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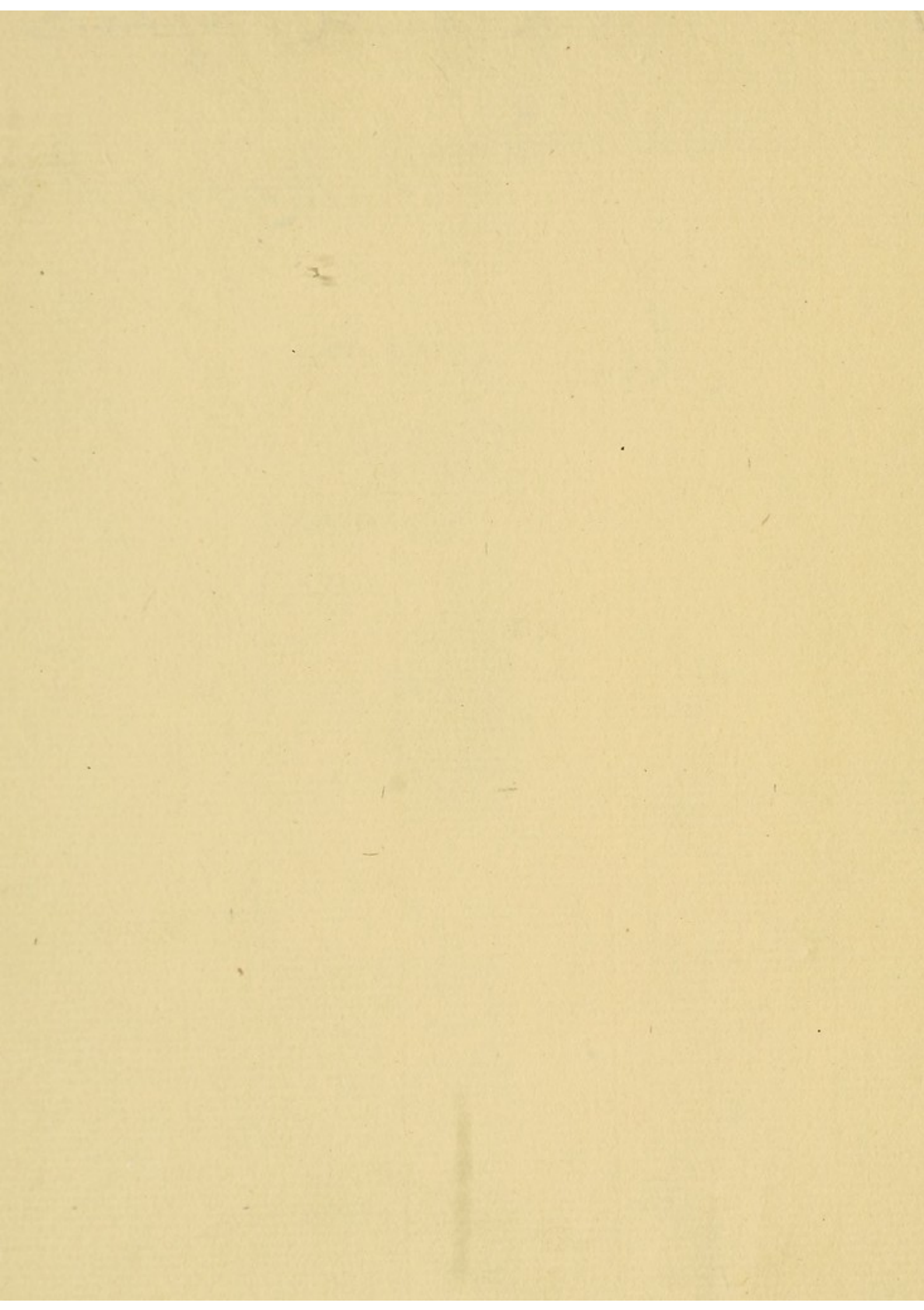
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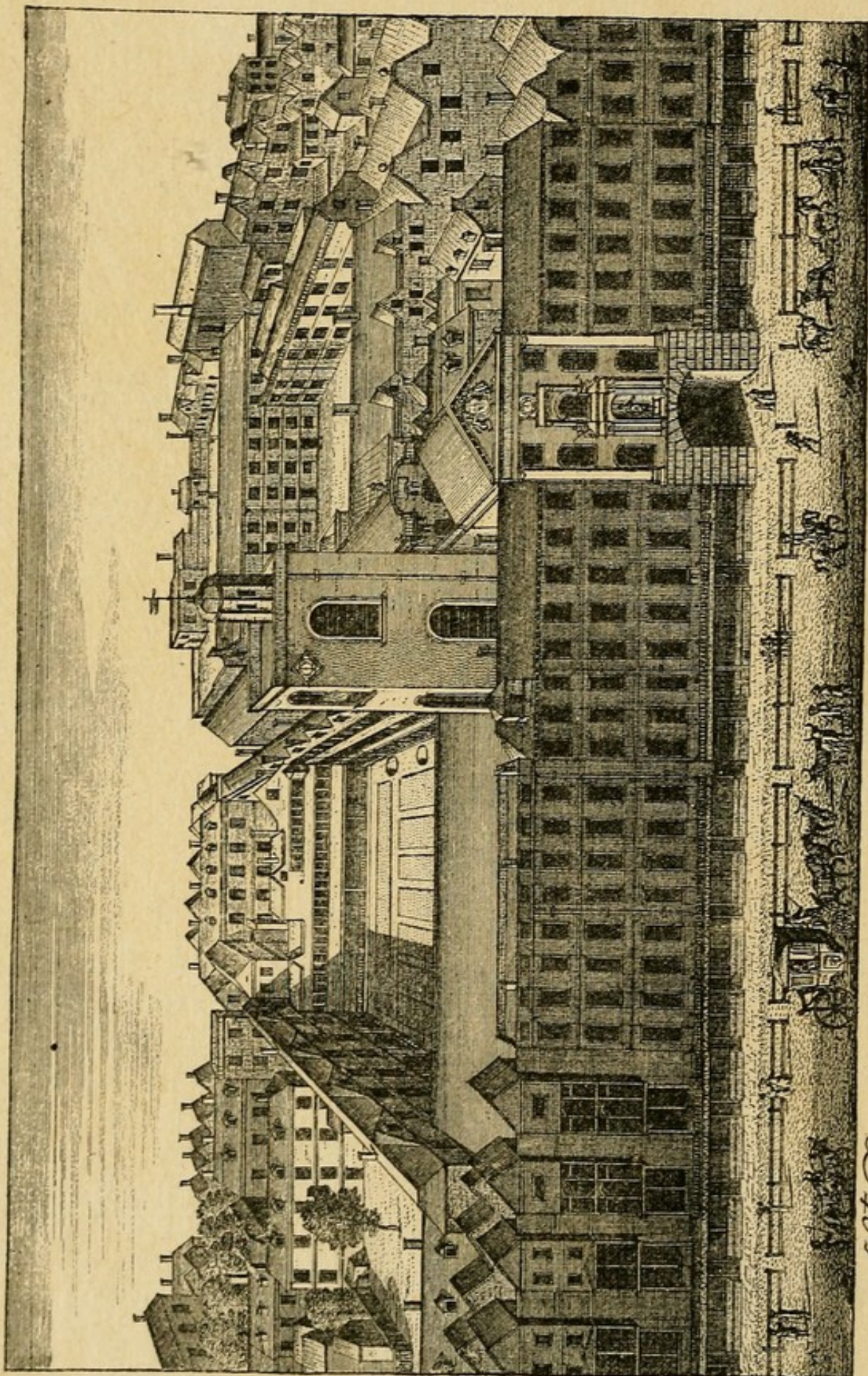
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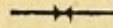
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PREFATORY NOTE.



AMONG my few treasures in the shape of old books, one of the most valued is a copy of the Rules which were drawn up for the government of St. Bartholomew's Hospital at the time at which it was refounded by King Henry VIII. It is dated 1652, and is a Reprint of the original Pamphlet which was first published in the reign of King Edward VI., and again printed in the year 1580. It is bound up with two other rare pamphlets; of which one is entitled, "Orders taken and enacted for Orphans and their Portions," and the other, "A Briefe Discourse of the laudable Customes of London." The whole have been evidently reprinted and published together, and are, apparently, in the original calf-binding. The title-page of my copy is here given in fac-simile; but I have reprinted only the Pamphlet which relates to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The "Orders and Ordinances" are accompanied by a Preface written on behalf of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London as a reply to "certain clamours and slanders raised by some ill-minded persons."

The voice of the Clerk, or other official, who, in this Preface, defends the Hospital Authorities, sounds pleasantly from the distance of more than three centuries, as he exhorts the good Reader to disregard the wickedness of Report which "is grown to such ranckness, that nothing almost is able to defend it selfe

against the venime thereof." And I have thought that many, to whom the original pamphlet is inaccessible, may be glad to possess a copy of it, and to learn how the Hospital was governed in the reign of Henry VIII. and for many years afterwards. Many points of great interest will strike all who read through the "charges" of the various officers of the Hospital; and much might be written on them by one who possessed the necessary antiquarian knowledge. To this, however, I can lay no claim, and, therefore, will leave the "Orders and Ordinances," without comment to speak for themselves.

W. MORRANT BAKER.

1st January 1885.

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F O R

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of B A R T H O L O M E W the leffe.

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their P O R T I O N S.
M D L X X X.

Together with
A Briefe D I S C O U R S E of the laudable
Customes of L O N D O N.



L O N D O N,
Printed by J A M E S F L E S H E R,
Printer to that Honourable City, 1652.

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A Preface to the Reader.



He wickedness of report at this day, good Reader, is grown to such ranckness, that nothing almost is able to defend it selfe against the venime thereof; but that either with open slander, or privy whispering, it shall be so undermined, that it shall neither have the good success, which otherwise it might, nay the thanks which for the worthiness it ought. It is better known by report unto the number, then weighed in effect almost to any, that for the reliefe of the sore, and sick of the City of *London*, it pleased the Kings Majesty of famous memory *Henry* the eight (father to this our most dread Sovereign Lord now reigning) to erect an Hospitall in *West-Smithfield*, for the continuall reliefe and help of an hundred sore and diseased. And the same endowed with the yeerly revenues of five hundred Marks, to give unto the said City and Citizens conditionally, that they also for their part, should adde other five hundred Marks by the yeer. Which thing with all due thankfulness, they received at his Majesties hands: And (for that they saw it proceed from his Highness, as well of most charitable zeal toward the afflicted members, and his brethren in Christ, as of a singular favour toward the City) very gladly embraced the condition. Thinking it for their parts rather too little then enough. But when they had taken such survey thereof, as was convenient for them in this case to do: Although the Kings Majesties endowment was after the rate of his Highness most gracious gift, yet found they the nature of the same, and the state of the whole, farre under that that they at the first had hoped. The raising of this five hundred Mark-rent, to lye onely in a certain of houses, some in great decay, and some rotten ruinous: And some other to whom better Tenants had happen-

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ed, already leas'd out at term, and rent scant reasonable for the behoof of the poor. So that first to make them again worth the wonted revenue, and then to continue them in the same, was no small charge, and the help thereunto, which out of the better repaired might have grown, was by the former leases and rentings prevented. In the Hospitall it selfe (beside the pensions issuing out of the said five hundred Marks, and granted by the Letters Patents of his said Highness to the Hospitaller there and to other the Ministers of the same) was found so much of household implements and stufte, toward the succouring of this hundred poor, as sufficed three or four Harlots, then lying in childe-bed, and no more, yea, barely so much, if but necessary cleanliness were regarded, so farre had the godly meaning of the gracious King been abused at at those dayes; and yet was little then smelled and less talked of. The good Citizens nevertheless not so much discouraged with others evill doings, and the great fall of their hope, as moved with the duty of their enterprize and godly regard, not to their own poor and afflicted onely, but to all other sore and diseas'd, which daily out of all quarters of the Realm resort to the City (as into a commune receipt and refuge of their misery) proceeded with such speed as they could to the redress of all these decayes, disorders and defaults; and bestowed thereabout above their covenant of five hundred Marks yeerly, for their welcomming and beginning not much less than a thousand pounds, whereby (together with other their good endeavours) when they had won it to such point, that it was fit to receive the number, and to succour the same with all necessaries requisite, and in such case needful, and had indeed received, and daily maintained it at the full; certain busie bodies more ready to espy occasion how to blame other, then skilfull how to redress things blame-worthy indeed, yea, I fear me having all their zeal in their tongue onely, not contented privately one, and another, among their neighbours to hinder the profit of the poor, and to slander the good Citizens occupied thereabout, rounded into the eares of the Preachers also, their tender consideration. Who being less circumspect in crediting their matter ministrers then to men of
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such calling appertaineth : and thinking peradventure if the City had done their duty herein, this Hospitall should have made a generall sweep of all poor and afflicted : As though this privy backbiting, could not so sufficiently and weightily set forth this enormity of the Citizens, as seemed behovefull for the querele of charity, took upon them to give speed and authority to the thing, each after his manner. So that the good Citizens, which now for these five yeers space, have shunned for no loathsomeness, to administer the reliefe without other gain then that Jesus Christ God and man, promiseth, and will undoubtedly pay, have here received nothing else but for a commune benefit, an open detraction, and the poor (as shall afterward appear) a larger hindrance. Where in the mean season notwithstanding, there have been healed of the Pocks, Fistulaes, filthy Blains and Sores, to the number of eight hundred, and thence safe delivered, that other having need might enter in their room. Beside eight score and twelve, that have there forsaken this life, in their intolerable miseries and griefes, which else might have dyed, and stunck in the eyes and noses of the City, for all these charity tenderers, if this place had not vouched safe to become a pump alone, to ease a commune abhorring. Wherein although they have at all hands so well deserved, that hard it were with the most favourable report to requite it, yet for that they look for their reward another where, contented to pass that in silence : It may justly be answered to all such charity proctours, that if they well weighed these things already alledged, and the wages of the Chirurgions, and such officers and servants, as needfully are attendant about the poor, the charges of bedding and shift for so many sore, and diseased ; and the excessive prices of all things at this day, they might both marvell how so many are there relieved, and daily maintained : And with repentance, of that they have missaid, endeavour themselves with as much good report and praise, to advance both the deed and the doers, to wipe away the slander, as they have to hinder them both by the contrary. But for as much as it is doubtfull, whether they will do as they may, and of conscience are bounden, and the slander is so wide spread, that

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a narrow remedy cannot amend it: It is thought good to the Lord Mayor of this City of *London*, as chief Patron and Governour of this Hospitall, in the name of the City, to publish at this present the overseers and orders by him appointed; and from time to time practised, and used by twelve of the Citizens most ancient in their courses, as at large in the process shall appear, partly for the stay and redress of such slander, and partly for that it might be an open witness, and knowledge unto all men, how things are administered there, and by whom. Wherein if any man judge more to be set forth in word, then in deed is followed, there be means to resolve him. But if there be not so much set forth as is expedient, (as what thing at the first can attain to the top of perfectness?) or that any man spieth, ought in this order worthy to be reformed, he shall not need to cry it at the Cross, but shall finde those at the Hospitall, that both gladly will and may reform it. And where yet by such means occasion is found, as tofore was signified, to withdraw mens charities, by reason that it is thought but folly to bestow more reliefe where there is enough, for the number already: The City of their endless good will toward this most necessary succour of their poor brethren in Christ, although at the first they seemed bound to the precise number of an hundred, and no more, wish all men to be most assuredly perswaded, that if by any means possible they might, they desire to enlarge the benefit to a thousand, as ordinary as at this day the hundred are. Finally, they wish that all Almoifners and Houses of Almoife, known either by the name of Hospitall, or Savoy, might by these their doings, be provoked to like endeavour and benefit to the poor, that what one is not able alone to succour, the other might in fellowship supply, at this time namely when the misery of the poor most busily seemeth to awake. The Lord Jesus, kindle in us all, that faith that worketh by love, that we may indeed put on Christ our righteousness before God, and not suffer him to lye up in Presse, that seeketh to be worn, to the glory of his Father, and ours, and to the Testimony of our hope laid up in him. *Amen.*



THE
 Division of the Governours,
 and Officers : the Names, and
 Nature of them both.

IT behoveth first to understand for the more evidentness of that that followeth, that there are in this administration, two sorts, or kindes of men. The one called Governours (by a name proper to their Authority) placed there by the Lord Mayor, as Patron of this Hospitall : And the other called Officers, that for wages are hired, for to have the necessary doings in the service of the house and the poor.

The Governours so change, that the one halfe remaineth two yeers in their governance, to help and instruct the later elected, which also become Instructors to their followers. And these are in number twelve, whereof four are Aldermen ; and the residue Communi-ners, and according to their governance, thus are they named.

The President, alway the Seniour Alderman.

Surveyors four, two Aldermen, and two Communi-ners.

Almoifners four, one Alderman, and three Communi-ners.

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The Treafurer a Communer.

Scrutiners, two, both Communers.

The Officers are feven in number, continuable or removable, as the governours fhall finde caufe, and bee thus called.

{	The Hofpiteler.
{	The Renter Clerk.
{	The Butler.
{	The Porter.
{	The Matron.
{	The Sifters, twelve.
{	The Byddles, eight.

Thefe are alfo as in a kinde by themfelves, three Chirurgians in the wages of the Hospitall, giving daily attendance upon the cures of the poor.

And a Minifter named the vifitour of *Newgate*, according to his office and charge.

The Governours are alwayes elected by the Lord Maior and his brethren, who yeerly electeth fix, that is to fay, two Aldermen, and four Commoners, which are admitted into the Hospitall, after this manner.

The whole Company of the twelve old Governours, fitting in Affembly together, caufe their Clerk to read unto the fix newly elected, the charge hereafter following.

The Charge.

IT may pleafe you to underftand, that yee are here elected and chofen, as fellow governours of this Hospitall, to continue by the fpace of two yeers: By all which time according to fuch laudable degrees and ordinances

dinances as have been; and shall be made by the authority of the Lord Maior chiefe Patron hereof, in the name of the City, and the consent of the governours for the time being, all your other busines set apart as much as you possibly may: ye shall endeavour your selves to attend onely upon the needfull doings of this house, with such a loving and careful diligence, as shall become the faithfull Ministers of God, whom ye chiefly in this vocation are appointed to serve; and to whom for your negligences or defaults herein ye shall render an accompt. For truly ye cannot be blameless before God, if after you have set hand to this good plough, and promised your diligence to the poor, ye shall contrarywise turn your head backward, and not perform the succour that Christ looketh for at your hands, and hath witnessed to be done to himselfe, with these words: Whatsoever ye do to one of these needy persons for my names sake, the same ye do unto me. And contrarywise, if ye neglect and despise them, ye despise me. We therefore require and desire every of you, on Gods behalfe, and in his most holy name, that ye endeavour your selves to the best of your wits and powers, so to comfort, order, and govern this house, and the poor thereof, that at the last day, ye may appear before the face of God, as true and faithfull Stewards, and disposers of all such things, as shall for the comfort and succour of them, (during the time of your office) be committed to your credite and charge. And this to do wee require you, faithfully to promise in the sight of God, and hearing of your brethren. And so doing we here admit you into our fellowship.

That done and the new elected consenting, and yeeld-

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ing themselves to the charge, the half of the governours that have already fulfilled their two yeers governance, to stand apart: and the other half that shall remain with the new elected, to take them by the hands after their degrees, and so admit them, and not to depart fellowship, before they have dined together all wholly, as well those that come new, as those that have governed their time, and those that remain, every man at his own cost and charge.

The President.

THE President of this Hospitall, is chiefe Ruler and Governour of the same, under the Lord Maior, who hath authority from time to time, to convocate and call together all the Governours for matters concerning the maintenance, and good ordering of the poor, and to demand of every of them, the account of their doings in their severall offices; and with the assent and consent of the said Governours, to grant Leases, and Fees, and make necessary decrees, and ordinances.

The Treasurer and his Charge.

ALl the Treasure of this house, is committed to your charge, that is to say, all such money as shall rise and grow, either by rents, or by gifts to the use of this house, of the which ye shall keep a true and a just account. And it shall not be lawfull for you to pay any manner of person, any sum or sums of money, (except it be to the Steward of this house, for the victualling of the same; and

and the ordinary fees and wages that goeth out thereof:) but ye shall first have the names of those persons subscribed to the said sum of money, under whose office and charge such payment shall happen to rise and grow, or the names of the most part of them.

Ye shall also keep one severall account between the Renter and you, by which may appear, not onely the charge of the said Renter and his arrerages, but also whether the rents of the lands pertaining to the said house, encrease or decay.

Ye shall also yeerly the 20. day of *October* (within this Hospitall) yeeld and give up in writing unto the President, & Governours of the same, a true and a perfect account of your whole charge, during the yeer of your treasurership; and then the said President and Governours, shall name and appoint among themselves four to be auditors for same. And the second day of *November* next following, ye shall likewise resort to the said Hospitall, at the houre of eight of the clock in the forenoon, that ye may then answer and clear your account, if any doubts or faults shall happen to arise or be found by the auditors of the same. And the same day, then and there ye shall declare unto the new Treasurer that shall be appointed, the whole course and state of the affaires, profits, and commodities of this house, in as large sort as ye possibly can, and deliver unto him all such sums of money due to the house, as shall then rest in your hands, and all such acquitances, rentalls, and other writings, as necessarily shall appertain to the affaires of the said house. And the same day to dine within the said Hospitall, with the Governours thereof. And in recompence of your pains, ye shall be assured of the mer-

cies layed up for you in the promifes, and bloud of Jesu Christ our Saviour.

Surveiours.

UNto you is committed the view of all the Lands, and Leafes pertaining unto this house, as well such as heretofore have been granted, as also hereafter shall be granted; and ye shall cause the same to be registred in the repertery Book by the Clerk, from time to time, when, and as often as you shall assign him, to the intent that the governours of this house may alwayes be assured, what grants have passed them, and both whereunto they have bound themselves, and also whereunto their Tenants are bound, that the Lands and Tenants may be looked unto accordingly. And ye shall adjoyn unto you the Treasurer of this house for the time being, as a necessary aide in all your doings, for that he most chiefly hath experience of all the affaires and doings of this house. And for the better accomplishing hereof, you or the greatest part of you, shall meet every fourteen dayes in this house on the *Wednesday*, at which time ye may warn the Tenants that have made default in none doing of reparations, or none payment of their rents or other to be before you, to take order with them, according to the Covenants expressed in their Leafes. And your grant with the particulars of such reparations as by you shall be allowed, to bee entered into a book with the name of the Tenant and Tenement; whereunto you or the most part of you shall subscribe your names, and then commit the oversight thereof to the Renter, so that it be agreed, that one or more of you
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may visite and peruse the same in such wise as the greatness or quantity of the thing will require.

Also every yeer at the Feast of Saint *Michael* the Archangell, two new Surveyors to be chosen; and the old with the new to make the 12. day of *October* following, or within two dayes before or after, a generall view and survey of all the Lands appertaining to this house, and truly to keepe a Book of the defaults thereof; and for your pains taking here, God hath promised to give you rest and pleasure in heaven perpetually.

Almoners.

YOU shall every *Monday* come unto this house or oftener if you shall think good, but at the least once in the week: Always provided not on the *Saturday*, for that day specially shall be reserved, and kept for the session of the President, and Governours of this house, for the generall affaires of the same.

And at every time of your being here, if there bee cause why, ye shall call before you every particular officer of this house, and enquire if every man do his duty therein according to his charge, and whether there bee peace and quietness maintained in the same. And if ye shall at any time finde any disordered person or persons, then to take such order with him or them for their better reformation, as to you shall seem most meet. And if any refuse to be ordered by you, then to make such person known to the President, and the rest of the Governours, that further order may be taken by the whole house.

Ye shall also diligently enquire, if the Chirurgians of

this house do their duty toward the poor without corruption or partiality, and calling them before you, yee shall enquire what number there were healed that week, and the same deliver, and reward, according to your discretions, and of the same rewards to have your allowance of the Treasurer, so that ye deliver unto him the particulars thereof, signed with the hands of two of you at the least. And in the places of the poor so departed, to admit other, in such sort and manner, as in the charge of the Hospitaler is mentioned and declared.

Ye shall view from time to time this house, keeping one entire and perfect Inventory of the utensils and necessary implements thereof, in a Book, as well that provision may be made in due time, for supplying that which shall be found to lack, as also in due time to provide for Wood, Coale, and other necessary furniture. And whatsoever else shall seem needfull unto you for the benefit of the poor, as the enlarging of rooms, or encreasing the number of beds, the same ye shall signifie to the President and Governours, that by one assent it may be decreed, and by you finished and performed.

Ye shall also see unto the keeping sweet of the poor, and in your proper persons visit them once every week at the least, and to see that their service of bread, meat, and drink, be truly and faithfully delivered unto them. And for your labours and pains, ye shall be sure of the reward that God hath promised to all them that succour his members.

Scrutiners.

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YE shall bee ready and diligent to make search and enquiry from time to time for all such Gifts, Legacies, and bequests, as have been, or shall be given, or bequeathed to the succour and comfort of the poor of this house. And the same receive at the hands of the givers or executors, together with a bill of the sum, subscribed with their names that make payment, or deliverance thereof: the which Bill, and money, ye shall forthwith deliver unto the Treasurer of this house, receiving his acquittance for the same, keeping nevertheless a Book your selves, wherein ye shall enter and register all such charity, the givers, the time and the sum; and for all such sum or sums of money, as by you, or any of you, shall be procured, had, or received, ye shall (if it be required) make unto the givers, or deliverers thereof, an acquittance in your own names, as the Governours and Scrutiners of this house.

And yeerly at the Election of the new Governours into this house, shall be elected one new Scrutiner, and the old Scrutiner that shall be removed, shall make delivery unto the new Scrutiners, of all such Records, Bills, and Writings as concern the affairs of this house. And also at the audite of the Treasurers account, the Scrutiners Book of gifts and bequests, shall in like manner be examined and allowed.

Finally ye shall in every place where you shall have occasion to come in the company of good, vertuous, and wealthy men, to the uttermost of your power, commend and set forth the good order of this house, and
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how rightly the goods given to the poor, are here bestowed, to the encouragement of other to extend their charity thereunto. Ye shall also as occasion and opportunity serveth, move those that have the Office of Preaching committed to them, that they may the rather provoke the devotions of the people, to the help and comfort of this house. And thus doing, you shall not lose the reward that God hath promised to all them that seek to glorifie and reverence his name in his poor members.

An admonition to the Auditours.

IN to your audite must be brought these sort of Books, first the Hospitall Book, being in the custody of the Hospitaler, to which also ye shall look, that every page or totall sum thereof be subscribed with two of the hands of the Almoners: And this Book shall ye confer with the Stewards Book, who first maketh the provisions. Ye must also have the Scrutiners Book, to examine the account of the Treasurer for money delivered unto him by gifts and bequests. Also the Book of Survey, to confer the Bills brought in by the Treasurer with the allowances of reparations, expressed in the said Book. Also ye shall demand of the Renter, his rentall for that yeer, not forgetting always to charge him with the arrerages that remaine the yeer before, (if any be) and to confer the sums of money, received by the Treasurer, with the charge and account of the said Renter. And lastly to have speciall regard, if any sum of money have been payed by the Treasurer, by any decree or generall order of this house, to look in the Journall for the same.

And

And thus in the whole affaires of this house, shall yee perfectly be instructed.

An Order for the safe keeping of the evidences and writings appertaining to the Hospitall.

THere shall one faire and substantiall chest be provided, and the same be set in the most convenient and surest place of the house, the which shall have three severall locks, and three keyes, whereof the President alwayes to have one, and the Treasurer one, and a Communer appointed by the whole house, to have the third. And it shall not be lawfull to any of the Governours to have any specialty, evidence, or writing, out of the said chest, neither any other person, to carry any of them out of the house (no, though it be for the affaires of the said house) but onely a Copy thereof, which shall be taken in the presence of the three persons above named, that have the keyes, and the originall forthwith to be locked up againe.

Officers of Houshold, with their particular charge.

The Renter Clerk and his charge.

YOur office is, with all care and diligence to collect and gather the Rents due of the Lands and Tenements appertaining to this house, and of all sums of money so by you collected and gathered, to make deliverance and payment to the Treasurer of this house, for the time being, receiving his acquittance for your discharge.

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You shall also once every week at the least, resort unto the President of this house, or to the Treasurer thereof, for the knowledge of the affaires of the same, and at every of the ordinary fittings of the Governours in this house, for the affaires thereof, as well at the dayes appointed for the affsembly of the Surveyors and Almoners, as also when the President, and all the Masters shall assemble, ye shall give your attendance, that from time to time, ye may enter, and register all such decrees, orders and determinations, as by them and every of them in their severall charges shall be decreed, ordained, and determined.

And for that, the good order and governance of this house may the better appear, as well to the governours now being, as to all other worthy personages, that hereafter shall govern, or shall desire the certainty thereof, it shall be requisite that ye keep diligently four severall Books, the names whereof, and the use are here described.

- { A Repertory.
- { A Book of Survey.
- { A Book of Accounts.
- { A Journall.

And first you shall note that before every of these Books ye must have a Calender, into the which ye may enter by order of Letters of the A. B. C. all proper names and matters, that shall be contained in every of them. And for the better accomplishing hereof, yee shall with your pen in the head of the leafe, number the pages of every leafe, in every of these Books, and then adding in your Calender the number of the page, where
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the name or matter is entred in your Book, the reader without any difficulty may turn to the same.

The use of the first Book called a Repertory.

INto this Book shall ye first enter the foundation of this Hospitall, and also all Deeds, Leafes, Obligations, acquitances, and other specialties: using alwayes in the margent of the said Book, to note in a few English words the sum, and content, of every article of those writings that shal appear note-worthy and the same notes particularly to enter into their severall and proper places of your Calender, according to the order of the A. B. C.

The use of the second Book, called a Book of Survey.

First in a severall leafe, yeerly before ye enter any other thing into this Book, yee shall make an abstract of the names and surnames of every of those Tenants, to whom this house is bound to do reparations, and also of them that are bound to finde their own reparations, noting in the margent, the leafe of your Repertory, where every of their Leafes is entred. Also every yeer when the Surveiors shall survey the Lands of this house, yee shall be attendant upon them, and aptly and plainly enter into this book all such defaults as by them shall bee found, in the time of their view, making a distinct difference between Tenants at will, and Tenants by Lease, and also between those, to whom this house is bound to finde reparations, and such as have bound themselves to reparations.

Also ye shall diligently enter into this book, all such

orders and grants of reparations or other, as the Surveyours from time to time shall make or take with the Tenants.

And every yeer when the Treafurer shall bring in his account, and before the Auditours shew such bills of reparations, signed with two of the hands of the Surveyours, as he hath payed, ye shall after the admiffion of the said bills by the Auditours, enter every of them into this book particularly under this title.

Reparations done in the yeer that A. B. was Treafurer of this Hospitall (that is to say) from the Feast of Saint *Michael* in the fifth yeer, &c.

And then shall ye write first the name and surname of the Tenant, the Tenement, and the day of the moneth, and then the reparations. And thus shall ye do with all other. And it is to be noted, that in your Calender must be entred the name of every Treafurer, and the leaf where the reparations brought in his account are entred. And next after the reparations, ye shall enter yeerly your whole rentall, being first examined by the Surveyours, and having two of their names at the least, subscribed thereunto. And in a particular and plain manner ye shall exprefs and declare the encrease of Rents that yeer, and that shall yee enter into your Calender under this title, *Augmentation of Rents*, titling from lease to lease, where the said encreasings be noted; and in like manner shall ye do with Rents decayed, entring them into your Calender by this word, *Decayed Rents*; likewise with Tenements or Rents altered or changed, by this name *Alteration of Rents*.

*The use of the third Book, called a Book
of Accounts.*

IN this Book ye shall first enter all the Accounts (being allowed by the auditours) of all the Treasurers that have been since this Hospitall was first committed to the City of London. And from henceforth at the foot of every account made by the Treasurer, ye shall expressly and plainly adde, and enter the arrerages of the Renter for that yeer, which also first by the auditours shall be examined, and subscribed as aforefaid.

And forasmuch as in all accounts, divers and many things at fundry times, are requisite to be known, ye shall therefore in your Calender first note the name of the Treasurer, with the leafe where his account is entered, and also in the margent at the entrance of the faid account, ye shall note the leafe of your Book of Survey, where the reparations mentioned in the same account, are particularly entered.

And for the ready finding of every matter, contained in every account, ye shall in the margent of this book use as is aforefaid, to note divers generall words, *Accompts, Provisions, Liveries, Gifts, Legacies, Rewards, Agreements, Surrenders, Bargains, Suits, Recoveries, Pensions, Fees, &c.* Adding to every one of these being placed in your Calender, the leaf where every of them is mentioned in any of the accounts contained in this book, that at a word may be seen what hath been done in all these things, from the first Treasurer to the last.

And for a perfect declaration of the whole affairs of this house, ye shall also out of another book (which shall

containe the doings of the Almoners, and shall be called the Hospitall book) enter into this book of accounts, as well a perfect Inventory of all such Implements, as then shall be found within this Hospitall: as also a full remainder of all the provisions and victuals first subscribed by two of the said Almoners. And in the end ye shall manifestly declare the names and surnames of so many diseased persons, as that yeer have been cured and delivered out of this house, and also the names and surnames of so many as that yeer have dyed in the house. The names and surnames also of as many as then shall remain sick and diseased in this house, together with the name of the shire wherein each was born, and their faculties, exercise, or occupations.

The use of the fourth book called a Journall.

THIS book must also have a Calender, and it shall alwayes be brought forth at such time as the President and most part of the Governours shall sit within this Hospitall, for the generall affaires of the same. And into this book shall ye enter all such orders and decrees, as from time to time, shall by the said Governours, or greatest part of them, be decreed and ordained. And in the margent thereof, ye shall do as before is assigned in the book of Repertory, in few words set forth the sum of every decree, order, &c. contained therein. And chiefly ye shall use the generall words before described in the book of accounts, that by the entrance of them into your Calender, every matter may easily and readily be found. And ye shall not faile, but in five dayes next after the enterance of any thing into this book, to
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enter the same by a general word into the Calender, that as well when you are absent, as present, the governours may without difficulty be satisfied of that they seek for therein.

The officer of the Hospitaler.

YOur office is chiefly and most principally to visit the poor in their extremes and sicknesses, and to minister unto them the most wholesome and necessary doctrine of Gods comfortable word, as well by reading and preaching as also by ministering the Sacrament of the holy Communion at times convenient.

To receive also into this house, of the Steward, to the use of the same poor, such victuals and other provision as by him shall be provided, entering the same into your book, and safely to keep them to their use.

Also to deliver unto the Cook of this house, from time to time, so much of the same victuals, as shall be needfull for the present time, to be dressed for the poor. And the same being dressed to see seasonably, and truly delivered, and distributed unto them.

Also whensoever any poor person shall be here presented or sued for, to be admitted into this house, you shall receive the same presentation, calling unto you, two of the Chirurgians of this house, to view and examin the disease of the said person, whether it be curable or not curable; if they Judge it curable, then you, by a bill of your hand, to certifie the name, and surname of the said diseased person, unto the Almoners, or two of them at the least, desiring them to subscribe their names thereunto, and that being done, you to keep upon a file the
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same bill for your warrant. And then ye shall commit the same poor to the Matron of this house, to be placed accordingly as the case shall require.

Also at the admiffion of every poor person into this Hospitall, ye shall enquire what money, or other things of value he, or she hath, and the same together with his, or her name, to enter into your book, & you to receive and safely keep the same to the use of the same poor, to be delivered again unto him, her, or them, when they shall be cured out of this house. And monethly to deliver to the said Almoners, a copy of your book of entrances, that they may register the same in the book of their ordinary doings. And if any such poor fortune do decease and dye in this house, then you to deliver all such money and other things, as shall be in your custody, to the Treasurer of this house for the time being, entering the same into your book, to be committed, and disposed, to the use of the poor.

And as often as any of the poor shall be cured and made whole, you with the Chirurgians to present them to the Almoners of this house, at their next assembly here, and to register in your book their names and surnames of them, and every of them, with the day and yeere of their delivery, and departure out of this house. And at their departure to give unto them a passe-port, to be made according to the Precedent and form that is expressed in the end of this book.

This is your charge, and ye have not to do with any other thing in this house. Howbeit, if ye shall perceive at anytime, any thing done by any Officer of this house, or other person, that shall maintain disorder, or procure slander to this house, that ye then declare the same to
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some, one or two of the governours of this house, and to none other person, and no further to meddle therein.

The office of the Steward and Butler.

YOur charge is faithfully and truly to make provision of such needfull victuals, as from time to time yee shall be appointed by the Almoners to provide, for the poor of this house, remembring alwayes that wherein so ever you shall hinder, or negligently burden this house, either with excessive prices, or not making your provision in due time, the same dammage and hurt you do unto GOD whose members the poor are, and therefore yee ought the rather to study to serve in this house with fear of God, and conscience, as one that manifestly and plainly walketh before the face of God, who perfectly seeth and beholdeth the very thoughts of your heart.

Your charge is also to keep a true, and perfect account of all such victuals as by you shall be bought, and to make deliverance of the said victuals unto the Hospitaller of this house, declaring unto him the just weight, number, and prices of the same, that he may make due and true entrance and account thereof.

Also at all such times as shall be needfull for the poor, to be served of their ordinary meales or otherwise, either of Bread or Drink, yee shall not be absent, but with all diligence and readines ye shall give your attendance.

Ye shall have to do in none other mans office in this house, but onely with your own in manner as is above described. But if yee shall perceive at any time, any thing done by any officer or other person of this house, that shall be unprofitable thereunto, or that may be oc-

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caſion of any diſorder, or ſhall engender ſlander to the ſame: That then ye declare the thing to ſome one or two of the Governours of this houſe, and to none other perſon, nor farther to meddle therein.

The Office of the Matron.

YOur office is to receive of the Hospitaler of this houſe, all ſuch ſick and diſeaſed perſons, as he by his warrant ſigned from the Almoners of this houſe, ſhall preſent unto you, and the ſame perſons to beſtow in ſuch convenient places within this houſe, as you ſhall think meet.

You have alſo the charge, governance, and order of all the Siſters of this houſe, to ſee from time to time, that every of them in the wards committed to their charge, do their duty unto the poor, as well in making of their beds, and keeping their wards, as alſo in waſhing and purging their unclean clothes, and other things. And that the ſame Siſter every night after the houre of ſeven of the clock in the Winter, and nine of the clock in the Sommer, come not out of the womans ward, except ſome great and ſpeciall cauſe (as the preſent danger of death, or needfull ſuccour of ſome poor perſon.) And yet at ſuch a ſpeciall time it ſhall not be lawfull for every Siſter to go forth to any perſon or perſons (no though it be in her ward,) but onely for ſuch as you ſhall think vertuous, godly and diſcreet. And the ſame Siſter to remaine no longer with the ſame ſick perſon, then needfull cauſe ſhall require.

Alſo at ſuch times as the Siſters ſhall not be occupied about the poor, ye ſhall ſet them to ſpinning, or doing
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of some other manner of work, that may avoid idlenefs, and be profitable to the poor of this house.

Also ye shall receive the flax provided by the Governours of this house, and the same being spun by the Sisters, ye shall commit to the said Governours, that they may both put order for the weighing of the same to the Weaver, and for the measuring of it at the returning thereof.

You shall also as the chiefe Governereffe, and worthy Matron of this house, have speciall regard to the good ordering and keeping of all the Sheets, Coverlets, Blankets, Beds, and other implements committed to your charge, that now do or hereafter shall appertain unto the poor.

Also ye shall suffer no poor person of this house to sit and drink within your house at no time, neither shall yee so fend them drink into their wards, that thereby drunkenness might be used and continued among them, but as much as in you shall lye, ye shall exhort them to vertue and temperance, declaring this house to be appointed for the harbour and succour of the deer members of Christs body, and not of drunkards, and unthankfull persons.

Herewith yee are charged, and not with any other thing. But if there shall bee any thing done by any officer or other person of this house, that shall be unprofitable thereunto, or that may be occasion of any disorder, or shall engender slander to the same, that yee then declare it to some one or two of the Governours of this house, and to none other person, nor no further to meddle therein.

The Sisters.

Your charge is, in all things to declare and shew your selves gentle, diligent, and obedient to the Matron of this house, who is appointed and authorized to bee your chief Governereffe and Ruler.

Ye shall also faithfully and charitably serve, and help the poor in all their griefes and diseases, as well by keeping them sweet and clean, as in giving them their meats and drinks, after the most honest and comfortable manner. Also ye shall use unto them good and honest talk, such as may comfort and amend them, and utterly to avoyd all light, wanton, and foolish words, gestures and manners, using your selves unto them with all sobriety and discretion. And above all things see that ye avoyd, abhor and detest scolding, and drunkenness, as most pestilent and filthy vices.

Ye shall not haunt or resort to any manner of person out of this house, except ye be licenced by the Matron, neither shall yee suffer any light person to haunt or use unto you, neither any dishonest person, either man or woman, and so much as in you shall lye, ye shall avoid and shun the conversation and company of all men.

Ye shall not be out of the womans ward, after the hour of seven of the clock in the night, in the winter time, nor after nine of the clock at night, in the Sommer; except yee shall be appointed and commanded by the Matron so to be for some great and speciall cause that shall concern the poor, (as the present danger of death or extream sickness) and yet so being commanded, yee shall remain no longer with such diseased person, then just cause shall require. Also

Also if any just cause of grief shal fortune unto any of you, or that ye shall see lewdness in any officer, or other person of this house, which may found or grow to the hurt or slander thereof, ye shall declare the same to the Matron, or unto one or two of the Governours of this house, that speedy remedy therein may be had, and to none other person, neither shal you talk or meddle therein any further. This is your charge, and with any other thing you are not charged.

The Chirurgians.

YOur charge is, faithfully and truly to the uttermost of your knowledge and cunning, to help to cure the griefes and diseases of the poor of this Hospitall, setting aside all favour, affection, gain or lucre, and that as well to the poorest destitute of all friends and succours, as to such as shall peradventure be better friended, yee shall with all favour and friendship procure the speedy recovery of their health.

Also for your stipend and fee, given and paid out of this house, yee shall be ready at the commandement of the Almoners of this house, and Hospitaler of the same, to view and look upon such diseased persons, as here from time to time shall be presented. And after your view to signifie to the said Almoners or Hospitaler, your Judgement of the said diseased person, without all affection, whether he or she be curable or not, to the intent there may be none admitted into this house, that shall be incurable, to the great let and hinderance of the curing and helping of many other; nay, none rejected and put back that are curable, to the great slander of this house, and displeasure of God.

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Also at all such times as ye shall goe to the dressing of any diseased person in this house, as much as in you is, ye shall give unto him or her, faithfull and good counsell, willing them to mind to sin no more, and to bee thankfull unto Almighty GOD, for whose sake they are here comforted of men. And above all things, ye shall take nor receive of no person, any gift or reward for the curing or helping of them, either of them, or their friends, but yee shall first make the same offer or reward known unto the Almoners of this house.

Also we utterly forbid and command you, that yee by no colour pester or burden this house with any sick or diseased person, for the curing of which person, ye before have received a sum or sums of money, upon pain to be dismissed this house.

This is your charge and office, with the which ye have to do, and not with any other thing, neither with any other office in this house. But if you shall perceive at any time, any thing done by any officer or other person of this house, that shall be unprofitable thereunto, or that may be occasion of any disorder, or shall engender slander to the same, that ye then declare it to the Almoners, or one of them, and no farther to meddle therein.

The Office of the Porter.

YOur charge is, to keep the doors, opening and shutting them in due time, and to give good heed to all such persons as shall at any time passe to and fro out of this house, as well for the conveighing, or embezelling of any thing that appertaineth to the poor of this house, as Wood, Coale, Bread, Meat or Drink, as also for all suspicious

fuspicious persons, as men to resort to the womens ward, or women to the mens wards, or such fuspicious men to resort unto the men, or women, to the women, as shall be thought to bee pety pickers, or persons otherwise of naughty disposition.

And also every night at the hour of seven of the clock in the Sommer, yee shall go into every ward where the poor men be, and see them in good order; and suffer no Sister, nor other woman to remain among them (except just cause be declared by the Matron) and cause them to say the appointed Prayers.

And whatsoever poor person shall be found a swearer or an unreverent user of his mouth, towards God or his holy name, or a contemner of the Matron, or other officer of this house, or that shall refuse to go to bed at the lawfull houres before appointed, him shall ye punish (after once warning given) in the stocks, and further declare his follie unto the Almoners of this house, that they may take such order with him or them, as shall seem meet by their discretions.

Ye shall also be diligent and ready from time to time, to do such other things, as the Governours of this house shall assign and appoint you. This is your charge, and more you have not to do, but if ye perceive at any time, any thing done by any officer of this house, or other person that shall maintain disorder, or procure slander to this house, that ye then declare the same to some one or two of the Governours of this house, and to none other person, and no further to meddle therein.

The Bedells.

YOur office and charge is to give attendance from time to time, upon the Governours of this house, and to do such businesse as they shall assign you.

And also all such dayes as the Governours of this house shall not sit in this Hospitall for the affaires of the same, ye shall separate and divide yourselves into fundry parts and liberties thereof, every man taking his severall walk. And if in any of your walks yee shall happen to espy any person infected with any lothely griefe or disease, which shall fortune to lye in any notable place of this City, to the noyance and infection of the passers by, and slander of this house, yee shall then give knowledge thereof unto the Almoners of this Hospitall, that they may take such order therein as to them shall be thought meet.

Ye shall also have a speciall eye and regard unto all such persons, as have been cured and healed in this house, that none of them counterfeit any griefe or disease, neither begge within the City and liberties thereof. And if ye shall fortune to finde any so doing, ye shall immediately commit him, or them, to some Cage, and give knowledge thereof to the Governours of this house, that they may take further order, as they shall think best.

Ye shall not haunt nor frequent the company of any poor and beggerly persons (that is to say) to drink or eat with them in any victualling house, or other place, neither shall yee receive any bribe or reward of any of them, lest by occasion thereof ye should winck at them, and so lewdly licence them to begge, upon pain to be dismissed this house.

Also

Also ye shall not suffer any sturdy or idle begger or vagabound, to begge or ask almes within this City of *London*, or Suburbes of the same, but yee shall forthwith commit all such to ward, and immediatly signifie the name and surname of him or them, to the Alderman of that ward, where ye shall apprehend any such begger, or else to the Lord Mayor, that execution may be done as the Law in that case hath provided. This is your charge.

The visitour of Newgate.

YOur charge is faithfully and diligently to visit all the poor and miserable captives within the Prison of *Newgate*, and minister unto them such ordinary service at times convenient, as is appointed by the kings Majesties book for ordinary Prayer.

Also that ye learn without book the most wholesome sentences of holy Scripture, that may comfort a desperate man, that readily ye may minister them to such persons as yee shall perceive them most needfull to be ministered unto.

Also yee shall faithfully and truly use and bear your self between party and party, excluding bribes and all other corruption, that is to say, between the prisoners and the parties to whom they have offended, exhorting them to the uttermost of your cunning, to make restitution of their things falsely gotten, shewing them the burthen of conscience depending thereupon. And that also they disclose all such other persons as they know living, which by robbery or murther may hurt a common weale. And in all their extremes and sicknesse, ye shall

be diligent and ready to comfort them with the most pithy, and fruitfull sentences of Gods most holy word.

And whatsoever person you shall perceive to have substance, and to be minded to bestow somewhat thereof in deeds of charity, ye shall exhort him or them, to bestow some part to the reliefe of the needy and diseased persons of this house. And of all such gifts from time to time, to give knowledge to the Almoners or Scrutiners of this house.

And for as much as you are numbred among the Ministers of Christs Church, yee shall therefore four times in the yeer at the least, (that is to say) every quarter once, do such service in the said Church as is requisite for such a Minister to do.

This is your charge, which see that ye do, and with any other thing ye are not charged.

The estimate of the yeerly charges of this Hospitall.

IT is first here to be considered, that although the charges were very great to bring the endowment of the Hospitall into such point as behoved, and to furnish the house with necessary Implements and bedding for such number (as hath been afore touched in the beginning) yet is there of all these charges, no parcell here under mentioned, but the yeerly expences onely, sustained for the maintenance and continuance of the same. And albeit these charges following, be all and every of them ordinary, and of necessity, yet for that there is a difference in the certainty of the one and the other, they are
divided

divided into two kindes, with these titles. Charges certain, and Charges uncertain.

Charges certain.

Are first the yeerly Wages and Fees of those Officers and Servants, that necessarily serve and attend for the poor, as ensueth, and after them the charges of household, Reparations, and such like.

To the Hospitaller.	x. l.
To the Renter-clerk.	x. l.
To the Butler.	vi.l.xiii.s.iiii.d.
To the Cook, for his meat, drink, and wages.	vi.l.
To the Porter.	vi.l.
To three Chirurgians.	lx.l.
To eight Bedles.	xxvi.l.xiii.s.iiii.d.
To these and to the other, for their liveries.	x.l.
To the Matron, and twelve Sisters for their wages.	xxvii.l.vi.s.viii.d.
To the Matron for her boord wages, at xviii. pence the week.	iii.l.xviii.s.
To the xii. Sisters, for their boord wages at xvi.d. the week for every of them.	xl.l.xii.s.
To the Matron for her livery.	xiii.s.iiii.d.
To the Sisters for their liveries.	vi.l.
To the Ministers of Christs Church, by the Kings Majesties assignment, that is to say, a Vicar, a Vifitour of <i>Newgate</i> , five Priests, two Clerks, and a Sexton, yeerly.	C. and vi.l.
To the Ministers of the Church within the Hospitall, by the same assignment, that is to say, to a Vicar, a Clerk and a Sexton.	xxiii.l.vi.s.viii.d.

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To certain men of Law and other persons, given in Fees by the Kings said Majesty, yeerly by Patent.
xxviii.l.iiii.s.

Charges of Household.

For the Dyets of an C. persons, at two pence the person for every day, iii.C.l.vi.s.viii.d.
For lxxviii. load of Coals, at xvi.s. the load. liiii.l.viii.s.
For Wood yeerly. xxiiii.l.
For Candles yeerly. v.l.
For yeerly reparations of the Hospitall and Tenements, appertaining to the same. xl.l.

Sum of the Charges } vii.C.lxxx.
certain. } xviii. l.ii. s.

The charges uncertain (for as much as it cannot certainly be known to what they may amount) are here set forth without Sums, onely to signifie unto you, that there are many charges more to be considered, then certain account can be made of.

Charges uncertain.

For Shirts, Smocks, and other apparell for the poor, needfull, either at their coming in or departure. For Sugar and Spices for Cawdles for the sick, Flax for Sheets, and Weaving of the same, Soltwich Cloth for winding Sheets, Bolls, Brooms, Baskets, Incense, Juniper, Ashes to buck their Clothes. And also money given to the poor at their departure, which is measured
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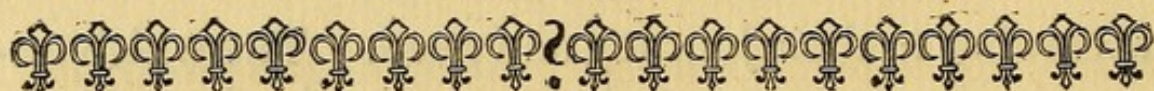
according to their Journey and need. The which uncertain charges amounted one yeer to the fum of lx.l.

So commeth the certain charges of this house yeerly, to the fum of vii. C. lxxx. xviii. l. ii. s. besides the uncertain expences, and other extraordinary charges, which cannot be rated, nay, accounted.

Toward the which is yeerly received by the endowment of the Kings Majesty, iii. C. xxxiii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And by the like endowment of the City of *London*, iii. C. xxxiii. l. vi. s. viii. d. The which in the whole is, vi. C. lxvi. l. xiii. s. iiiii. d.

So is the Hospitall charged yeerly of certain (besides the uncertain expences) over and above the fumme of their revenues, C. xxx. l. viii. s. viii. d.

Which onely rifeth of the charity of certain mercifull Citizens, for whose continuance with the encrease of moe, we earnestly pray unto the fountain of mercy, Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, to whom for ever appertain, the Kingdome, the power and the glory, world without end. *Amen.*



A Thanksgiving unto Almighty

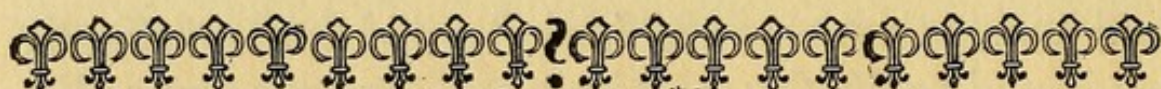
God to be said by the poor that are cured
in the Hospitall, at the time of their delive-
ry from thence, upon their knees in the
Hall before the Hospitaler, and two
Masters of this House at the least.

*And this the Hospitaler shall Charge
them to learn without the Book, before
they bee delivered.*

WE magnifie and praise thee O Lord, that so mer-
cifully and favourably hast looked upon us mise-
rable and wretched finners, which so highly have offend-
ed thy divine Majesty, that wee are not worthy to bee
numbred among thy elect and chosen people: our sins
being great and grievous are daily before our eyes, we la-
ment and be sorry for them, & with sorrowfull heart, and
lamentable teares, we call and cry unto thee for mercy,
Have mercy upon us O Lord, have mercy upon us, and
according to thy great mercy, wipe away the multitude
of our sins, and grant us now O Lord, thy most holy
and working spirit, that setting aside all vice and idleness,
we may in thy fear walk, and go forward in all vertue
and godliness. And for that thou hast moved O Lord,
the hearts of godly men, and the Governours of this
house, to shew their exceeding charity towards us, in cu-
ring of our maladies and diseases, we yeeld most humble
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and hearty thanks to thy Majesty, and shall incessantly laude and praise thy most holy and glorious name: Beseeching thee, most gracious and mercifull Lord, according to thy holy word and promise, so to blefs this thine own dwelling house, and the faithfull Ministers thereof, that there be here found no lack, but that their riches and substance may encrease, that thy holy name may thereby bee the more praised and glorified, to whom be all laud, honour, and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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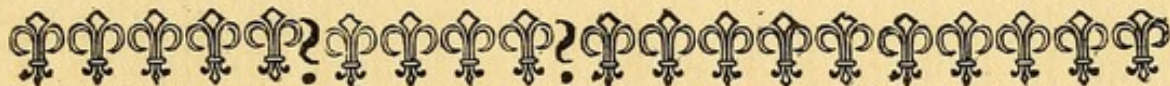


A Paffe-port to be delivered to the
P O O R E.

To all Mayors, Bailiffes, Constables, &c.

K Now ye that A. B. Taylour born in the Town of S. T. in the county of *Northampton*, being cured of his disease in the Hospitall of *S. Bartholomews* in *West Smithfield* in *London*, and from thence delivered the 13. day of *August*, in the sixt yeer of the Reign, &c. hath charge by us A. B. C. the Governours of the same to repair within dayes next ensuing the date hereof, to his said place of nativity, or to *Westhandfield*, the place of his last abode, and there to exhibite this present Paffe-port to the head officer or officers, in either of the places appointed, that they may take further order for his demeanour.

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