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Our Sovereign Lord considering that an humble petition has been presented to his Majesty in the name of the Honorable William Smith Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow for himself & the other contributors to the Glasgow Asylum for Lunatics, setting forth that an Asylum for Lunatics had been established in the City of Glasgow since the 1st day of December in the year 1814. That the said Institution was established at first by means of voluntary contribution alone, & since that time it had been supported partly in that manner & partly by the funds received for patients.

That it had been productive of extensive benefit, particularly among insane persons in indigent circumstances, & the Patrons & the other Directors of the said Institution, & the general Body of the contributors to its funds, had been advised & did most firmly believe from the experience they had had, that it would tend essentially to the permanence & prosperity of the Institution & would render its exertions still more extensively beneficial than heretofore, if a Royal Charter were granted for incorporating the Patrons & such other persons as might hereafter become contributors to the said Institution into one Body corporate &c

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Corporate & Politic, with a perpetual Succession & Power to hold & acquire heritable property; to make Regulations & bye laws for the good government of the said Establishment, & with such other powers & privileges as are usually granted to other Bodies Corporate & Politic of the same nature, & therefore humbly Praying that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to grant a Royal Charter for the above purposes by the same Style & Title of "The Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics" in such terms, & under such regulations as to His Majesty or His Royal Wisdom should seem proper; & His Majesty being willing to give every support & encouragement to an undertaking so very laudable & useful, doth therefore obtain a Patent or Charter to be passed & expedited under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept & used in Scotland in place of the Great Seal formerly used there, constituting, erecting & incorporating, as His Majesty by His Prerogative Royal & special Grant for Himself & His Royal Successors, hereby constitutes, erects & incorporates the said Honorable William Smith &

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Smith, Doctor James Jeffrey, Professor of Anatomy in
the College of Glasgow, Doctor Robert Cree Professor
of Medicine in the said College, & Doctor John Dal-
rymple, Physician in Glasgow & Physician to
the said Asylum & all others the Managers
of the said Institution, & those who have al-
ready contributed, or who shall afterwards
contribute to the Funds of the said Institution
into a Body Politic & Corporate under the
name, Style & title of "The Glasgow Royal As-
ylum for Lunatics" under which name they
shall have perpetual endurance & Succession,
& the Privilege of using a Common Seal, & they
shall be legally entitled to hold & enjoy all
such Lands, Tenements & other Hereditaments
as they have already purchased or erected or ac-
quired or may hereafter purchase, erect or ac-
quire for the uses & purposes of the said Insti-
tution or for better investing or securing the funds
& estate thereof, to receive legacies & donations, to
hold goods & chattels, & to invest money in the
public or Government funds, or on other security
Personal or Real, declaring that all charters,
Dispositions & heritable securities or other deeds
affecting heritable property to be granted to the
said Institution shall be taken to it in its Cor-
porate Name - that is to "The Glasgow Royal
Asylum for Lunatics" without specifying the
name of the Directors or any of the office Bearers
or Contributors of the said Institution & that
any &c.

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any Charters, Dispositions & Heritable Securities
or other Deeds to be granted by the said Institu-
tion shall be subscribed by the President & Sec-
retary, either by themselves, or along with such
other persons (being always of the Directors for
the time being) as shall be appointed for that
purpose in terms of the bye laws & Regulations
of the Institution after having obtained the
Consent of a general meeting of the said In-
stitution, such consent being entered in the
Minutes of the Record of such meeting,
& that all Deeds so subscribed shall be e-
qually valid & sufficient as if the same had
been signed by the whole Directors, office
bearers & Contributors of said Institution, &
further to sue & be sued in the same man-
ner as any other Body, Corporate & Politic,
to make & constitute such bye laws, or-
dinances & Regulations for the Management
& Government of the affairs of the said Institution
as to them shall seem meet, providing the
same be not contrary to the true intent
& meaning hereof nor repugnant to the laws
of this Realm. And his Majesty doth hereby
Ratify, Confirm & approve of the whole bye
laws, ordinances, & Regulations of the said
Institution heretofore made in so far as the
same are at present in observance particu-
larly the Bye-laws, ordinances, & Regulations
unanimously &

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manimously adopted at a general meeting of Contributors generally called for the purpose on the 4th day of October 1823, & which were ordered to be carried into effect & have accordingly been carried into effect from the commencement of the present year 1824 as the established regulations of the Asylum, in so far as the same are conducive to the interests & welfare of the Institution & not repugnant to the laws of the Realm, but notwithstanding this Ratification shall be in the power of the Contributors to said Institution at any of the annual meetings hereafter appointed, or of the Directors (so far as it is competent for the Directors) not only to alter or innovate the said existing bye laws, ordinances or Regulations or any of them, but even to rescind the same in toto if they shall see good cause, & to substitute in their place others which shall appear to be calculated to promote the interest & welfare of the Institution; & for better managing the affairs of the said Institution, His Majesty does hereby appoint & ordain that the same shall be governed & directed by, & the ordinary Management of the affairs thereof, shall be vested in twenty three Directors who shall be constituted as follows, viz. Five ex officio, viz. The Lord Provost of Glasgow, the Chief Magistrate of Paisley, the Professor of Anatomy, & of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, & the Physician to the Asylum for the time being, Ten to be returned by the Public Bodies of the City, viz. Two by the Town Council, Two by the Merchants house, Two by the Trades house, Two by the General Session, & Two by the Faculty of Physicians & Surgeons and Eight to be elected by the general meeting in manner after mentioned - Five Directors shall form a quorum, the Chairman shall be appointed, & the Procedure shall be conducted in the same form & manner as at General Meetings the Directors shall be convened within five days after the annual General Meeting for the purpose of electing by Ballot the following office Bearer for the year, viz. A weekly Committee, Secretaries &c

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such committees of management as may be deemed expedient, a Physician, Surgeon, Superintendent & Apothecary, Matron, Chaplain, Treasurer & Secretary, Porter & such other office bearers as may be required. The Directors shall likewise meet every quarter on the first Tuesday of April, July, October & January for the dispatch of ordinary business: A *pro re nata* meeting of Directors may at any time be called by the Lord Provost, by the weekly committee, or by any three of the Directors, for which purpose a Requisition shall be addressed to the Secretary with which he shall be bound to comply, & to give due intimation of such meetings by Printed or written notices left on the day preceding at the House or place of business of each Director, specifying the time, place & object of such meeting: The Directors shall have the power of enacting such rules for the conduct of the officers & servants & of making from time to time such alterations of, or additions to the same as may appear best calculated to promote the welfare of the Institution, but no such alterations or additions shall be adopted till they have been submitted to the consideration of the Directors for one month at least, & have been thereafter approved of by two thirds of a meeting called for the express purpose of deciding on the same. The General meeting shall be composed of contributors to the extent of at least five guineas, or annual subscribers to the extent of at least one guinea. The Lord Provost of Glasgow shall preside, & in his absence a Chairman shall be elected. All matters of Debate shall be determined by a majority, & in case of an equality, the Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to his own as a member of the meeting. A General Meeting shall be held annually on the Thursday after the first Tuesday of January for the purpose of considering the Report of the Directors

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During the preceding year, & of choosing by Ballot
 eight of their own number as Directors for the current
 year. A pro re nata meeting may at any time be
 called by the said Provost, by three of the Directors
 or by six of the qualified contributors or subscribers,
 intimation of the time, place & purpose of such meet-
 ing being always given by public advertisement
 in two or more of the Glasgow Newspapers at least
 one week previously. It shall be competent for
 all General Meetings to revise, direct & controul
 the whole affairs & management of the Institution.
 If at any future period the persons qualified
 according to the first Regulation shall be reduced
 below Twelve in number, all General Meetings shall
 thenceforward cease, & in that event the number of
 the Directors to be chosen from the community
 shall be returned as follows. Two by the Town
 Council, Two by the Merchants House, Two by the
 Trades House, Two by the General Session, & two
 by the Faculty of Physicians & Surgeons, none of
 whom shall be members of the Public body by
 whom they may be elected: And His Majesty for
 himself & his Royal Successors declares that these
 his Majestys letters Patent shall be in, & by all
 things valid & effectual in law according to the true in-
 tent & meaning of the same & shall be taken, construed
 & adjudged in the most favourable & beneficial manner
 for the best advantage of the said Incorporation, not-
 withstanding any misrecital, defect, uncertainty
 or imperfection in these His Majestys Letters Pa-
 tent, & his Majesty doth for himself & his Royal
 Successors, covenant, grant & agree to & with the said
 Incorporation, or Body Politic & their Successors, that
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His Majesty, his heirs & Successors shall & will from
time to time & at all times hereafter upon the
humble suit & request of the said Incorporation &
their Successors, give & grant unto them all such
further & other privileges, authorities, matters &
things for rendering more effectual His Majesty's
grants according to the true intent & meaning of these
presents which he or they, can or may lawfully
grant & shall be reasonably, advised & devised by
himself learned in the law of the said Incorporation
for the time being, & shall be approved of by the
Lord Advocate & Solicitor General in Scotland
of His Majesty, his heirs & Successors in his or
their behalf; & His Majesty ordains the said
Charter to be passed under the aforesaid Seal of
Saltire & without passing any other seal, for
which these presents shall be to the Director
of His Majesty's Chancery as well as to the Keeper
of the said Seal, a sufficient warrant.

Given at his Majesty's Court at
Carlton House the ninth day of December 1824.
In the fifth year of his Majesty's reign.

By his Majesty's Command
(signed) Rob. Peel

Edinburgh the sixteenth day of February eighteen hun-
dred and twenty five. I Adam Gibbels Notary Public
duly admitted hereby certify that what is contained on
this and the seven preceding pages of stamped paper is a
true copy of the warrant by his Majesty in favour of the
Glasgow Royal asylum for lunatics, for a charter of in-
corporation I having compared the same with the ori-
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