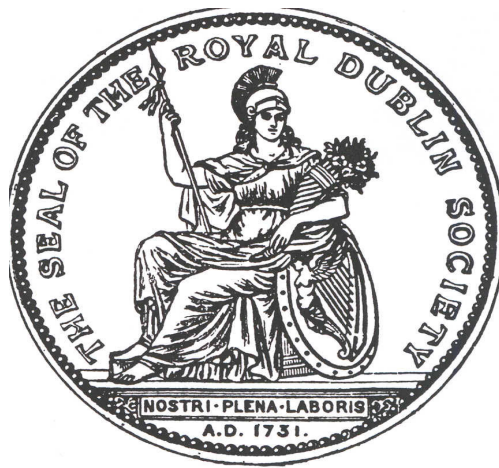


THE
CHARTERS AND STATUTES
OF THE
Royal Dublin Society



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THE CHARTER of THE ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY



Preamble

GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and soforth, to all unto whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS several of our Nobility and Gentry of our Kingdom of Ireland, Members of the Dublin Society, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the Members of the said Society, have by their Petition to you as our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our said Kingdom set forth, that haveing observed vast Tracts of Land and Bog in our said Kingdom uncultivated and a general want of Skill and Industry in the Inhabitants to improve them, they formed themselves into a voluntary Society by the name of the Dublin Society for Promoting Husbandry and other Usefull Arts in our said Kingdom, and have at their own Expense made many Experiments and published usefull Observations and Instructions for raising Flax, draining Bogs, and Improving Unprofitable Lands, and distributed considerable sums of money in Premiums to the most deserving, whereby a Spirit of Industry and Emulation hath been raised and great hopes conceived that much greater Effects might arise therefrom, tending farther to civilize the Natives of our said Kingdom, and Render them well affected to us and our Royal Family, and more able to contribute to the increase of the Revenue, and the support of the Establishment of our said Kingdom. That divers of our good Subjects are willing to contribute large sums of money for the good ends and purposes aforesaid but the said voluntary Society are not capable in Law of taking or receiving such contributions, or of carrying their good Intentions effectually into Execution, unless they be incorporated by our Royal Charter for the ends and purposes in the said Petition mentioned, with such Clauses, Powers, Jurisdictions, and Authoritys, as are usually contained in Charters of the like nature.

AND WHEREAS you did by your Order, bearing date the Twelfth day of April One thousand seven hundred and forty eight, refer the said Petition to our Attorney and Solicitor General of that our Kingdom, to examine and consider the Allegations of the said

Petition, and report unto you whether it would be advisable for us to grant the Charter thereby desired, who by their Report bearing date the twenty-second day of January, one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine are of Opinion that the granting the Petitioners such a Charter as is desired will be of great benefit and advantage to that our Kingdom.

WE, THEREFORE, being graciously pleased to encourage so laudable an undertaking, KNOW YE, that we of our Special grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, by and with the Advice and consent of our Right Trusty and Right well beloved Cousin and Councillor, WILLIAM EARL OF HARRINGTON, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our said Kingdom of Ireland, and according to the tenor and effect of our Letters under our Privy Signet and Sign Manual, bearing date at our Court of St. James's, the twentieth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, fifty, in the twenty-third year of our Reign, and now Inrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of Chancery in our said Kingdom of Ireland, HAVE willed, ordained, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do will, ordain, constitute, declare, and grant, that our well beloved subjects, our Right Trusty and Right well beloved Cousin and Councillor, WILLIAM EARL OF HARRINGTON, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of that our Kingdom of Ireland, our Right Trusty and Right Intirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, William Duke of Devonshire, our Right Trusty and Right Intirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, Lionel Cranfield, Duke of Dorset, our Right Trusty and Right well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Philip Dormer, Earl of Chesterfield, our Right Trusty and Right Intirely beloved Councillor George Lord Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland, our Right Trusty and well beloved Councillor Robert Lord Newport, Chancellor of our said Kingdom, our Right Trusty and Right Intirely beloved Councillor, Charles Lord Archbishop of Dublin, Primate of Ireland, our Right Trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor James Earl of Kildare, our Right Trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor, John Earl of Grandison, our Right Trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Wills Lord Viscount Hillsborough, our Right Trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Humphrey Lord Viscount Lanesborough, our Right Reverend and well beloved Father in God, Robert Lord Bishop of Clogher, our Right Trusty and well beloved Councillor, Charles Lord Tullamore, our Right Trusty and wel beloved Richard Lord Mornington, our Right Trusty and wel

beloved councillor, Henry Boyle, Esq., Chancellor of our Court of Exchequer, our Right Trusty and wel beloved Councillor, Sir Arthur Gore, Bart., our Trusty and well beloved Sir Thomas Taylor, Bart., our Trusty and well beloved Hercules Langford Rowly, Esq., our Trusty and wel beloved John Maxwell, Esq., our trusty and well beloved Thomas Butler, Esq., our trusty and well beloved Thomas Tennison, Esq., our Trusty and well beloved Robert Downes, Esq., our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Prior, Esq., our Trusty and well beloved Arthur Jones Nevill, Esqr., our Trusty and well beloved John Putland, Esq., our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Waite, Esq., our Trusty and well beloved Alexander M'Awley, Esq., our Trusty and well beloved William Maple, Esq., our well beloved in Christ Samuel Hutchinson, Dean of Dromore, our well beloved in Christ, Richard Pococke, Doctor of Laws, Archdeacon of our City of Dublin, our well beloved in Christ John Kearney, Doctor in Divinity, our well beloved in Christ John Wynne, Doctor in Divinity, and such others as shall from time to time be elected in the manner hereinafter directed to be one Body Politick and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of the Dublin Society, for promoting Husbandry and other usefull Arts in Ireland, and by the same Name to have Perpetal Succession, and to purchase, have, take, receive, and enjoy to them and their Successors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of whatsoever nature or kind not exceeding in the whole the clear yearly value of one thousand pounds, and also all manner of goods and chattels of what value soever, and by the same name to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts and Pleas whatsoever of us our Heirs and Successors in all Suits, Plaints, and Demands whatsoever; and that they and their Successors may have a Common Seal, such as they shall think proper, for the use of the said Corporation, and that it shall and may be Lawfull for them and their Successors to change, break, alter, or make new the said Seal, from time to time as they shall think fitt.

Officers of
the Society

AND our will and pleasure is, and we Ordain and grant, that the said Corporation and their Successors for ever, shall have one President, Seven Vice-Presidents, One Treasurer, Two Secretaries, and one Register; and that our Right Trusty and Right well beloved Cousin and Counsellor, WILLIAM EARL OF HARRINGTON, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our said Kingdom of Ireland, be the first President, and the Most Reverend Father in God our Right Trusty and Right Intirely

beloved Councillor, George Lord Archbishop of Armagh, our Right Trusty and Right Intirely beloved Counsellor Charles Lord Archbishop of Dublin, our Right Trusty and right well beloved Cousins and Councillors, James Earl of Kildare, John Earl of Grandison, Humphrey, Lord Viscount Lanesborough, our Right Trusty and well beloved Councillor, Sir Arthur Gore, Bart., and our Trusty and well beloved Sir Thomas Taylor, Bart., to be the seven first Vice-Presidents, and Robert Downes, Esq., the first Treasurer, and John Wynne, Doctor in Divinity, and Thomas Prior, Esq., to be the first two Secretarys, and William Maple, Esq. the first Register, to the said Society, each of them to continue in their said respective Offices of President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretarys, and Register, from the day of the date of these Presents, untill the second Thursday in November next ensuing, and untill others be chosen in their respective Rooms.

First Meeting
for election of
Members,
Clerks, and
inferior Officers

AND our will and pleasure is that it shall and may be lawful to and for the rest of the inferior Members of the said Society also above-named, or as many of them as conveniently can, within forty days next after the date of this our Grant, to meet together at such time and place as the said President, or any one of the said Vice-Presidents, shall appoint by Summons, which the said President or anyone of the said Vice-Presidents are by these Presents impowered and required timely to issue for that purpose to the said Members, or such of them as live within our City or Liberties of our City of Dublin, in our said Kingdom, where they, or the major Part of them then present, may Nominate, Elect, and chuse new Members, fill up vacancys in Offices if any shall happen, chuse Clerks and other inferior Officers and Servants, as shall be thought necessary or usefull for the said Corporation, to serve in said Offices untill the second Thursday in November following, unless they shall sooner dye, resign, or be removed.

Three Stated
Meetings to be
held annually.
Other Meet-
ings may be
held

AND our further pleasure is that there be every year three Stated General Meetings of the said Corporation within the Libertys of the said City of Dublin to wit, on the second Thursday in November, the first Thursday in March, and the first Thursday in June, every year, and as many other General Meetings and at such times as the said Society, or any five or more of them, shall appoint.

Annual election
of the President
and seven
Vice-Presidents

AND our will and pleasure is that at the General Meeting of the said Corporation, the second Thursday in November in all times coming, or in case of any Emergency preventing their Meeting at that day then at the next Meeting, seven at least being then present, whereof the President or one of the Vice-Presidents to be always one, shall be elected a President and seven Vice-Presidents, to continue in their respective offices for one year, and untill others be elected in their Room, unless such President or Vice-Presidents shall sooner dye, or resign his or their respective Offices,

Annual
election of
Secretaries
and other
Officers

AND our further pleasure is that it shall be lawfull for the said Corporation, or any seven of them, whereof the President or one of the Vice-Presidents to be always one, to elect on the second Thursday in November in all future times, (or in case of any Emergency preventing the Meeting at that Day, then at the next Meeting), a Treasurer, two Secretarys, and a Register, and all such other Officers and Servants as they shall think needfull for the said Corporation; and the Persons so chosen shall continue in their respective Offices untill the second Thursday in November in the year following, and untill others shall be chosen in their room, unless such persons so chosen, or any of them, shall sooner dye, be removed from, or resign their respective Offices.

Power to fill
up vacancies

AND our further will is that upon the death of the Treasurer, Secretarys, Register, and other Officers or Servants, or by the resignation or removal of them, or any of them, the said Corporation shall have full power, at any time, to chuse others in their Places, seven Members at least being present, whereof the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, to be one.

In absence of President,
senior Vice- President
to take the chair
at Meetings, and to
have a casting
voice. In their
absence Meeting to
appoint a Chairman.

AND our further will and pleasure is that at all General Meetings, in case of the Absence of the President, the Vice- President first named in the List of Vice-Presidents then present shall be the Chairman of the said Meeting, and have a Casting Voice in the case of an Equality of Votes. And, in case the President and all the Vice-Presidents shall be absent, the said Corporation, or any five or more of them, shall have power to appoint one of the Members then present to preside for such time.

Power to elect
Members

AND our further will and pleasure is that the said Corporation, or any seven or more of them, whereof the President or one of the Vice-Presidents to be one, shall have full power to Elect such Persons to be Members of the said Society as they shall judge proper, which persons from time to time elected shall be deemed to be Members of the said Corporation as if herein particularly named.

Power to make
By-Laws

AND our will and pleasure is that the said Corporation at any of the three General Stated Meetings before mentioned, and at no other Meetings, seven Members at least being present whereof the President or one of the Vice-Presidents to be one, shall have full power to make such Bye-Laws, Rules, and Ordinances for the good Government of the said Corporation as they shall judge meet and convenient. Provided such Bye-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of our Kingdom of Ireland, and that the same be confirmed by some succeeding General Meeting at which seven at least of the members shall be present, whereof the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents to be one; and that the same Method shall be observed in the Altering or Repealing any such Bye-Laws, Rules, and Ordinances, after they shall be so made and confirmed.

Power to make
Leases

AND our further will and pleasure is that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the said Corporation, or any seven of them, whereof the President or one of the Vice-Presidents to be one, at any of the said Stated General Meetings, to make or execute Leases of any Lands or Tenements belonging to the said Corporation, Provided such Leases do not exceed three Lives or thirty-one years in possession and be set for the best yearly rent that can be got for the same, without any fine to be taken for the same.

Power to grant
money for promoting
Husbandry and useful
Arts, and to administer
an Oath

AND our further will is that the said Corporation, or any five of them, at any General Meeting shall have power . to give such Sum or Sums of money to such person or persons as they shall think fitt for promoting Husbandry and other Useful Arts in our said Kingdom of Ireland, and that the Chairman at such General Meeting shall have power to administer an Oath to any person or persons for discovering the truth or value of any thing offered or proposed to the said Corporation.

Survivors to retain
the powers
granted.

AND our further will and pleasure is that, in case the President or anyone or more of the Vice-Presidents or any one or more of the Members of the said Corporation for the time being, or any Person that shall hereafter be chosen, shall happen to dye, that then the remaining and surviving Members of the said Corporation shall continue and remain incorporate by the name aforesaid, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes.

Vacancies by death
in the office of President
or Vice-President to be
filled up.

AND that it shall and may be Lawfull for the said Corporation, or any seven of them, whereof one of the Vice-Presidents to be one, in case the President shall happen to dye or Resign, to Elect a new President in the room of the President so dying or resigning; and in case one or more of the Vice-Presidents shall happen to dye or resign, then it shall and may be lawfull for the said Corporation, or any seven of them, whereof the President or one of the surviving Vice-Presidents to be one, to elect a new Vice-President or Vice-Presidents in the room of such Vice-President or Vice-Presidents so dying or resigning.

Accounts to be
rendered on the
first Thursday
in June each year

AND we will, moreover, that the said Corporation shall cause fair accounts in writing to be kept of all Receipts, Payments, and other doings and Transactions of the said Corporation, and of their Officers and Agents respectively, to be viewed and inspected by any Subscriber or Subscribers, Benefactor or Benefactors, upon occasion, which Accounts shall be Examined, Audited, and Subscribed upon the first Thursday in June, every year, or within fourteen days after, by the said Corporation, or any seven of them, whereof the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, to be one.

AND Lastly, we do declare and Ordain that these our Letters Patent, and every Clause, Sentence, and article therein contained, or the Inrollment thereof made in our High Court of Chancery in our said Kingdom of Ireland, shall be in all things firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in the Law, unto the said Society and their Successors, according to the Purport and Tenor hereof, without any further Grant, Licence, or tolleration from us, our Heirs, or Successors, to be Procured or Obtained. Provided allways that these our Letters Patent be Inrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of Chancery in our said Kingdom of Ireland within the space of Six Months next ensuing the Date of these Presents. IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, WITNESS our aforesaid Lieutenant-General and General Governor

of our said Kingdom of Ireland, at Dublin, the second day of April,
in the twenty-third year of our Reign.

DOMVILE.

Examined,

EDWARD MADDEN,
Depy. Clerk of the Crown and Haniper.

Inrolled in the Office of the Rolls of his Majesty's High Court of Chancery
in Ireland the fifth day of April in the twenty-third year of King
George the Second, and examined by

WILLIAM DEANE,
D. Clerk and Keeper of the Rolls.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER



Preamble

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, to all unto whom these presents shall come, GREETING. WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the Dublin Society, better known as the "Royal Dublin Society" for the promotion of Husbandry and other useful arts and Sciences in Ireland, was incorporated or re-established under and by virtue of a certain Charter or Letters Patent bearing date the second day of April in the twenty-third year of the reign of King George the Second, or otherwise, as in said Letters Patent mentioned or referred to; and the said Society is now regulated and governed by the provisions of such Charter or Letters Patent and according to certain By-Laws and Ordinances made by the said Society for its regulation and better government. AND WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the said Society at present consists of persons duly elected as Members of the said Society. AND WHEREAS the governing body of the said Society consists of the Members, or the majority of the Members, lawfully assembled, and it is expedient that the government of said Society should from henceforth be vested in a Council to be constituted and appointed as hereinafter mentioned. AND WHEREAS our Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of that part of our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland, with the advice of our Attorney-General and Solicitor-General of Ireland, is of opinion that we might (if we should be graciously pleased so to do) Grant unto the said Body Politic and Corporate of said Society a Supplemental Charter for the purposes hereinafter mentioned upon consideration thereof, and We, being graciously pleased to encourage and promote so laudable an object, have condescended thereto.

KNOW YE, therefore, that We, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by and with the advice and consent of our right trusty and right well beloved Counsellor, JOHN LORD WODEHOUSE, our Lieutenant-General and General Governor of that part of our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland, and according to the tenor and effect of our Letter, under our Privy Signet and Royal Sign Manual, bearing date at our Court at St. James's, the fourth day of November, One Thousand

Eight Hundred and Sixty-five, in the Twenty-ninth year of our Reign; and now enrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of Chancery, in that part of our said United Kingdom called Ireland, have granted, declared, ordained, and directed, and by these presents for Us, our heirs, and successors, We do Grant, Declare, Ordain, and Direct :—

Constitution
of Council

First – That a Council shall be nominated and elected by the said Society, to consist of not more than thirty-three Members, videlicet, the President of the said Society, the seven Vice-Presidents, the two Secretaries, the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman) of each of the Standing Committees of the Society, all for the time being (such Standing Committees to be not more than eight in number), and as many other Members to be elected by and out of the said Society as will make up the required number of thirty-three, and the presence of at least seven Members of the said Council shall be necessary to constitute a Meeting of the said Council competent to transact business and perform the duties of said Council.

Mode of election

Second – And We do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and appoint the President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected as is provided under the existing Charter; and that the two Secretaries shall be elected by the Society, and shall each continue in office for two years; and that the Members elected by the Society at large shall each continue in office until the election of their successors as hereinafter provided (except so far as relates to the Secretary and Members retiring during the two years next succeeding the date of these presents); one only of the said Secretaries, and one-third, or the integer number less than one-third of the said Councillors elected by the said Society, who shall have been in office for the longest term without re-election, retiring each year, but not being disqualified for immediate re-election; and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each of the several standing Committees shall be elected by and out of such Committees; and that such Standing Committees shall be elected annually by the Society, and that a seat on same shall not be a disqualification for holding a seat on the Council also. Provided that the Secretary who shall first retire by virtue of these presents shall be the one last elected a Member of the Society; and that the Members of Council elected by the Society retiring at the end of the first year, under and by virtue of these presents, shall be those last elected Members of the Society; and that the Members of Council elected by the

Society retiring at the end of the second year shall be those next last elected Members of the Society who were elected Members of the Council in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-six, the majority of the Council always determining when the dates of election of any two persons shall have been the same, who shall be the persons so to go out of office.

Time of election
of first Council

Third – And We do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, ordain, constitute, and appoint, that at a General Meeting of the said Society to be held on the first Thursday in ,January in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-six, or within one month after the date of these presents, the said Society shall elect the required number of Members of the said Society to be Members of the said Council as aforesaid and shall also elect the several Standing Committees; and the said persons so elected and chosen by the Society as Members of the said Council, together with the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Chairmen or, in their absence, the Vice-Chairmen of the Standing Committees, to be elected by such Committees, as hereinafter provided, shall constitute the first Council under this Charter, and shall so continue until the election and appointment of their successors in the manner herein provided.

Time of annual
election of Council

Fourth – And We do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, grant, ordain, and appoint that at the General Meeting of the said Society in the month of January in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-six, or at such other time as shall be appointed by the By-Laws, and in every succeeding year, the said Society shall elect out of their own body, by a majority of votes, the required number of Members of Council in lieu and stead of the Members of Council who shall retire in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore contained, but who shall be eligible for re-election as aforesaid, and that the persons so elected shall enter into office immediately after their election, And further, that at the said annual General Meeting, or at such other time as shall be appointed by the By-Law, and in every succeeding year, the said Society shall elect the several Standing Committees, each of which Committees shall elect its respective Chairman and Vice-Chairman within one fortnight after the election of such Committees, who shall enter into office as Members of Council immediately on their election by their respective Committees. Provided that in the meantime, and until the election of such Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it shall be competent and lawful for the remaining Members of Council to

exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges appertaining to the complete Council, notwithstanding that there shall be no Chairman or Vice-Chairman to represent all or any of the Standing Committees on the Council. And provided further, that in case, through any contingency, such annual election of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, Members of Council, and Standing Committees shall not be held or completed at the time hereinbefore appointed for same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Society to hold such election at a subsequent Stated or Ordinary Meeting, or at a Special Meeting to be duly convened for that purpose; and in the meantime the existing Members of Council shall continue to discharge the duties and exercise the powers herein conferred on the Council of the said Society,

Election to vacancy
in Council

Fifth – And We do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, grant, ordain and appoint that if at any time any vacancy or vacancies shall occur by death, resignation, removal, or incapacity of any Member of the said Council, then and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the body by whom the Members so dying, resigning, being removed, or becoming incapable shall have been elected, to elect in the manner hereinbefore specified at a Special Meeting to be duly convened for that purpose, a person or persons to fill up and supply the said office or offices, or such of them as shall have so become vacant; and the person or persons so elected shall thereupon enter upon the office to which he or they shall have been so elected, and shall have all the powers, authorities, and privileges which should have belonged to him, or them, if originally elected and appointed thereunto; and that the Member so elected shall remain a Member of the Council for the period for which the Member so dying, resigning, being removed, or becoming incapable would have remained. Provided that in the meantime the remaining Members of Council shall discharge the duties and exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges appertaining to the Council as fully and completely as if no such vacancy or vacancies existed.

Powers and Duties of
Council

Sixth – And We do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, grant, ordain, and direct that the general management and control over the affairs of the said Society (excepting so far as may affect the constitution of the Society), and over its paid officers and servants, including the power of appointing and dismissing such officers and servants, as well as of regulating their duties and emoluments, shall be vested in and exercised by the said Council

exclusively; and that the said Council shall have power at its discretion to require from each Committee, Standing or otherwise, that the Minutes of its proceedings be laid before the Council, who shall have power to make such order thereon as the said Council shall see fit, and shall also be empowered to make such references as it shall think proper to any Committee upon any matter within the department of said Committee; and the Committee so referred to shall make a report on the subject of such reference to the Council, who shall make such orders or regulations thereon as it shall deem expedient, which orders or regulations shall thereupon be carried into effect. And that the said Council shall cause minutes of all its proceedings to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, such book to be accessible at all times to the Members of the Society; and the Council shall report to the Society at each of its Stated Meetings, and also at other times, whenever any matter shall have been referred to them by said Society.

Power to enact
By-Laws

Seventh – And whereas the said Corporation of the Power to Royal Dublin Society has now full power under its Charter to make such By-Laws, Rules, and Ordinances for the good government of the said Corporation as they shall judge meet and convenient, provided such ByLaws be not repugnant to the laws of the Kingdom of Ireland. And whereas it is expedient that, in furtherance and confirmation of the powers hereinbefore granted to the Council, all By-Laws, Rules, Ordinances, and changes in the same shall be framed and enacted in the first instance by the Council. Know ye further, that We, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, and according to the tenor and effect of our aforesaid Letter, have granted, ordained, and directed, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, We do grant, ordain, and direct that the said Council shall have power from time to time to frame By-Laws, Rules, and Ordinances for the good government of the said Society, provided that such By-Laws, Rules, or Ordinances shall not be repugnant to the laws of our said Kingdom of Ireland, or to these presents, and to alter and repeal same; such enactment, alteration, and repeal to be subject, however, to the approval and confirmation of the said Society, to be declared at some one subsequent General Meeting; and that no ByLaw, Rule, or Ordinance shall be enacted, altered, or repealed unless as aforesaid.

Convening of Special Meetings

Eighth – And whereas it is desirable to amend the provisions of the hereinbefore cited Charter with respect to the convening of Extraordinary or Special Meetings of the Society, Our further will and pleasure, therefore, is that no such Extraordinary or Special Meeting shall be convened unless by order of the Council, or upon a requisition in writing duly signed by fifteen or more Members of the Society, stating the object of such proposed Meeting, such requisition to be addressed to the Secretaries, who shall, upon receipt thereof, convene such Meeting for the earliest convenient opportunity, and shall cause due notice thereof to be given by advertisement or otherwise.

Power to have a Mace

Ninth – And We do hereby grant and declare that it shall and may be lawful for the said Society at all times hereafter to exercise and enjoy the right and privilege of having a Mace, and of same to be borne upon all such occasions as they shall think proper or expedient by such officer as they shall appoint for that purpose.

Confirmation of existing Powers except as hereby altered

Tenth – And We do hereby further declare our will and pleasure to be that, except as herein declared, that is, saving with respect to the government of the Society which is by this our Charter placed in the hands of the Council as above provided for, the said Royal Dublin Society shall continue to have all such the same jurisdictions, powers, authorities, and discretions as such Society now has under or by virtue of the said hereinbefore recited Charter or Letters Patent or in any other lawful manner whatsoever. And We do hereby further for us, our heirs and successors, grant and confirm unto them all such jurisdictions, powers, authorities, and discretions accordingly.

Eleventh – And We do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, further grant unto the said Society that these our Letters Patent, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law according to the true intent and meaning hereof, notwithstanding the not fully or not duly reciting the said in part recited Letters Patent, or the date thereof, or any other omission, imperfection, defect, matter, cause, or thing whatsoever in the same to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said body politic and corporate and their successors, as well in all Courts of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and ministers of us, our heirs

and successors. Provided always that these our Letters Patent be enrolled in the Rolls of Our High Court of Chancery in that part of our said United Kingdom called Ireland within six months next ensuing the date hereof: otherwise these our Letters Patent to be void and of none effect. In witness whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent: Witness John Baron Wodehouse, our Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland, at Dublin, the twenty-seventh day of December, in the twenty-ninth year of our reign.

(Signed) RALPH CUSACK,
Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.



Enrolled in the Office of the Rolls of Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, on the fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

(Signed) JOHN REILLY, D.K.R.

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER
AND
CHARTER DISSOLVING THE
ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF
IRELAND

Preamble.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, to all unto whom these presents shall come, greeting:

WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the Dublin Society, also known as the Royal Dublin Society (hereinafter called the Society), was incorporated or re-established under and by virtue of a certain Charter or Letters Patent bearing date the second day of April, in the twenty-third year of the reign of King George the Second, or otherwise, as in the said Letters Patent mentioned or referred to :

AND WHEREAS by a Supplemental Charter or Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of December in the twenty-ninth year of Our reign. We did make further provision for the government of the Society and confirm its powers :

AND WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the Society at present consists of persons duly elected as members of the Society :

AND WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of that part of our said United Kingdom called Ireland bearing date the twenty-eighth day of June in the twenty-fourth year of Our reign We did incorporate the body politic and corporate of the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland (hereinafter called the Agricultural Society), for the purpose of promoting the improvement of Agriculture in all its branches in Ireland, as in the said Letters Patent mentioned and referred to :

AND WHEREAS considerable changes have taken place in the operations of the Society by the passing of the Dublin Science and Art Museum Act, 1877 :

AND WHEREAS it is declared by the said Act that it is expedient that the Society should be maintained in the exercise of its functions, save so far as the same are affected by the said Act :

AND WHEREAS it is further provided in the said Act that, for the purpose of giving effect to the objects of the said Act and generally in furtherance of or in connexion with the same, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland or the Department of Science and Art, and the Society, respectively, to enter into all or any agreements, contracts, and arrangements (not inconsistent with the provisions of the said Act) which they may think fit, and to do all acts, matters, and things necessary to carry the same into effect, and that every such agreement, contract and arrangement, should be of the same force and effect as if the same had been contained in the said Act:

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with this provision of the said Act, an agreement bearing date the first day of March, one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-one, has been entered into between the Department of Science and Art and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland of the one part, and the Society of the other part:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the said Act that in case a majority of the Council of the Society, to be convened specially for the purpose, pass a resolution agreeing, in the event of Our being graciously pleased to grant to the Society a new Charter or Charters in lieu of the existing Charter or Charters, or any part or parts thereof, to surrender the Charter or Charters of the Society, or such part or parts thereof; and in case at a meeting of the Society, convened for the purpose of considering such resolution, to be held after such notice as by the said Act appointed, such resolution should be confirmed by the votes of three-fifths of the members of the Society present at such Meeting and voting; then, in case We should be graciously pleased to grant to the Society a new Charter or new Charters as aforesaid, from and after the grant of such new Charter or Charters by Us, the Charter or Charters of the Society, or such part or parts of such Charters so agreed to be surrendered,

should cease to be in force and have effect, and the same should be null to all intents and purposes :

AND WHEREAS a majority of the Council of the Society, at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, has resolved to surrender such parts of the existing Charters of the Society as are inconsistent with these presents; and also the Society, at a meeting specially convened for the purpose in the way appointed by the said Act, has, by the votes of three-fifths of the members of the Society present at said meeting and voting, confirmed such resolution of the Council:

AND WHEREAS by the said Act, after reciting, inter alia, that it might become desirable that the Agricultural Society should be enabled to enter into agreements with the Society for the more enlarged promotion of Agriculture in Ireland, although such agreements should conflict with the existing Charter of the Agricultural Society, it was enacted that in case a majority of the Council of the Agricultural Society, to be convened specially for the purpose, pass a resolution agreeing, in the event of Our being graciously pleased to grant to the Agricultural Society a new Charter or Charters in lieu of the existing Charter or any part thereof, to surrender the Charter of the Agricultural Society, or any such part thereof; and in case at a meeting of the Agricultural Society, convened for the purpose of considering such resolution, to be held after such notice as by the said Act appointed, such resolution should be confirmed by the votes of three-fifths of the members of the Agricultural Society, present at such meeting and voting, then in case We should be graciously pleased to grant to the Agricultural Society a new Charter or Charters as aforesaid, from and after the grant of such new Charter or Charters by Us the Charter or Charters of the Agricultural Society, or such part of such Charters so agreed to be surrendered, should cease to be in force and have effect and the same should be null and void to all intents and purposes :

AND WHEREAS a majority of the Council of the Agricultural Society, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, passed a resolution agreeing that in the event of Our being graciously pleased to grant to the Agricultural Society a new Charter in lieu of the existing Charter, with a view to the Agricultural Society becoming amalgamated with the Society, the Agricultural Society should surrender its existing Charter in

accordance with section 18 of the said Dublin Science and Art Museum Act, 1877, hereinbefore recited:

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Society, at a meeting convened as directed by the said Act for the purpose of considering such last-mentioned resolution, has by the votes of three-fifths of the members of the Agricultural Society present at the said meeting and voting confirmed such resolution of the said Council :

AND WHEREAS it has been agreed between the Society and the Agricultural Society that it would be for the benefit of Agriculture in Ireland that the Agricultural Society should be amalgamated with the Society in the manner and on the terms contained in the agreement dated the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and which is annexed to these Our Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the Amalgamation Agreement should be confirmed, and that the Agricultural Society should be authorized to transfer and assign and the Society to accept and hold the property in the Amalgamation Agreement and in the Schedule thereto described in the manner and for the purposes therein expressed, and that upon such transfer and assignment being made as therein mentioned the Agricultural Society should stand dissolved:

AND WHEREAS Our Lieutenant-General and General Governor of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland, with the advice of Our Attorney-General and Solicitor-General of Ireland, is of opinion that We might (if We should be graciously pleased so to do) accept a surrender of the said existing Charter of the Agricultural Society and in lieu thereof grant unto the said body politic and corporate of the Agricultural Society a new Charter and unto the said body politic and corporate of the Society a Supplemental Charter for the purposes herein mentioned; upon consideration thereof, and We being graciously pleased to encourage and promote so laudable an object have condescended thereto:

KNOW YE THEREFORE THAT WE, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by and with the advice and consent of Our Right Trusty and Entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Charles Stewart, Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., Our

Lieutenant-General and General Governor of that part of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland, and according to the tenor and effect of Our Letter under Our Privy Signet and Royal Sign Manual bearing date at Our Court at St. James's, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, in the fifty-first year of Our reign, and now enrolled in the Rolls of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, have granted, declared, ordained, and directed, and by these presents for Us, Our heirs, and successors, do grant, decree, ordain, and direct:

Amalgamation
Agreement confirmed.

1. That the Amalgamation Agreement shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, and shall according to the provisions thereof be binding upon the Society, and upon the Agricultural Society and upon the Members thereof respectively:

Property of Agricultural
Society transferred.

2. That the Agricultural Society is hereby authorized to assign, transfer, and make over, and the Society to accept, hold, and enjoy to the said Society and its successors, all the hereditaments and property in the Amalgamation Agreement and in the schedule thereto mentioned, in the manner and for the purposes therein expressed, but freed and discharged from all estates, interests, powers, trusts, conditions, claims, and demands of the Agricultural Society in respect of or affecting the same under or in pursuance of their Charter or otherwise :

Execution of
Amalgamation
Agreement.

3. That the Society and the Agricultural Society and the Trustees of the Agricultural Society and all other necessary parties, are hereby authorized from time to time to make, do, and perform and cause to be made, done, and performed all such deeds, transfers, grants, acts, matters and things as shall be necessary, proper, or expedient for carrying into execution, completing, and affecting the Amalgamation Agreement according to the true intent and meaning thereof:

Agricultural Society
dissolved.

AND WE do hereby for Us Our heirs and successors, grant, declare, and ordain that, upon the several assignments and transfers in the Amalgamation Agreement specified being made either fully as therein mentioned or to the satisfaction of the Council of the Royal Dublin Society, the Agricultural Society shall stand dissolved, and shall thereupon wholly cease to exist.

Continued incorporation of Royal Dublin Society.	<p>AND WE do hereby further will, grant, decree, ordain, and direct that the Royal Dublin Society shall continue to be incorporated for the promotion of all the objects of the Society, and shall be one body corporate by the name of the Royal Dublin Society for the advancement of Agriculture and other Branches of Industry, and for the advancement of Science and Art, to have perpetual succession, and to purchase, have, take, receive, and enjoy to them and their successors lands, tenements, and hereditaments of whatsoever nature or kind, not exceeding in the whole the clear yearly value of one thousand pounds in addition to those now held by the Society, the said value of one thousand pounds to be estimated at the time or times at which the same lands, tenements, and hereditaments respectively shall be acquired by the Society, and also all manner of goods and chattels of what value soever, and to sue and to be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts and Pleas whatsoever, of Us, Our heirs and successors in all suits, complaints, and demands whatsoever, and that they and their successors may have a Common Seal such as they shall think proper for the use of the said Corporation, and that it shall be lawful for them and their successors to change, break, alter, or make new the said Seal from time to time as they shall think fit, and shall have and enjoy all such privileges, jurisdictions, powers, authorities, and discretions as the Society now has under or by virtue of their said Charters or Letters Patent hereinbefore referred to, or in any other lawful manner whatsoever; And We do hereby for Us, Our heirs and successors, confirm unto them all such privileges, jurisdictions, powers, authorities, and discretions accordingly: And We do hereby for Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, order and direct that the Members of the Society shall be regulated and governed according to the Statutes of the Society, which Statutes herein are, or hereafter shall be, approved of by Us, Our heirs and successors, and shall and may, all, every and any of them, be revoked, repealed, changed, augmented, altered, or made new from time to time, by writing under Our or their Sign Manual on petition of the Society, if it shall seem meet and expedient to Us, Our heirs and successors, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the above-recited Charter, bearing date the second day of April, in the twenty-third year of the reign of King George the Second, or in the above-cited Charter, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of December, in the twenty-ninth year of Our reign, and all and singular which Statutes so to be approved of, as aforesaid, shall have the same force as if they formed part of this Charter; and We do for Us. Our heirs and successors, charge and command that</p>
Name of Society.	
Objects.	
Property.	
Power to sue.	
Seal.	
Privileges &c., continued.	
Statutes	

they be strictly and inviolably observed, kept, and performed from time to time, so long as they shall respectively remain in full vigour and effect, under the penalties to be thereby and therein inflicted and contained:

Power of
Surrender

AND WE do by these presents will, order, and direct that the Society shall have power to surrender its present or any future Charter or Charters, or Statutes, or any part or parts thereof, or to accept any new Charter or Charters or Statutes, in the manner prescribed by the 17th Section of the Dublin Science and Art Museum Act, 1877, after which such surrender or acceptance shall be binding upon all Members of the Society and all others concerned.

First Statutes

AND WE do further will, ordain, and direct that the following Statutes, which have been approved of by Us, shall be the Statutes for the government and discipline of the Society :

STATUTES

CHAPTER I

OF THE CORPORATION

THE Corporation of the Society shall consist of the persons who have been heretofore elected Members of the Society, of those who shall become Members of the Society under the provisions of the Amalgamation Agreement, and of those who shall be hereafter elected Members of the Society in such manner as shall be from time to time prescribed by By-Law of the Society, or, in the absence of such By-Law, in accordance with the existing Charters of the Society.

Meetings of the Corporation shall be held at such times and places, and subject to such regulations, as shall from time to time be prescribed by By-Law of the Society, or, in the absence of such By-Law, in accordance with the existing Charters of the Society.

CHAPTER II

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY AND OTHER OFFICERS

THE President of the Society shall be such person as now holds the office of President, or who shall be from time to time elected to fill the said office in such manner and for such term as shall be prescribed by ByLaw of the Society, or, in the absence of such By-Law, in accordance with the existing Charters of the Society.

The President of the Society shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, or of the Council, or of sections of the Council at which he shall be present.

The Society shall have power to determine by By-Law the numbers, titles, mode of election, and tenure, and to appoint the duties of its other honorary officers, in such manner as seems to it

to be most conducive to the efficiency and well-being of the Society, and such determination shall supersede the provisions of the existing Charters of the Society with respect to the officers named in those Charters. In the absence of such determination by By-Law, the officers of the Society shall be those prescribed by the existing Charters of the Society.

CHAPTER III

As amended by Royal Warrant bearing date the fourteenth day July in the fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

OF THE COUNCIL AND OF SECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

THE Council of the Society shall consist of the President of the Society, of other *ex officio* Members, if such shall be added by By-Law, of representative Members, if such shall be added by By-Law, and of elected Members. It shall consist of three Sections-an Agricultural Section, a Section for Science and its industrial applications, and a Section for the General Purposes of the Society. Anyone or two of such Sections may sit separately from the rest of the Council and shall discharge the functions and exercise the powers of the Council within such limits as shall from time to time be laid down by By-Law of the Society, provided that the whole Council shall also be convened from time to time.

The number of the elected Members of Council shall be thirty-six, or such smaller number as shall be appointed by By-law.

The Society shall have power to prescribe by By-Law if it shall see fit that other officers, in addition to the President of the Society, shall be *ex officio* Members of the Council, or of one or more of the Sections of the Council.

The Council and Sections of Council shall be convened at such times and places as shall be appointed by By-Law of the Society or in the absence of such By-Law in accordance with the existing Charters of the Society.

The mode of election or appointment of the Members of Council and of Sections of Council shall be fixed by By-Law or in

the absence of such By-Law shall be in conformity with the existing Charters of the Society.

Seven shall be the quorum of the Council or of two Sections of Council sitting together. Five shall be the quorum of one Section of Council.

Each of the three Sections of Council shall have the same number of Members, with seats on the whole Council, provided always that the Society may by By-Law increase the number of Members of the Agricultural Section subject to the condition that the additional Members shall have seats only at meetings of that Section and shall not be Members of the whole Council or have seats at meetings of two Sections of Council, provided also that if from any cause the number of Members of the Council or of one or more Sections of Council is temporarily deficient the remaining Members of the Council, or of the Sections of Council, shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the whole Council, or of the Sections of Council, as the case may be, during such temporary deficiency. In estimating the number of Members of the three Sections having seats on the whole Council two persons who are Members of the same two Sections, but not of the third, shall count as one to each of those Sections.

CHAPTER IV

OF STANDING COMMITTEES

THE Society may by By-Law create such Standing Committees as it shall find convenient for the better discharge of its functions, with such representation on the Council as it shall deem expedient, or in the absence of such determination by By-Law of such number and with such representation on the Council as are prescribed by the existing Charters of the Society.

The mode of election or appointment of the Members of the Standing Committees shall be fixed by By-Law, or in the absence of such By-Law shall be in conformity with the existing Charters of the Society.

CHAPTER V

OF BY-LAWS

THE Society shall continue to have power to enact such By-Laws as it shall deem expedient in the manner prescribed by Section 7 of the Supplemental Charter of the twenty-ninth year of Our reign, which By-Laws shall be binding upon the Members of the Society, and upon the Officers, provided that the same be not repugnant to the laws of the realm, or to any provision of the Charters or Statutes of the Society, except in cases permitted by the Statutes.

CHAPTER VI

OF PENALTIES

THE Society shall have power, upon the recommendation of the Council passed at a meeting specially convened to consider the matter, to call upon any Member to resign by a majority of three-fifths of the votes of those present and voting at a lawfully convened meeting, and any Member so called upon to resign, and failing to do so within fourteen days, shall cease to be a Member of the Society, and shall have no further claim of any kind whatsoever upon the Society or upon its property.

CHAPTER VII

TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS

THE Council of the Society, elected under the provisions of the Charters hitherto in force, shall continue to exercise its functions for nine months after the date of these presents, or for such shorter time as shall be appointed by By-Law of the Society, after which time, so named or to be appointed, the said Council shall cease to exist, and the Council of the Society shall thenceforward be the Council appointed in accordance with these presents. The Society may by By-Law make such special arrangements, provided that the same be not contrary to the laws of the realm, as it shall deem most conducive to the interests of the Society, for the interval between

the date of these presents and the day on which the new Council shall come into existence with a view to aiding the transition; and such arrangements shall be binding upon all Members of the Society and all others concerned.

AND WE do also for Us, Our heirs and successors grant and declare that these Our Royal Letters Patent, or the enrolment or exemplification of the same, shall be in all things good, firm, valid, and effectual in law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same; and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in all Our Courts or elsewhere, in the most favourable and beneficial sense, and for the best advantage of the Society, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter or thing whatsoever notwithstanding. AND lastly We do hereby promise and declare for Us, Our heirs and successors, that We and they shall and will, at all times hereafter, give and grant to the Society and their successors such other reasonable powers and authorities as may be necessary for the better government thereof and the more effectual execution of these premises. Provided always that these Our Letters Patent be enrolled in the Record and Writ Office of the Chancery Division of Our High Court of Justice in Ireland aforesaid within six calendar months next ensuing the date of these presents. IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS, Charles Stewart, Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., Our Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland at Dublin, the fourteenth day of May, in the fifty-first year of Our reign.

J, NUGENT LENTAIGNE, Clerk of the Crown and
Hanaper, and Permanent Secretary to the Lord
Chancellor of Ireland.

Enrolled in the Consolidated Record and Writ Office
of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Ireland (Chancery
Division), on the twenty-sixth day of May, 1888.

GEORGE CREE, A.C.R.W.

AGREEMENT WITH THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made the twentysecond day of March, 1888, between THE ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY for Promoting Husbandry and other useful arts and sciences in Ireland (hereinafter called the Society) of the one part, and THE ROYAL AGRIOULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND (hereinafter caned the Agricultural Society) of the other part :

WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the Society was incorporated or re-established under, and by virtue of, a certain Charter or Letters Patent bearing date the 2nd day of April, in the 23rd year of the reign of King George the II, or otherwise, as in the said Letters Patent mentioned or referred to :

AND WHEREAS by a Supplemental Charter or Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Ireland, bearing date the 27th day of December, in the 29th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, further provision was made for the government of the Society, and its powers were confirmed as in the same Letters Patent mentioned or referred to :

AND WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the Society at present consists of persons duly elected as members thereof:

AND WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the Agricultural Society was incorporated under, and by virtue of, a certain Charter or Letters Patent, bearing date the 28th day of June, in the 24th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the purpose of promoting the improvement of agriculture in all its branches in Ireland, as in the same Letters Patent mentioned :

AND WHEREAS the body politic and corporate of the Agricultural Society at present consists of persons duly elected as members thereof:

AND WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in a session of Parliament held in the 40th and 41st years of the reign of Queen Victoria, Chap. CCXXXIV, shortly intituled "The

Dublin Science and Art Museum Act, 1877," after reciting (amongst other things) that it might become desirable that the Agricultural Society should be enabled to enter into agreements with the Society for the more enlarged promotion of agriculture in Ireland, although such agreements should conflict with the existing Charter of the Agricultural Society, it was enacted that in case a majority of the Council of the Agricultural Society, to be convened especially for the purpose, passed a resolution agreeing, in the event of Her Majesty being graciously pleased to grant to the Agricultural Society a new Charter or Charters in lieu of their existing Charter, or any part thereof, to surrender the Charter of the Agricultural Society, or any such part thereof: and in case at a meeting of the Agricultural Society, convened for the purpose of considering such resolution, to be held after due notice of the same should have been published twice at least in each of two consecutive weeks in some daily newspapers circulating in Dublin and in the Dublin Gazette, such resolution should be confirmed by the votes of three-fifths of the Members of the Agricultural Society present at such meeting and voting, then in case Her Majesty should be graciously pleased to grant to the Agricultural Society a new Charter or Charters as aforesaid, from and after the grant of such new Charter or Charters by Her Majesty, the Charter or Charters of the Agricultural Society, or such part of such Charters so agreed to be surrendered, should cease to be in force and have effect, and the same should be null and void to all intents and purposes :

AND WHEREAS a majority of the Council of the Agricultural Society, at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, passed a resolution agreeing that, in the event of Her Majesty being graciously pleased to grant to the Agricultural Society a new Charter in lieu of the existing Charter, with a view to the Agricultural Society becoming amalgamated with the Society, the Agricultural Society should surrender its existing Charter in accordance with section 18 of the Dublin Science and Art Museum Act, 1877 :

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Society, at a meeting convened for the purpose of considering such last mentioned resolution in the manner directed by the said Act, has, by the votes of three-fifths of the Members of the Agricultural Society present at the said meeting and voting, confirmed such resolution of the said Council :

AND WHEREAS under, and by virtue of, an indenture of lease, dated the 4th day of January, 1861, and expressed to be made between the Right Honourable Archibald Earl of Gosford, of the one part, His Grace Augustus Frederick FitzGerald Duke of Leinster, the Right Honourable Robert Dillon Baron Clonbrock, George Alexander Hamilton, and John La Touche, of the other part, the Agricultural Society is now possessed of, or entitled to, all that dwelling house, messuage, or tenement now known as No. 42, Upper Sackvillestreet, in the City of Dublin, with the offices, coachhouse, and stables, and other buildings and improvements in the rear thereof, for the residue still unexpired of the term of 99 years, to be computed from the 1st day of May, 1860, subject to the yearly rent of £141 :

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Society is also possessed of or entitled to the sum of £7,882 88. 7d. Government New 3 per cent. Stock now standing in the names of the Right Honourable Robert Dillon Baron Clonbrock, John La Touche, Esquire, the Right Honourable James Talbot Baron Talbot de Malahide, deceased, and the Right Honourable George Stephens Viscount Gough, as trustees for the Agricultural Society:

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Society is also possessed of, or entitled to, the several challenge cups specified in the schedule hereto, and certain articles of furniture and other property of little value:

AND WHEREAS it has been agreed between the Society and the Agricultural Society that it would be for the benefit of Agriculture in Ireland that the Agricultural Society should be amalgamated with the Society in the manner and upon the terms hereinafter expressed:

Now it is hereby mutually agreed by and between the Society and the Agricultural Society and their respective successors and assigns as follows :

1. In the event of Her Majesty being graciously pleased to accept a surrender of the existing Charter of the Agricultural Society and to grant in lieu thereof to the Agricultural Society a new Charter, which shall be also a Supplemental Charter of the Society, for the purpose of amalgamating the Agricultural Society with the Society by conferring and giving effect to the terms of this

agreement, then and in such case the following provisions shall forthwith be carried into effect :

2. All Life Members of the Agricultural Society shall thereupon become Life Members of the Society without being elected thereto, and without paying any further subscription therefor, and shall have and enjoy all the same rights and privileges as Life Members of the Society.

3. All Annual Members of the Agricultural Society (not then being Members of the Society) shall thereupon become Annual Members of the Society without being elected thereto, and shall have and enjoy all the same rights and privileges as Annual Members of the Society, save that they shall have the option of paying either the annual subscription which they have heretofore paid as Annual Members of the Agricultural Society, or of paying the annual subscription to which the existing Annual Members of the Society are liable: Provided that in the event of any such new Annual Member of the Society at any time desiring to compound and become a Life Member of the Society (in pursuance of any By-Law of the Society in that behalf), then in such case, for the purposes of the said By-Law, such new Annual Member shall be deemed and considered to have been an Annual Member of the Society as from the date on which such new Annual Member became an Annual Member of the Agricultural Society.

4. All the estate, right, title, and interest of the Agricultural Society to and in the said house and premises known as 42, Upper Sackville-street, as aforesaid, shall be assigned and transferred by a proper deed or deeds executed by the necessary parties to the Society, or to such persons in trust for the Society as the Society shall appoint: Provided always that such deed shall contain a covenant by the Society indemnifying the assignors in the said assignment of the said indenture of lease of the 4th day of January, 1861, from all actions, expenses, claims, and demands, on account of the nonpayment of the rent thereby reserved, or the breach of the covenants therein contained, or any of them.

5. The said sum of £7,882 8s. 7d. Government New 3 per cent. Stock, now standing in the names of the Right Hon. Robert Dillon Baron Clonbrock, John La Touche, Esquire, the Right Hon. James Talbot Baron Talbot de Malahide, deceased, the Right Hon. George Stephens Viscount Gough, shall be transferred to the

Society, and shall be held by the Society, subject to the provisions contained in clause 9 of this agreement.

6. The said several challenge cups particularly described in the Schedule hereto, and also all articles of furniture and other property belonging to the Agricultural Society, shall be transferred and handed over by the Agricultural Society to the Society.

7. Upon such assignment, transfer, and delivery being made, as aforesaid, the said Government Stock charged as hereinafter stated, and the said challenge cups, shall be applied by the Society for the promotion of Agriculture in Ireland, but freed and discharged from all estates, interests, powers, trusts, conditions, claims, demands, and liabilities of the Agricultural Society in respect of or affecting the same under or in pursuance of their Charter or otherwise.

8. The Society shall, from and after the date of the said Charter being granted as aforesaid, bear, pay, and discharge out of the aforesaid Government Stock or otherwise, and effectually indemnify the Agricultural Society from and against all debts, claims, demands, and liabilities of any nature or kind soever which may, at the date of the granting of such Charter as aforesaid, be subsisting or existing against the Agricultural Society, and from and against all claims and demands in respect thereof, to the extent nevertheless only of the property of the Agricultural Society, which may be assigned, transferred, or come to the hands of the Society, as aforesaid, or of which the Society may obtain the benefit or advantage: Provided always that nothing in this clause shall be held to prevent the Society at any time spending in the promotion of agriculture in Ireland, if they shall think fit, the whole residue of the said sum of £7,882 88. 7d. Government New 3 per cent. Stock which shall remain after paying the sums charged upon it in clause 9.

9. The Society shall, out of the said sum of £7,882 88. 7d. Government New 3 per cent. Stock, when the same shall have been transferred to them, as aforesaid, make the following payments :

(a) The sum of £500 to Thomas H. B. Rutledge on his retirement from the office of Secretary to the Agricultural Society, and in full discharge of all his claims against the Agricultural Society.

(b) The sum of £50 to Professor Sir Charles Cameron on his retirement from the office of Analyst to the Agricultural Society, and in full discharge of all his claims against the Agricultural Society.

(c) All costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the carrying of this agreement into effect, and also of and incidental to the obtaining and perfecting of the said Charter, and of the surrender of the existing Charter of the Agricultural Society.

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

The Croker Challenge Cup, value £50.

The Leinster Cup, value £140.

The Talbot de Malahide Challenge Cup, value £50. The Blyth Challenge Cup, value £15.

The Gilbey and Taylor Challenge Cup, value £25.

In witness whereof the said Royal Dublin Society have caused their Corporate Seal to be affixed, and the said Royal Agricultural Society have affixed their Common Seal, and three Members of their Council and their Secretary have hereunto subscribed their names this twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Royal Dublin Society,
and delivered in presence of

C. UNIACKE TOWNSHEND, Hon. Sec.

GEO. FRAS. FITZGERALD, Hon. Sec.

THOMAS J. HAYES, Assist. Repr.

COLIN EDWARDS.



Sealed with the Common Seal of the Royal Agricultural Society, and signed by James Naper, Sir Thomas Butler, Baronet, and Major Robert H. Borrowes, being three Members of their Council, and by Thos. H. B. Rutledge, their Secretary, and delivered in the presence of

B. WHITNEY, Solicitor,
46, Kildare-street, Dublin.
J. L. NAPER,
THOMAS BUTLER,
R. H. BORROWES,
THOS. H. B. RUTLEDGE,
Secretary.



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