacramentum praedictum prius ut praefertur praestitit ad officium sive locum Socii vel Sociorum, Scholaris vel Scholarium Collegii praedicti bene et fideliter exequendum, et juramentum per leges et statuta hujus regni nostri Angliae provisum et a quibuscunque Sociis et Scholaribus Collegii praestari requisitum, praestabunt.

Et volumus ac per praesentes concedimus quod omnes et singuli Gardianus, Socii et Scholares Collegii praedicti et eorum quilibet qui post mortem sive amotionem hujusmodi Gardiani per praefatam Dorotheam primo post datam praesentium eligendi eligentur in officium Gardiani, Socii et Scholaris Collegii praedicti, antequam ad officium suum Gardiani sive Sociorum sive Scholarium Collegii praedicti severaliter et respective admittantur, aut eorum aliquis admittatur, sacramentum corporaliter praestabunt et eorum quilibet praestabit secundum ordinationes et constitutiones Collegii praedicti in ea parte in posterum fiendas et constituendas, prout inferius in his praesentibus praescribitur et limitatur, virtute praesentium, absque aliquo alio warranto vel commissione de nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris, quoquomodo in posterum impetrando seu prosequendo. Et ulterius volumus et per praesentes pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus quod praedicta Dorothea Wadham, durante vita naturali ipsius Dorotheae, faciat et facere et constituere valeat et possit de tempore in tempus tot, tanta, talia, et hujusmodi bona, idonea et salubria statuta, ordinationes et constitutiones in scriptis, tam concernentes divinum servitium in Collegio praedicto in honorem Dei celebrandum ac pro et concernentes bonum regimen, gubernationem, directionem, electionem, amotionem sive expulsionem praedicti Gardiani, Sociorum, Scholarium, Officiariorum et Ministrorum

aforementioned College, take an oath by his body over the Sacred Gospel of God in the presence of the aforementioned Warden of the College, who has taken the Warden's oath as stated earlier, to the position or post of Fellow or Fellows, Scholar or Scholars of the College, to well and faithfully serve and the oath which shall be provided in accordance with the laws and statutes of this our kingdom of England and required of whoever might hold the position of Fellow or Scholar of the College.

We also will and grant by these presents that each and every Warden, Fellows and Scholars of the aforementioned College or any of them who, after the death or removal of a Warden by the said Dorothy first elected to the office of Warden, Fellows and Scholars of the said College after the date of these presents, before they are severally and respectively admitted or any of them is admitted, shall swear an oath in person and each of them shall swear accordingly to observe for his part the ordinances and constitution of the said College as is set out and defined below in these presents, by virtue of these presents and without in any way further seeking or obtaining in future further warrant of commission from us, our heirs or successors.

And we further will and by these presents for ourself our heirs and successors grant that the said Dorothy Wadham during the natural life of the said Dorothy shall make and be able to establish and make from time to time so many, such and of their kind good, suitable and beneficial statutes, rules and regulations in writing, as much concerning divine service in the said College celebrating the glory of God at the College as with the good guidance, leadership, direction, election, removal or expulsion of the Warden, Fellows, Scholars, Officials and Ministers of the College, their tenure and re-election, and also concerning the stipends, salaries,

Collegii praedicti et possessionem et reventionem ejusdem, necnon concernentes stipendium, salarium, liberaturas et alia necessaria et requisita pro iisdem Gardiano, Sociis, Scholaribus, Officiariis et Ministris et aliis personis quibuscunque in Collegio praedicto de tempore in tempus commorantibus sustentandis, ac ordinationem, preservationem, dimissionem et dispositionem terrarum, tenementorum et hereditamentorum, bonorum et catallorum eorundem Gardiani, Sociorum et Scholarium pro meliori supportatione, et manutentione ejusdem Collegii et eorundem Gardiani, Sociorum et Scholarium et successorum suorum dandorum, concedendorum, sive assignandorum, sive eorum aliquod vel aliqua quovismodo tangentia et concernentia, quot, quanta, qualia et quae eidem Dorotheae Wadham durante vita sua naturali bona, utilia, idonea et salubria videbuntur; Eademque omnia et singula sive eorum aliquod vel aliqua, secundum veram intentionem harum literarum nostrarum patentium revocare, mutare, determinare, augmentare, alterare vel de novo facere, prout praedictae Dorotheae Wadham de tempore in tempus durante vita naturali ejusdem Dorotheae melius videbitur expedire. Ita tamen quod praedicta statuta, ordinationes et constitutiones per praefatam Dorotheam sic, ut praefertur, fienda et constituenda nec eorum aliqua non sint repugnantia vel contraria legibus et statutis regni nostri Angliae. Et quod immediate post mortem ipsius Dorotheae bene liceat ac licebit Episcopo Bathon. et Wellen. pro tempore existenti et successoribus suis, ac Gardiano et Sociis Collegii praedicti pro tempore existentibus vel majori parti eorum, quorum Episcopum Bathoniensi et Welleniensi praedictum et praedictum Gardianum Collegii praedicti pro tempore existentem semper duos esse volumus, de tempore in tempus facere et constituere tot, tanta, talia et hujusmodi bona, idonea et salubria statuta, ordinationes et constitutiones in scriptis tam concernentia divinum servitium in Collegio praedicto in honorem Dei celebrandum ac pro et

allowances and other necessities and requirements on behalf of the same Warden, Fellows, Scholars, Officers, Ministers and others whosoever might live and stay in the College from time to time, as with the management, leasing and disposition of lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels of the Wardens, Fellows and Scholars for the better support and maintenance of the same College and its Wardens, Fellows, Scholars and their successors, to give grant or assign either one or some of those things which touch and concern in any way, however many, great and of whatever kind, as shall seem good, useful, suitable and beneficial to Dorothy Wadham during the course of her natural life;

And these things, altogether and singly, whether only one or some of them, are in accordance with the true intention of these my Letters Patent to revoke, change, determine, increase, alter or to make anew, just as the said Dorothy Wadham thinks is best to do from this time forth and throughout the course of her natural life. Thus the aforementioned statutes rules and regulations are to be and to be decided according to Dorothy Wadham, as was stated earlier, and may none of them be repugnant to or in contradiction of the laws and statutes of my kingdom England. And immediately after the death of Dorothy the Bishop of Bath and Wells for the time being and his successors is legally entitled and will be legally entitled and the existing Warden and Fellows of the College, or the majority of them of whom the Bishop of Bath and Wells and the Warden of the College for the time being shall always be present from time to time, to make and establish so many, such and of their kind good, suitable and beneficial statutes, rules and regulations in writing, as much concerning divine service in the said College celebrating the glory of God at the College as with the good guidance,

concernentia bonum regimen, gubernationem, directionem, electionem, amotionem sive expulsionem praedicti Gardiani, Sociorum, et Scholarium, Officiariorum et Ministrorum Collegii praedicti ac possessiones et reventiones ejusdem, necnon concernentia stipendia, salaria, liberaturas et alia necessaria et requisita pro iisdem Gardiano, Sociis et Scholaribus, Officiariis et Ministris et aliis personis quibuscunque in Collegio praedicto de tempore in tempus commorantibus et sustentandis, ac ordinationes, preservationes, dimissiones et dispositiones terrarum, tenementorum et hereditamentorum, bonorum et cattallorum eorundem Gardiani, Sociorum et Scholarium et successorum suorum, dandorum, concedendorum, sive assignandorum, sive eorum aliquod vel aliqua quovismodo tangentia vel concernentia, quot, quanta, qualia et quae eidem Episcopo Bathon. et Wellen. et successoribus suis et praedicto Gardiano et Sociis Collegii praedicti pro tempore existentibus, vel majori parti eorum, quorum praedictum Episcopum Bathon. et Wellen. et praedictum Gardianum Collegii praedicti semper duos esse volumus, melius videbitur expedire. Ita tamen quod hujusmodi leges, ordinationes et constitutiones sic ut praefertur post mortem praefatae Dorotheae fiendae vel constituendae nec eorum aliqua non sint contraria nec repugnantia legibus et statutis hujus regni nostri Angliae, nec repugnantia vel contraria statutis et ordinationibus sic per praefatam Dorotheam in vita sua sic ut praefertur fiendis, quatenus eadem statuta et ordinationes, sic ut praefertur, per praefatam Dorotheam sic ut praefertur in vita sua fienda non sint repugnantia nec contraria legibus, statutis sive juribus regni nostri Angliae. Quae omnia et singula statuta, ordinationes et constitutiones sic ut praefertur fienda et constituendum pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris praecipimus et mandamus inviolabiliter observari, teneri, et performari de tempore in tempus quamdiu eadem in robore et vigore suo respective permanserint. Et ulterius de

leadership, direction, election, removal or expulsion of the Warden, Fellows, Scholars, Officials and Ministers of the College, their tenure and re-election, and also concerning the stipends, salaries, allowances and other necessities and requirements on behalf of the same Warden, Fellows, Scholars, Officers, Ministers and others whosoever might live and stay in the College from time to time, as with the management, leasing and disposition of lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels of the Wardens, Fellows and Scholars for the better support and maintenance of the same College and its Wardens, Fellows, Scholars and their successors, to give grant or assign either one or some of these things, whichever may be touch and concern; so many, such great and such things as it may seem good, useful, and beneficial to the same Bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors to make and also to the same Warden and Fellows of the College for the time being or the majority of them of whom the said Bishop of Bath and Wells and the said Warden of the College must always be present, so that the laws, rules and regulations, as was stated earlier, are to be made and decided upon after the death of the said Dorothy, and may none of them be in opposition to or repugnant to the laws and statutes of this my kingdom England, nor repugnant or contradicting the statutes and regulations thus established by Dorothy during her life, as stated earlier, to the extent that those statutes and rules laid down by Dorothy in her life are not repugnant and contradictions of the laws, statues and rules of my kingdom England. These statutes, rules and constitutions, altogether and singly, must be made in the manner stated before and we order and command on behalf of ourself, our heirs and our successors that they must be established and that they be observed, held and performed inviolately from this time forth as long as they may maintain the same strength and vigour respectively. And

uberiore gratia nostra speciali concessimus, et pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris per praesentes licentiam dedimus et damus specialem quantum in nobis est praefatae Dorotheae Wadham, heredibus, executoribus et assignatis suis ac quibuscunque aliis subditis nostris, quod postquam Collegium praedictum ut praedictur fundatum, erectum, creatum et stabilitum fuerit eadem Dorothea Wadham, heredes, executores vel administratores sui, ac aliae personae quaecunque sive alia persona quaecunque, dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, rectorias, portiones, annuitates, pensiones, et advocationes ecclesiarum ac omnia et omnimoda alia hereditamenta, franchises et possessiones quascunque tam spirituales quam temporales, non excedentes in toto valore mille et quingentarum librarum per annum ultra omnia onera et reprisas tam de feodo suo proprio quam alieno, licet eadem dominia, maneria, terrae, tenementa et hereditamenta non excedentia verum clarum annum valorem quadringentarum librarum inde de nobis in capite, vel aliter de nobis vel aliquibus aliis personis sive aliqua alia persona per servitium militare aut aliquo alio modo teneantur, Gardiano, Sociis et Scholaribus ejusdem Collegii pro tempore existentibus et successoribus suis dare et concedere, assignare et legare possit et possint, valeat et valeant, habenda, tenenda et gaudenda iisdem Gardiano, Sociis et Scholaribus Collegii praedicti et successoribus suis in perpetuum. Et iisdem Gardiano, Sociis et Scholaribus et successoribus suis quod ipsi dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, rectorias, pensiones, portiones, annuitates et omnia et omnimoda alia hereditamenta et possessiones quascunque, tam spiritualia quam temporalia, non excedentia in toto praedictum annum valorem mille et quingentarum per annum ultra omnia onera et reprisas, licet eadem dominia, maneria, terrae, tenementa et hereditamenta non excedentia verum clarum annum valorem quadringentarum librarum inde per annum de nobis in

further, out of our abundant and special grace we have granted and on behalf of ourself, our heirs and successors, and have given and give by these presents to the full extent of our authority, special licence to the said Dorothy Wadham, her heirs, her executors and assigns and other whomsoever our subjects, that after the said College has as aforesaid been founded, built up, created and established in the manner explained before, the same Dorothy Wadham, her heirs, executors, administrators and whomsoever other person or persons, shall be able to give, grant and bequeath demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversiones, services, rectories, portions, annuities, pensions and ecclesiastical advowsons and all and every sort of other hereditaments, franchises and possessions as well spiritual as temporal, not exceeding in total value one thousand five hundred pounds every year free from all burdens and deductions whether from their own fees or others provided the same demesnes, manors, lands, tenements and inheritances do not exceed in true, clear annual value four hundred pounds, whether they are held of us in chief or otherwise of us or by any others by military service or in any other way, to the Warden, Fellows and Scholars of the same College, both those at the present time and their successors, to have, to hold and be enjoyed by the same Warden, Fellows and Scholars of the College and their successors in perpetuity. And to the same Warden, Fellows, Scholars and their successors and by the tenor of these presents we give likewise give licence and by these presents grant specially that they may be able to receive and hold by themselves and their successors aforesaid in perpetuity as said above the same demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversiones, services, rectories, portions annuities and all and every other sort of hereditaments and possessions whatsoever, as well spiritual as temporal, not exceeding in total value one thousand five hundred pounds every

capite, vel aliter de nobis vel aliquibus aliis personis sive aliqua alia persona per servitium militare aut aliquo alio modo teneantur, et licet aliqua pars residui praedicti mille et quingentarum librarum per annum de nobis aliter vel aliquo alio modo quam in capite, seu de aliquibus aliis personis seu aliqua alia persona quacunq̄ teneatur a praefata Dorothea Wadham, heredibus, executoribus vel assignatis suis et quibuscunq̄ aliis personis sive quacunq̄ alia persona ea iis dare vel concedere volentibus vel valentibus, recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis praedictis in perpetuum, sicut praedictum est, tenore praesentium similiter licentiam damus et per praesentes concedimus specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo alio statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione sive restrictione in contrarium inde facta, edita, ordinata seu provisiva aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacunq̄ in aliquo non obstante. Et hoc absque aliqua inquisitione sive aliquibus inquisitionibus inde praetextu alicujus brevis seu mandati nostri, heredum seu successorum nostrorum, de ad quod damnum seu alicujus alterius brevis, concessionis, mandati seu praecepti nostri, heredum vel successorum nostrorum, in hac parte faciendis, prosequendis seu capiendis, et in cancellaria nostra, heredum et successorum nostrorum, seu alibi retornandis, et absque aliquibus aliis literis nostris patentibus sive warranto nostro, heredum vel successorum nostrorum de, in, sive pro praemissis vel aliquo praemissorum quovismodo impetrando, habendo sive faciendo; aliquibus statutis, actu sive ordinatione in contraria inde facta, edita, sive ordinatione non obstante. Nolentes quod praedictus Gardianus, Socii et Scholares Collegii praedicti, vel eorum successores, Gardianus, Socii et Scholares Collegii praedicti qui pro tempore fuerint aut successores sui ratione sive occasione praemissorum vel eorum alicujus per nos, heredes et successores nostros, justitios, escheatores, vicecomites, seu alios ballivos aut ministros nostros, vel

year over all taxes and deductions provided the same demesnes, manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments do not exceed in true, clear annual value four hundred pounds whether held from us in chief or otherwise from us or any other person or persons by military service or any other manner and even some part of the residue of the said one thousand five hundred pounds per year whether from us or from any other otherwise than in chief whether it is held by some other persons or person whatsoever, of the aforementioned Dorothy Wadham, her heirs, her executors and assigns or by whomsoever other persons or person from them, willing or able to give or grant them, notwithstanding the statute forbidding the grant of lands into mortmain or any other statute, act, ordinance, provision to the contrary therein made, published, ordained or any other matter, cause or provision whatsoever. And this without any Inquisition or Inquisitions by pretext of any writ or mandate of us or our successors of *ad quod damnum* or any other writ, grant, mandate or command of ours our heirs or successors issued with regard to this matter sued out or taken either in our chancery or that of our heirs or successors or returnable elsewhere without any other of our letters patent or warrants concerning, in or on behalf of these premises or other premises howsoever commanded, held or made and any other statutes acts or ordinances to the contrary then made, made issued or ordained to the contrary. We are not willing that the Warden, Fellows and Scholars of the aforesaid College or their successors as Warden, Fellows and Scholars of the said College for the time being or their successors should be vexed, disturbed, troubled or burdened for any reason or cause, by us, our heirs and successors, justiciars, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or ministers of ours, our heirs or our successors. Furthermore through our most abundant special grace we have granted and grant by the present letters to Dorothy

heredes aut successores nostros quoscunque impentur, inquietentur, molestentur seu in aliquo graventur. Et ulterius de uberiore gratia nostra speciali concessimus et per praesentes concedimus praefatae Dorotheae Wadham quod literae nostrae patentes in hac parte conficiendae sub magno sigillo nostro Angliae sigillatae eidem Dorotheae Wadham, executoribus vel assignatis suis, vel eorum alicui, habeantur et deliberentur absque fine et faedo, magno vel parvo, seu aliqua alia re in Hanaperio Cancellariae nostrae seu alibi, ad opus nostrum, vel heredum vel succesorum nostrorum, pro iisdem seu aliqua parte eorundem quovismodo solvenda vel facienda; eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine praemissorum sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus, per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum sive predecessorum nostrorum praefato Gardiano, Sociis et Scholaribus Collegii praedicti ante haec tempora factis in praesentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, proclamatione sive restrictione in contrarium inde ante hac habita, facta, edita, ordinata seu provisiva, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo die Decembris, anno regni nostri Angliae et Hiberniae octavo, et Scotiae quadragesimo quarto.

Wadham that my Letters Patent for this purpose must be executed and sealed under our great seal of England to Dorothy Wadham, her executors and assigns or to any of these, that they may hold and take receipt without fine or fee, large or small, or any other thing in the Hanaper of our Chancery or elsewhere, for our deed or that of our heirs or successors, on behalf of them or some part of them being paid or made in any way. So that express mention of the true annual value or the certainty of the premises or any of them or of any other gifts or grants by us or our ancestors or predecessors to the said Warden, Fellows and Scholars of the said College, hitherto briefly made in these presents shall be valid, notwithstanding any statute, act, ordinance, provision, proclamation or prohibition to the contrary previously made, held, issued, ordained or provided or any other matter, cause, or business whatsoever

In witness of which matters we have executed these our Letters Patent. Witness myself at Westminster, on the 20th day of December in the eighth year of my reign in England and Wales, and the forty-fourth of my reign in Scotland.