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Rex et Regina omnibus ad quos etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos considerantes et manifeste percipientes quod nonnulli sediciosi et hæretici libri rythmi et tractatus indies sunt editi, excussi et impressi per diversas scandalosas maliciosas scismaticas et hæreticas personas, non solum moventes subditos et ligeos nostros ad sediciones et inobediencias contra nos coronam et dignitatem nostras, verum etiam ad maximas et detestabiles hæreses contra fidem ac sanam Catholicam doctrinam sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ renovandas et movendas, et remedium congruum in hac parte providere volentes, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris volumus damus et concedimus pro nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris præfatae Reginae, dilectis et fidelibus ligeis nostris Thomæ Dockwraye, Johanni Cawood, Henrico Coke, Willelmo Bonham, Ricardo Waye, Simoni Coston, Reginaldo Wolf, Jacobo Hollyland, Stephano Kevall, Johanni Turke, Nicholao Taverner, Michaeli Ubley,* Johanni Jakes, Willelmo Ryddall, Johanni Judson, Johanni Walley, Thomæ Duxwell, Anthonio Smyth, Willelmo Powell, Ricardo Jugge, Willelmo Serryes, Roberto Holder, Thomæ Purfot, Johanni Rogers, Willelmo Steward, Ricardo Patchet, Nicholao Borman, Rogero Ireland, Ricardo Crosse, Thomæ Powell, Anthonio Crofte, Ricardo Hyll, Aleno Gamlyn, Henrico Norton, Ricardo Lant, Henrico Suttell, Andreæ Hertes,† Thomæ Devell, Johanni Case, Willelmo Hyll, Ricardo Richardson, Egidio Huke, Johanni Kyngge, Johanni Fairebarne, Johanni Hyll, Petro Frenche, Ricardo Harryson, Humfrido Powell, Johanni Clerke, Willelmo Copland, Willelmo Marten, Edwardo Sutton, Thomæ Parker, Johanni Bonham, Johanni Goughe, Johanni Daye, Johanni Whitney, Simoni Spylman, Willelmo Baldwyn, Willelmo Coke, Johanni Kevall, Roberto Broke, Thomæ Sawyer, Carolo Walley, Thomæ Patenson, Thomæ Mershe, Ricardo Tottell, Banulpho Tyer, Johanni Burtofte, Willelmo Griffith, Edwardo Broune, Nicholao Cliston, Ricardo Harvy, Jacobo Gunwell, Edwardo Cator, Johanni Kele, Thomæ Bylton, Thomæ Mascall, Willelmo Norton, Willelmo Pykeryng, Ricardo Baldwyn, Ricardo Grene, Thomæ Beyden, Roberto Badborne, Johanni Alday, Roberto Blyth, Gregorio Brodehead, Hugoni Cotisfurth, Ricardo Wallys, Thomæ Gee, Ricardo Kevell, juniore, Johanni Shereman, Thomæ Skeroll, Oweno ap Roger, Johanni Tysdale, Adamo Croke et Johanni Fox, liberis hominibus misteræ sive artis Stacionarii Civitatis nostræ Londonii et suburbiorum ejusdem, quod ipsi de cætero sint in re facto et nomine unum corpus de se imperpetuum, et una communitas perpetua corporata de uno magistro et duobus custodibus sive gardianis in communitate ejusdem misteræ sive artis stacionarii civitatis prædictæ, et quod habeant successionem perpetuam.

Et ulterius nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per præsentem ordinamus, creamus, erigimus, facimus et constituimus prædictum Thomam Dockwray, Magistrum ejusdem Misteræ sive artis Stacionarii Civitatis prædictæ durante uno anno proxime sequenti, et prædictos Johannem Cawood et Henricum Cooke, custodes sive gardianos ejusdem misteræ sive artis Stacionarii civitatis prædictæ pro uno anno proxime sequenti, et prædictos Willelmum Bonham, Ricardum Waye, Simonem Coston, Reginaldum Wolf, Jacobum

The king and queen to all to whom etc. greeting. Know ye that we, considering and manifestly perceiving that certain seditious and heretical books rhymes and treatises are daily published and printed by divers scandalous malicious schismatical and heretical persons, not only moving our subjects and lieges to sedition and disobedience against us, our crown and dignity, but also to renew and move very great and detestable heresies against the faith and sound catholic doctrine of Holy Mother Church, and wishing to provide a suitable remedy in this behalf, of our special grace and from our certain knowledge and mere motion we will, give and grant for ourselves, the heirs and successors of us the foresaid Queen, to our beloved and faithful lieges Thomas Dockwraye, John Cawood, Henry Coke, William Bonham, Richard Waye, Simon Coston, Reginald Wolf, James Hollyland, Stephen Kevall, John Turke, Nicholas Taverner, Michael Lobley, John Jakes, William Ryddall, John Judson, John Walley, Thomas Duxwell, Anthony Smyth, William Powell, Richard Jugge, William Serryes, Robert Holder, Thomas Purfot, John Rogers, William Steward, Richard Patchet, Nicholas Borman, Roger Ireland, Richard Crosse, Thomas Powell, Anthony Crofte, Richard Hyll, Alan Gamlyn, Henry Norton, Richard Lant, Henry Suttell, Andrew Hertes, Thomas Devell, John Case, William Hyll, Richard Richardson, Giles Huke, John Kyngge, John Fairebarne, John Hyll, Peter Frenche, Richard Harryson, Humphrey Powell, John Clerke, William Copland, William Marten, Edward Sutton, Thomas Parker, John Bonham, John Goughe, John Daye, John Whitney, Simon Spylman, William Baldwyn, William Coke, John Kevall, Robert Broke, Thomas Sawyer, Charles Walley, Thomas Patenson, Thomas Mershe, Richard Tottell, Ralph Tyer, John Burtofte, William Griffith, Edward Broune, Nicholas Cliston, Richard Harvy, James Gunwell, Edward Cator, John Kele, Thomas Bylton, Thomas Mascall, William Norton, William Pykeryng, Richard Baldwyn, Richard Grene, Thomas Beyden, Robert Badborne, John Alday, Robert Blyth, Gregory Brodehead, Hugh Cotisfurth, Richard Wallys, Thomas Gee, Richard Kevell the younger, John Shereman, Thomas Skeroll, Owen ap Roger, John Tysdale, Adam Croke, and John Fox, free men of the mystery or art of Stationery of our City of London, and the suburbs of the same, that they from hence forth may be in fact, deed and name one body by themselves for ever, and one perpetual community incorporated of one Master and two Keepers or Wardens in the community of the same Mystery or Art of Stationery of the foresaid City, and that they may have perpetual succession.

And further we of our special grace and from our certain knowledge and mere motion, by these presents ordain, create, erect, make and appoint the foresaid Thomas Dockwray Master of the same Mystery or Art of Stationery of the foresaid City during one year next following, and the foresaid John Cawood and Henry Cooke, Keepers or Wardens of the same mystery or art of Stationery of the foresaid city for one year next following; and the foresaid William Bonham, Richard Waye, Simon Coston, Reginald Wolf, James Hollyland, Stephen

* Lobley in Confirmation.

† Hester in Confirmation.

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Hollyland, Stephanum Kevall, Johannem Turke, Nicholaum Taverner, Michaelem Lobley, Johannem Jaques, Willelmum Ryddall, Johannem Judson, Johannem Walley, Thomam Duxwell, Anthonium Smyth, Willelmum Powell, Ricardum Jugge, Willelmum Seres, Robertum Holder, Thomam Porfutt, Johannem Rogers, Willelmum Steward, Ricardum Patchett, Nicholaum Borman, Rogerum Ireland, Ricardum Crosse, Thomam Powell, Anthonium Crofte, Ricardum Hyll, Alenum Gamlyn, Henricum Norton, Ricardum Lant, Henricum Suttell, Andream Hester, Thomam Devell, Johannem Case, Willelmum Hyll, Ricardum Richardson, Egidium Huke, Johannem Kyng, Johannem Fayerbarne, Johannem Hyll, Petrum Frenche, Ricardum Harryson, Humfridum Powell, Johannem Clerke, Willelmum Copland, Willelmum Marten, Edwardum Sutton, Thomam Parker, Johannem Bonham, Johannem Gough, Johannem Daye, Johannem Whitney, Simonem Spilman, Willelmum Baldwyn, et Willelmum Coke, Johannem Kevall, Robertum Broke, Thomam Sawyer, Carolum Walley, Thomam Patenson, Thomam Marshe, Ricardum Tottell, Ranulphum Tyer, Johannem Burtofte, Willelmum Griffith, Edwardum Broune, Nicholaum Clyston, Ricardum Harvy, Jacobum Gonwell, Edwardum Cator, Johannem Kele, Thomam Bylton, Thomam Maskall, Willelmum Norton, Willelmum Pykeryng, Ricardum Baldwyn, Ricardum Grene, Thomam Boyden, Robertum Radborne, * Johannem Alday, Robertum Blyth, Gregorium Brodehead, Hugonem Cotisfourth, Ricardum Malleys, † Thomam Gee, Ricardum Kevell, Johannem Shereman, Thomam Skeroll, Owenum ap Roger, Johannem Tysdale, Adamum Broke, et Johannem Foxe, communitatem ejusdem misteræ sive artis Stationarii civitatis prædictæ facimus creamus et constituimus per præsentis.

Et ulterius ordinamus, creamus, erigimus, facimus et constituimus per præsentis prædictos magistrum custodes et communitatem in re et nomine unum corpus de se imperpetuum, et unam communitatem imperpetuum corporatam de uno Magistro et duobus custodibus sive gardianis et communitate ejusdem misteræ sive artis Stationarii civitatis Londonii prædictæ, ac ipsos magistrum, custodes sive gardianos et communitatem incorporamus et corpus incorporatum per nomen "Magistri et custodum sive gardianorum et communitatis misteræ sive artis Stationarii civitatis Londonii" imperpetuum duraturum realiter et ad plenum volumus, concedimus, creamus, erigimus, ordinamus, facimus, declaramus et constituimus per præsentis. Et quod iidem magistri, custodes sive gardiani et communitas de cætero habeant successionem perpetuam, et quod ipsi magister et custodes sive gardiani et communitas et successores sui imperpetuum nuncupentur appellentur et vocentur per nomen "Magistri et custodum sive gardianorum et communitatis misteræ sive artis Stationarii civitatis Londonii," et per nomen illud placitare et implacitare, ac respondere et responderi valeant et possent in omnibus et singulis materiis, sectis et querelis, accionibus, demandis et causis coram quibuscunque iudicibus et justiciariis, et in quibuscunque curiis et locis; et habeant sigillum commune pro rebus et negotiis suis deserviturum et agendum, et pro sigillacione omnium et singulorum factorum et

Kevall, John Turke, Nicholas Taverner, Michael Lobley, John Jaques, William Ryddall, John Judson, John Walley, Thomas Duxwell, Anthony Smyth, William Powell, Richard Jugge, William Seres, Robert Holder, Thomas Porfutt, John Rogers, William Steward, Richard Patchett, Nicholas Borman, Roger Ireland, Richard Crosse, Thomas Powell, Anthony Crofte, Richard Hyll, Alan Gamlyn, Henry Norton, Richard Lant, Henry Suttell, Andrew Hester, Thomas Devell, John Case, William Hyll, Richard Richardson, Giles Huke, John Kyng, John Fayerbarne, John Hyll, Peter Frenche, Richard Harryson, Humphrey Powell, John Clerke, William Copland, William Marten, Edward Sutton, Thomas Parker, John Bonham, John Gough, John Daye, John Whitney, Simon Spilman, William Baldwyn, and William Coke, John Kevall, Robert Broke, Thomas Sawyer, Charles Walley, Thomas Patenson, Thomas Marshe, Richard Tottell, Ralph Tyer, John Burtofte, William Griffith, Edward Broune, Nicholas Clyston, Richard Harvy, James Gonwell, Edward Cator, John Kele, Thomas Bylton, Thomas Maskall, William Norton, William Pykeryng, Richard Baldwyn, Richard Grene, Thomas Boyden, Robert Radborne, John Alday, Robert Blyth, Gregory Brodehead, Hugh Cotisfourth, Richard Walleys, Thomas Gee, Richard Kevell, John Shereman, Thomas Skeroll, Owen ap Roger, John Tysdale, Adam Broke and John Foxe, we make, create, and appoint by these presents the community of the same mistery or art of Stationery of the foresaid City.

And further we ordain, create, erect, make, and appoint by these presents the foresaid Master Wardens and community in deed and in name one body by themselves for ever, and one community for ever incorporated of one Master and two Keepers or Wardens and the community of the same mistery or art of Stationery of the foresaid city of London, and we incorporate the Master, Keepers or Wardens and community, and we will, grant, create, erect, ordain, make, declare and appoint them by these presents to be a corporate body by the name of "The Master and Keepers or Wardens and Community of the mistery or art of Stationery of the City of London," for ever to endure really and in full; and that the same Masters, Keepers or Wardens and community may have for the future perpetual succession; and that the Master and Keepers or Wardens and community and their successors shall be for ever entitled, named, and called by the name of "The Masters and Keepers or Wardens and Community of the Mistery or Art of Stationery of the City of London" and by that name shall have power to plead and be impleaded and answer and be answered in all and several matters, suits and complaints, actions, demands and causes before any judges and justices, and in any courts and places; and they shall have a common seal to serve and make use of for their matters and business, and for the sealing of all and several their deeds and writings in

* Should be Radborne.

† Wallys in Confirmation Roll.

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scriptorum suorum res et negocia sua quovismodo tangentium sive concernentium ; et ipsi magistri et custodes sive gardiani et communitas et successores sui de tempore in tempus facere possint et ordinare et stabilire pro bono et sano regimine et gubernatione liberorum hominum artis sive misteræ prædictæ ac communitatis prædictæ ordinationes, provisiones et statuta, quociens eis videbitur fore opportunum et idoneum, dummodo ordinationes provisiones et statuta illa non sint in aliquo repugnancia seu contraria legibus aut statutis hujus regni nostri Angliæ, aut in præjudicium reipublicæ ejusdem regni nostri ; et quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum congregationes de seipsis licitas et honestas ad statuta et ordinationes hujusmodi et alias res pro utilitate ejusdem misteræ sive artis ac communitatis ejusdem ac pro aliis licitis causis in forma prædicta tocians quociens eis placuerit, facere valeant et possint licite et impune absque molestacione vel inquietacione nostri vel hæredum seu successorum nostræ præfatæ Reginæ, vel alicujus alius ; ac quod prædicti magistri et custodes sive gardiani ac communitas dictæ misteræ sive artis Stacionarii civitatis prædictæ et successores sui, aut major pars eorum licite et in loco convenienti congregati annuatim imperpetuum vel sæpius seu rarius talibus temporibus et locis infra civitatem prædictam quibus ipsis placuerit, de seipsis eligere possint et facere unum magistrum et duos custodes sive gardianos ejusdem misteræ sive artis Stacionarii civitatis prædictæ ad regendum gubernandum et supervidendum misteram et communitatem prædictam, et omnes homines ejusdem misteræ, et negocia eorundem, et anteriorem magistrum et anteriorem custodem * sive gardianos suos amovere et extra officia illa exponere, prout eis melius videbitur ; et quod si et quociens contigerit in aliqua eleccione quod magister et custodes sive gardiani et communitas prædicta sint æquales in una voce, una pars contra aliam, in tali eleccione quod tunc et tocians magister misteræ prædictæ, si aliquis magister tunc fuerit, vel senior custos sive gardianus misteræ illius, si aliquis magister misteræ illius tunc non fuerit, habeat duas voces in talibus eleccionibus ; et quod magister et custodes sive gardiani et communitas misteræ prædictæ et successores sui pro tempore existentes imperpetuum sint personæ habiles et capaces in lege tam ad dandum, concedendum et dimittendum terras et tenementa, bona et catalla sua, quam ad perquirendum, possidendum, capiendum et recipiendum sibi et successoribus suis terras, tenementa, possessiones, bona, catalla, et hæreditamenta, habenda, gaudenda et possidenda sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito, aut aliquo statuto, actu vel ordinatione in contrarium facto vel faciendo, non obstante, ita quod dicta terræ, tenementa et hæreditamenta sic per eos perquirenda et recipienda, sint infra dictam civitatem nostram Londonii, vel suburbia aut libertates ejusdem civitatis, et ita quod annum valorem viginti librarum legalis monetæ Angliæ non excedant ullo modo.

Præterea volumus concedimus ordinamus et constituimus pro nobis et successoribus nostræ præfatæ Reginæ quod nulla persona infra hoc regnum nostrum Angliæ vel dominia ejusdem practizabit

any wise touching or concerning their affairs and business ; and the Masters and Keepers or Wardens and community and their successors from time to time may make and ordain and establish, for the good and sound rule and government of the free men of the art or mistery aforesaid and of the foresaid community, ordinances, provisions and statutes whenever it shall seem to them to be opportune and fit, so as those ordinances, provisions and statutes are not in any way repugnant or contrary to the laws or statutes of this our kingdom of England, or to the prejudice of the common wealth of the same, our kingdom ; and that they and their successors for ever shall have power to form lawful and honourable assemblies of themselves for statutes and ordinances of this kind and other things for the good of this mistery or art and of the same community, and for other lawful causes, in the foresaid form, whenever it shall please them, freely and with impunity, without molestation or disturbance of us or the heirs or successors of us the foresaid Queen, or of any other ; and that the foresaid Master and Keepers or Wardens and Community of the said mistery or art of Stationery of the foresaid city and their successors or the greater part of them assembled lawfully and in a fitting place yearly for ever, or oftener or more seldom, at such times and places within the foresaid city as they shall please, may elect and make of themselves one Master and two Keepers or Wardens of the same mistery or art of Stationery of the foresaid City to rule, govern, and oversee the mistery and community aforesaid and all the men of the same mistery and the business of the same, and to remove and put out of their offices their former Master and their former Keepers or Wardens as it seems best to them ; and that if and whenever it shall happen in any election that the Master and Keepers or Wardens and community aforesaid are equal in one vote one part against another, in such election that then and so often the Master of the foresaid mistery, if there is any Master at that time, or the elder Keeper or Warden of that mistery if there is no master of that mistery at that time, shall have two votes in such elections ; and that the Masters and Keepers or Wardens and the community of the foresaid mistery and their successors for the time being for ever shall be persons, able and capable in law to give, grant, and let their lands and tenements, goods and chattels, and to acquire, possess, take and receive for themselves and their successors lands, tenements, possessions, goods, chattels and hereditaments to have, enjoy, and possess for themselves and their successors for ever, notwithstanding the statute passed concerning lands and tenements not to be put in mortmain, or any statute, act or ordinance made, or to be made to the contrary, so that the said lands, tenements and hereditaments thus by them acquired and received are within our said city of London or the suburbs or liberties of the same city, and so that they do not exceed in any wise the yearly value of twenty pounds of lawful money of England.

Besides we will, grant, ordain, and appoint for ourselves and the successors of us the foresaid Queen that no person within this our realm of England or the dominions of the same shall

* *Antecessores custodes* in Confirmation.

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vel exercet per se vel per ministros suos, servientes suos, seu per aliquam aliam personam, artem sive misteram imprimendi vel excudendi aliquem librum vel aliquam rem vendendum seu barganizandum infra hoc regnum nostrum Angliæ vel dominia ejusdem, nisi eadem persona tempore impressionis sive excussionis suæ prædictæ sit vel erit una de communitate prædictæ misteræ sive artis Stationarii civitatis prædictæ, vel inde habeat licenciam nostram vel hæredum seu successorum nostræ præfatæ Reginæ per literas patentes nostras vel hæredum seu successorum nostræ præfatæ Reginæ.

Insuper volumus, concedimus, ordinamus et constituimus pro nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostræ præfatæ Reginæ præfatis magistro custodibus sive gardianis et communitati misteræ sive artis Stationarii civitatis Londonii prædictæ et successoribus suis imperpetuum, quod bene licebit magistro et custodibus sive gardianis prædictis et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus tam scrutinium facere quocienscunque eis libuerit in aliquo loco, shopa, domo, camera, vel ædificio alicujus excussoris, impressoris, ligatoris seu venditoris librorum quorumcunque infra regnum nostrum Angliæ vel dominia ejusdem de vel pro aliquibus libris vel rebus impressis et excussis sive imprimendis vel excudendis, quam seisire, capere, habere, comburere vel in usus proprios communitatis prædictæ convertere omnes et singulos illos libros et illas res qui vel quæ sunt vel erunt impressi sive excussi contra formam alicujus statuti, actus, vel proclamacionis facti vel fiendi, ac quod si aliqua persona practisabit seu exercet artem sive misteram prædictam, contra formam prædictam, aut disturbabit, negabit vel impedit prædictos magistrum et custodes sive gardianos pro tempore existentes, vel eorum aliquem pro tempore existentem, ad prædictum scrutinium faciendum vel ad seisiendum, capiendum aut comburendum prædictos libros aut res aut eorum seu earum aliquem sive aliquam contra formam alicujus statuti, actus vel proclamacionis impressionis sive excussionis vel imprimendi sive excudendi,* quod tunc prædicti magister et custodes sive gardiani pro tempore existentes imprisonabunt vel imprisonabit seu ad gaolam committent vel committet quamlibet talem personam sic practisantem vel exercentem artem sive misteram prædictam contra formam prædictam, aut sic ut præfertur disturbantem negantem vel impediendam, ibidem permansuram sine manucaptione per spacium trium mensium; ac quod eadem persona sic practisans vel exercens artem sive misteram prædictam contra formam prædictam aut sic, ut præfertur, disturbans, negans, vel impediens, forisfaciet pro qualibet tali practizacione vel exercione prædicta contra formam prædictam, et pro qualibet tali disturbacione negacione vel impedimento centum solidos legalis monetæ Angliæ, dimidium inde nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris præfatæ Reginæ et aliud dimidium inde præfatis magistro custodibus sive gardianis, et communitati.

Eo quod expressa mencio [de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine præmissorum sive eorum alicujus aut de aliis donis sive successionibus† per nos vel per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum præfato magistro et custodibus sive gardianis et communitati ante

practise or exercise by himself or by his ministers, his servants or by any other person the art or mystery of printing any book or any thing for sale or traffic within this our realm of England or the dominions of the same, unless the same person at the time of his foresaid printing is or shall be one of the community of the foresaid mystery or art of Stationery of the foresaid City, or has therefore licence of us, or the heirs or successors of us the foresaid Queen by the letters patent of us or the heirs or successors of us the foresaid Queen.

Further we will, grant, ordain, and appoint for ourselves, the heirs and successors of us the foresaid Queen to the foresaid Master, Keepers or Wardens and community of the mystery or art of Stationery of the City of London aforesaid and their successors for ever, that it shall be lawful for the Master and Keepers or Wardens aforesaid and their successors for the time being to make search whenever it shall please them in any place, shop, house, chamber, or building of any printer, binder or bookseller whatever within our kingdom of England or the dominions of the same of or for any books or things printed, or to be printed, and to seize, take, hold, burn, or turn to the proper use of the foresaid community, all and several those books and things which are or shall be printed contrary to the form of any statute, act, or proclamation, made or to be made; and that if any person shall practise or exercise the foresaid art or mystery contrary to the foresaid form, or shall disturb, refuse, or hinder the foresaid Master or Keepers or Wardens for the time being or any one of them for the time being, in making the foresaid search or in seizing, taking, or burning the foresaid books or things, or any of them printed or to be printed contrary to the form of any statute, act, or proclamation, that then the foresaid Master and Keepers or Wardens for the time being shall imprison or commit to jail any such person so practising or exercising the foresaid art or mystery contrary to the foresaid form, or as is stated above, disturbing, refusing or hindering, there to remain without bail for the space of three months; and that the same person so practising or exercising the foresaid art or mystery contrary to the foresaid form, or so, as is above stated, disturbing, refusing or hindering, shall forfeit for each such practising or exercising aforesaid against the form aforesaid and for each such disturbance, refusal or hindrance a hundred shillings of lawful money of England, one half thereof to us, the heirs and successors of us the foresaid Queen, and the other half thereof to the foresaid Master, Keepers or Wardens and community.

Notwithstanding that express mention of the true yearly value, or of the certainty of the premises, or of any of them, or of other gifts or grants made by us or by any of our progenitors to the foresaid Master and Keepers or Wardens and com-

* *Impress' sive excuss' vel imprimend' sive excudend'*, in Confirmation.

† Sic. An error for *concessionibus*.

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hæc tempora factis in præsentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione sive restrictione inde in contrarium antehac facto, edito, ordinato, seu proviso, aut aliqua aliare, causa, vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante.]

In cujus rei [testimonium] has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes].

Testibus Rege et Regina, apud Westmonasterium, quarto die Maii.

Per breve de privato sigillo etc.

munity before these times, is not made in these presents, or any statute, act, ordinance, provision or restriction to the contrary hereof previously made, published, ordained or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatever in any wise.

In witness of which thing we have caused to be made these our letters patent.

Witnesses—the King and Queen at Westminster the fourth day of May.

By writ of privy seal, etc.

[Pat. 3 & 4 Phil. & Mar., part 10. m. 46.]

Queen Elizabeth's Confirmation on the 10th November 1559 is in precisely the same words with the exception of the following:—

Regina etc. Inspeximus literas patentes domini Phillippi Regis et Domine Mariæ nuper Regine Angliæ præcharissimæ sororis nostræ, magistro custodibus sive gardianis et communitati misteræ sive artis Stacionarii civitatis nostræ Londonii nuper concessas, factas in hæc verba:—

“Philippus et Maria Dei gratia Rex et Regina Angliæ etc. . . . Testibus nobis ipsis apud Westmonasterium quarto die Maii, annis regnorum nostrorum tertio et quarto.”

Nos autem literas prædictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta, rata habentes et grata, ea pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus, ac dilectis nobis **Reginaldo Wolfe** nunc magistro misteræ sive artis Stacionarii prædicti, et **Michaeli Lobley** et **Thomæ Duxwell** custodibus sive gardianis ejusdem misteræ et successoribus suis ratificamus et confirmamus, prout cartæ et literæ prædictæ rationabiliter in se testantur.

In cujus rei etc. Teste Regina apud Westmonasterium, decimo die Novembris, anno regni nostri primo.

Pro viginti sex solidis et octo denariis solutis in hanaperio.

The Queen, etc. We have inspected the letters patent of Lord Philip King, and Lady Mary, late Queen of England, our dearest sister, lately granted to the Master, Keepers or Wardens and Community of the Mistery or Art of Stationery of our City of London, made in these words:—

“Philip and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England Witnesses ourselves at Westminster the fourth day of May in the 3rd and 4th years of our reigns.”

We therefore holding firm and agreeable the foresaid letters and all and several the contents of the same, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, as far as in us lies accept and approve of them, and ratify and confirm them to our beloved **Reginald Wolfe** now Master of the Mistery or Art of Stationery aforesaid and to **Michal Lobley** and **Thomas Duxwell**, Keepers or Wardens of the same Mistery and their successors, as the foresaid charters and letters reasonably testify in themselves.

In witness of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster, the tenth day of November in the first year of our reign.

For twenty-six shillings and eight-pence paid into the hanaper.

[Confirmation Roll, 1 Eliz. part 4. m. 15.]

IX.



HE names and their order are identical in both Charters. As their sequence also roughly agrees with the contemporaneous Assessment of the Brotherhood in the spring of 1556, which is preserved at pp. 46-48: it may fairly be assumed that the names stand in the Charters in some order of seniority.

All the Brotherhood, however, were not named in the Charters. It is highly important that we should clearly and indubitably know who were included therein and who were not. Therefore we will first re-arrange in alphabetical order, all the Charter-men: prefixing their relative position among the ninety-seven enumerated therein; inserting (1555) after those who occur in the earliest indubitable List in the Registers of the Brotherhood, and who were certainly members thereof about the spring of 1555, see pp. 48-49; and lastly, marking the dates of such freedoms of the Incorporated Fellowship as are recorded as granted in the Text:—