

THE CHARTER is in Latin and the following is a translation thereof

ANNE by the Grace of God Queen of England &c. TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come WHEREAS by Letters Patent of our late Grandfather James the first under the Great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster the thirtieth of June in the fourth year of his Reign over England and the thirty ninth over Scotland it is recited that Edward the fourth King of England &c. by his Letters Patent bearing date at his Palace at Westminster the second day of December in the twelfth year of his Reign Did of his special Favour Grant for himself his Heirs and Successors to Thomas Daniel John Bell and diverse other persons therein named Freemen of the Mistery of Dyers London that they should be a Fraternity of perpetual Guild of two Wardens and Community of Freemen of the Dyers within the City of London and Suburbs thereof and that they the said Warden and Community should for ever be one Body and one incorporated Community or Society in Deed and in Name with divers powers Liberties privileges and authorities to them therein granted as in and by the same may appear NOW KNOW YE that out of our special Favour at the humble Petition of the Wardens and Community of Freemen of the Mistery of Dyers within the City of London HAVE BY these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors confirmed and by these Presents DO confirm to the aforesaid Wardens and Community and their Successors ALL and every their lawful Liberties Franchises Exemptions Customs Privileges Profits Immunities and Jurisdictions whatsoever which they the said Wardens and Community have lawfully had and enjoyed or ought lawfully to have and enjoy or as their Predecessors by whatsoever Name or pretence have heretofore had and enjoyed or ought to have and enjoyed by reason or pretence of any Charters of Letters Patents by any of our Progenitors Kings and Queens of England made confirmed and granted or by whatsoever other legal Prescription use and Custom Right and Title heretofore have and used (except what is hereafter in these presents changed altered or amended) AND FURTHER WE WILL ordain constitute declare grant and confirm and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors DO will ordain constitute declare grant and confirm that all Persons who now exercise the Mistery of Dyers within the City of London and suburbs thereof and in other places whatsoever within ten miles of the same and who now are or who hereafter shall be Freemen of the said Society or Mistery of Dyers aforesaid for ever shall be by virtue of these Presents one Body Corporate and Politick in Deed Fact and Name of the "Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of Dyers of the City of London" and by the same Name have perpetual Succession and that they and their Successors by the Name of Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of Dyers of the City of London ate and shall be for ever Persons capable in Law to hold and purchase receive and possess Manors Messuages Lands Tenements Liberties Privileges and Jurisdictions whatsoever and of what kind nature and quality soever to themselves and Successors in Fee for ever or for Term of Life or Lives year or years or otherwise howsoever and also Goods and Chattels of what nature of quality soever they be AND also to grant a lien and assign Manors Lands and Hereditaments and to do and execute all and every other matters and things by the Name aforesaid and by the same plead and be impleaded to answer and be answered and to defend and be defended and in all Courts and Places and before any Judges or Justices or other Officers in all and singular Actions Pleas Suits complaints Causes Matters and Demands whatsoever in manner and form as any others of our Subjects or any other Body Corporate and Politick within this Kingdom can or may And that they the said Wardens and Commonality have for ever a common Seal provided for their Causes and Matters And that it may be lawful for the Wardens &c. for the time being that Seal at their pleasure

from time to time to brake or change and to have a new one as to them shall seem most meet and because the Art of Dying brings much gain to our Subjects that exercise the Wollen Manufactory And that the Art of Dyeing requires knowledge and experience and by Frauds is often abused to the great damage of our Subjects THEREFORE we being willing so far as in us lies to put a stop to such things for the future Do hereby Declare that no person whatsoever shall hereafter presume to Exercise the Mistery aforesaid in the City of London and Suburbs thereof or in any other place within ten miles of the same unless such Person be a Brother or Member and Freeman of the said Society or Company of Dyers qualified by the Laws to exercise the same And further we will that there be two Persons out of the Number of Assistants to be elected in the Court of Assistants and Livery Men who shall be called Wardens and also that there be likewise twenty or more of the Commonalty aforesaid not exceeding thirty besides the Wardens in form hereafter to be nominated and chosen who shall be called Assistants who shall be aiding to the Wardens in all Business relating to the said Company And that it be lawful for the said Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors to have a Common Hall within the City or Suburbs of London for the Business of the said Society or Company AND FURTHER we will and appoint that they have a Court of the said Wardens and Assistants or some six or eight or more of them (whereof the Wardens or one of them for the time being to be present) from time to time as occasion shall require within the said Hall or in any other convenient place to be kept by the said Wardens aforesaid or one of them for the time being and to be called when the said Wardens or one of them shall think fit due and public notice being first given to all the Assistants of the said Company then residing within the City or Suburbs of London of and concerning such Court AND FURTHER we will and ordain that the said Court be always called a Court of Assistants and the Wardens and Assistants from time to time assembled in Court or the Major Part of them may determine execute and dispatch all matters concerning the said Company and to consult and confer together about the Statutes and Ordinances of the said Company and the good Government thereof according to their discretions AND FURTHER we grant to the said Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors that they the said Wardens Assistants and Livery Men of the said Company assembled in a General Court being not less that one and twenty (whereof the Wardens or one of them to be one) shall have power and authority assembled upon public notice given as aforesaid from time to time to make and ordain good wholesome and profitable Laws Statutes and Ordinances for the good Government of the Mistery aforesaid and of the Wardens and Commonalty aforesaid and other the Members thereof within the City of London and in other Places within ten miles exercising the said Mistery and for other causes and things touching the said Company and such Laws Institutions and Ordinances to revoke and change And that they the said Wardens Assistants and Livery Men or the major part of them present in a general Court aforesaid (the Warden or one of them being present) shall ordain establish and appoint reasonable pains Fines and Amerciaments upon all Deliquents against such Laws Statutes and Ordinances as to them shall seem meet And that the said Wardens and Commonalty shall have such Fines and Amerciaments for their own use without any impediment from us or our Heirs or Successors or Ministers under us our Heirs or Successors and without any account to be given to us or them which Laws and Ordinances we will shall be observed under the Penalties therein contained so that such Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom And for the better execution of our Will We do for our Heirs and Successors assign nominate constitute and make Thomas Glentworth and Francis Chapman present Wardens to continue therein from the date hereof to the tenth day of October next ensuing and from thence two others out of the

Assistants for the time being by the Assistants and Livery Men in a General Court assembled or the major part of them to be elected Wardens according to the Ordinances and provision herein expressed and declared if the said Thomas Glentworth and Francis Chapman shall so long live And we also assign constitute and make James Denew Esquire &c. to be the present Assistants to continue in that office during their natural Lives (unless in the meantime for ill Government and Management they shall be removed) and we assign constitute and make John Benson Gentlemen to be Clerk said Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery aforesaid during his Life AND MOREOVER by these Presents We grant to the said Wardens and Commonalty full power and authority from time to time hereafter to give and administer oaths to such officers and servants of the said Wardens and Commonalty as by their Ordinances are appointed for the true Execution of their several offices and also to the Freemen respectively before their admission into the said Mistery. AND FURTHER We will and grant to the said Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors that the Wardens Assistants and other Freemen of the Livery of the Mistery aforesaid for the time being and from time to time hereafter have power and authority on the second Wednesday of October in every year to assemble in their Common Hall (upon public notice given) to nominate and elect with the consent and assent of the major part of them then present two discrete Men of Assistance to be Wardens for one whole year then next following And that they who shall be elected Wardens and admitted into the said Office shall take the Oaths respectively well and truly to execute the same before two or more of the Assistants thereby authorized to administer the same And that after the said Oaths so taken to execute the said Office of Wardens for one whole year from thence others of the Assistants aforesaid to be elected and sworn into the said Office of Wardens (unless in the meantime removed for mall Government or any other reasonable cause) ANDMOREOVER We will and grant to the said Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors that if at any time it happens that any Warden die or be otherwise removed from his said office that then and so often one other fit person out of the major part of them for that purpose assembled who shall exercise the said office till the second Wednesday in October then next following such new election and from thence another fit person shall be duly elected in manner aforesaid and so from time to time as occasion requires AND MOREOVER We will and grant to the said Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors that they or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants assembled may choose and constitute out of the Livery of the said Society such Persons to be Assistants shall complete the number of thirty Assistants besides the Wardens for the time being if they will which Assistants so hereafter to be elected and before admitted into the execution of their Office shall take the Oaths of their office well and truly to execute and perform the said Office to be administered by the Wardens or one of them for the time being and that such Assistants after taking the said Oaths shall exercise their Offices during Life (unless in the mean time removed from mall Government or any other reasonable cause) AND MOREOVER We do empower the said Wardens and Commonalty that in case of death or removal from his said Office or otherwise another fit Person shall be elected and sworn by the Assistants aforesaid in a Court of Assistants assembled and the said Office to which he shall be so elected and sworn shall exercise during his natural Life (unless removed as aforesaid) AND ALSO We will and grant by these Presents that after the death of the said John Benson the present Clerk of the said Company and so as often as the Office of Clerk shall become vacant that is shall be lawful for the Wardens and Assistance aforesaid or the major part of them to elect and nominate and appoint one other Person to be Clerk and to continue the said Office or Clerk during the pleasure of the said Wardens and Assistants or the

major part of them which Person so hereafter to be elected into the said Office of Clerk and before admitted into the said Office shall take his Oath for the true Execution thereof before the Wardens or one of them for the time being And We give and grant the said Wardens or one of them full power to administer to the said Clerk much Oath aforesaid AND FURTHER our or our great favour We have granted to the said Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors for ever that they the said Wardens of one of them for the time being by himself or by sufficient Persons the inspection search and government of all and every the Workers in Goods and Merchandises belonging to the said Trade worked and to be worked and exposed to sale in the City aforesaid or Suburbs thereof or within ten Miles from the same and such Delinquents to be prosecuted in due form of Law for such defects in the working of Goods and Merchandizes And we do hereby command all Mayors Sheriffs Bailiffs Stewards and other officers whatsoever as well within the said City and Suburbs and as without other Places where such search shall happen that they be aiding and assisting to them in the Execution of the said Premises AND FURTHER We do give and grant to the said Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of Dyers aforesaid and their Successors free Liberty power and authority and their Successors free Liberty power and authority to have receive and possess Manors Messuages Lands Tenements Rectories Tithes Rents Services and Hereditaments whatsoever within our Kingdom of England or other our Dominions and of us to hold and of any other Person or Persons with their consent to hold not exceeding the clear yearly value of Three hundred pounds over and above all reprises And We do also by these Presents give and grant to our Subjects whether they be incorporated or not incorporated special License and free and lawful power and authority an Manors Messuages Lands Tenements Rectories Tithes Rents Reversions Services and Hereditaments the aforesaid Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors to be given granted bequeathed or aliened not exceeding the whole clear yearly value or Three hundred pounds over and above all reprises AND LASTLY We will for us our Heirs and Successors grant to the said Wardens and Commonalty of the said Mistery and their Successors that they may have hold use and enjoy for ever all Liberties free customs privileges and profits according to the tenor of these our Letters Patents without impediment or hindrance whatsoever either from us Heirs or Successors our Officers or Ministers and these our Letters Patents or the Enrolment of the same are and shall be valid and effectual in the Law according to the true intent of the same and shall be valid and effectual in the Law according to the true intent of the same and shall be the most beneficially expounded by the profit advantage and benefit of the said Wardens and Company of the Mistery aforesaid and their Successors notwithstanding the said Premises or any part or qualities and notwithstanding not reciting or not rightfully and fully mentioning the Letters Patents above mentioned or any part thereof and notwithstanding not reciting or not mentioning any other Letters Patents heretofore granted by any of our Predecessors or Ancestors Kings and Queens of England to the said Wardens and Company and their Predecessors and notwithstanding not rightly or full mentioning several powers authorities and privileges by theses presents granted or designed to be granted or by any default uncertainty or imperfections in those Letters Patents or in any other matter cause of thing whatsoever IN WITNESS We have caused these our Letters to be make Patents bearing date at Westminster twenty sixth April and in the third year of our Reign.