

Bye laws, orders, rules, and ordinances, made and ordained by the Master, Governors, and Assistants of the Corporation of Surgeons of London, at a Court of Assistants of the same Company, holden at Stationers-Hall, London, on the 7th day of April, 1748 : and also further bye laws, orders, rules and ordinances, made and ordained at a subsequent Court of Assistants of the said Company, holden at their theatre in the Old Bailey, on the 9th day of July, 1782.

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These are to certify whom it may concern That Thomas -

Wilson Currgoon - was on the 5th day of March - 1691 -

by the Masters or Cousin of the Ministry & City of Barbours &

Currgoons of London appointed Currgoons mate of his Majesty's

ship the Kent John Wood - being Master Currgoon

by a Reger for that purpose for may more at large appears

Witness my hand this 4th day of June - 1691

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BYE LAWS,
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Made and Ordained by the
Master, Governors, and Assistants
OF THE
CORPORATION OF SURGEONS

OF
L O N D O N,

AT A
COURT of ASSISTANTS

OF THE SAID

C O M P A N Y

HOLDEN AT

Stationers - Hall, London,

On the 7th Day of APRIL, 1748;

And also further

BYE LAWS, ORDERS,
RULES and ORDINANCES,

Made and ordained at a subsequent

COURT of ASSISTANTS

OF THE SAID

C O M P A N Y,

HOLDEN AT THEIR

THEATRE in the OLD BAILEY.

On the 9th Day of JULY, 1782,

L O N D O N :

Printed in the Year M D C C L X X I I I.



PRESENTED BY

C. Hawkins

Charles Hawkins.

1833

O R D E R S, R U L E S,

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O R D I N A N C E S,

Made and ordained by the

Master, Governors, and Assistants,

O F T H E

SURGEONS COMPANY

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L O N D O N.

IMPRIMIS, it is ordained, That every Person who shall hereafter be made free of the said Mystery and Commonalty, shall before his Admission into the same Freedom, take his corporal Oath upon the holy Evangelists, before the Master and Governors thereof, or before Two of them at the least, in the Manner or to the Effect ensuing :

A FREEMAN'S OATH.

YOU shall swear, That you shall be true and loyal to our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, and faithful and true in all lawful Things, unto the Corporation and Company of the Surgeons of London, whereof you are now made free; and accordingly be obedient to the Master and Governors thereof; and, as much as in you lieth, maintain Amity and Unity therein, and obey, observe, and perform all the lawful Rules, Statutes, and Ordinances thereof; and be proportionably contributory to the best of your Power, to all lawful or reasonable Charges, Contributions, and Payments, belonging or necessarily appertaining to you to bear, as other Brethren of the same Company do. And also you shall obey all Manner of lawful Summons or Warnings done or to be made by the Clerk, Beadle, or other Officer of the said Company thereunto assigned, in the Name of the Master or Governors, having no lawful or reasonable Excuse or Impediment to the contrary: All these Articles you shall truly, fully, and faithfully observe, perform, and keep, to the best of your Power.

So help you GOD.

II. ITEM, it is ordained, That whoever hereafter shall be chosen Principal Master or Governor, or Warden or Governor, or Assistant, or Clerk, or Beadle of this Company, shall every
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of them after his or their Election, and before his or their Admission into such respective Office or Offices, and before he or they shall execute such Office, whether in part or in whole, severally and respectively take an Oath before the Master or Governors, or Two of them at the least, and before the major Part of the Assistants for the Time being, in such Manner and Form as is herein-after ordained, to and for every such several and respective Officer: Which Oaths are as followeth.

The OATH of the PRINCIPAL MASTER.

*Y*OU shall swear, That during the Time of your Office of Principal Master or Governor, you shall diligently observe, keep, and maintain, the Profit and Common Weal of the Corporation and Company of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London, in all Points lawful, according to your best skill and Power; and shall observe, keep, maintain, and execute, and cause to be observed, kept, maintained, and executed, as far forth as lawfully you may, all the good and lawful Charters and Liberties, Privileges, Usages, Customs, Acts, and Ordinances thereof; and accordingly shall, as far as in you lieth, correct and punish, by Fines, Pains, and Penalties, all such Offenders therein as shall appear, either by any of their own Confessions, or by any other sufficient Proof, according to the Quality of every such Offence; and that you shall

shall proceed duly, truly carefully, impartially, and equally, according to your best Skill and Power, and shall not for any Love, Fear, Dread, Envy, Hatred, Malice, Corruption, or other partial Affection, unduly proceed to any Order, Rule, Conclusion, or Determination, for or concerning any Variance or Question by or betwixt any Person or Persons with whom you shall have to do by reason of your said Office, or any otherwise, than according to such said Charters, Liberties, Privileges, Usages, Customs, Acts, and Ordinances as aforesaid.

So help you G O D.

The OATH of the Two GOVERNORS or
WARDENS.

The same Oath, *mutatis mutandis*, to be administered to each of the other Two *Governors* or *Wardens*; that is to say, in every place of the last-mentioned Oath where the *Principal Master* or *Governor* is expressed and set down, to read *Governor* or *Warden*.

The OATH of an ASSISTANT.

YOU shall swear, That with all your Skill, Diligence, and Power, as a good Assistant ought to do, you shall assist with good Council the Master and Governors and other the Assistants of the Corporation or Commonalty of Surgeons of London, so long as you shall remain in that Office;
and

fully may uphold and maintain, and all Councils which ought to be concealed and kept secret, you shall conceal and keep secret; and if you shall or do know, perceive, or foresee any private or public Attempt or Intent, by any Means, of any Prejudice, Hurt, or Hindrance to the said Corporation or Company, that then immediately with all possible Expedition you shall give Notice thereof to the said Master or Governors, or to some of them, that some speedy Prevention or Reformation thereof may be had accordingly; and that you shall keep all such Books, Writings, or Remembrances concerning the said Corporation or Company as shall be under your Charge, without any sinister, undue, or partial Addition, Diminution, Razure, or Alteration thereof, except it be with the express Licence or Consent of all or the greater Part of the said Master or Governors and Assistants thereof at their Court of Assistants; and all other lawful Things concerning your Office, you shall fully, faithfully, duly, and diligently observe, perform, and fulfil: And you further swear, That you have not at any Time, either by yourself or by any other Person employed by you or with your Knowledge and Consent, offered, given, or promised any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Gift or Bribe, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, in order to obtain any Vote, or the Promise of any Vote, for your being elected to the said Office of Clerk to this Company or Corporation. So help you G O D.

The BEADLE'S OATH.

YOU shall swear, That you shall be a good and true Beadle and Officer to this Corporation and Company of the Art and Science of Surgeons of London; and shall exercise and execute the same Office with all your Skill, Diligence, and Power; and that you shall at all Times be readily attendant upon the Master or Governors and the Wardens thereof, and their Successors, to whom you be now made Beadle or Officer; and that you shall be ready at all Times hereafter to perform all such Summons, Warnings, and lawful Services, as they or any of them, or the Clerk of the said Corporation and Company for the Time being, in their or any of their Names, or by their or any of their Commandments or Directions shall appoint; and that neither for Fear, Dread, Favour, Hatred, Malice, or other sinister or partial Respect or Affection, you shall omit any such Summons or Services, or any other such Things as to your said Office shall in any ways appertain; and all such Sums of Money as you shall receive, to the Use of the said Master or Governors or Wardens or Commonalty, you shall truly pay unto such Person or Persons as ought to receive it, or to be accountable for it; and all the lawful Privileges, Grants, Articles, Acts, and Ordinances, concerning the said Corporation and Company, you shall uphold and maintain to the uttermost of your Power;

Power; and if you shall know, hear, understand, perceive, conceive, suspect, or foresee that any Freemen of this Company, or any Foreigner, either Native or naturalized Subject of this Realm, or Denizen or Alien, that shall profess and practise SURGERY within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof, or within Seven Miles Compass of the same City of London, shall openly or privately break or infringe any of the said Acts or Ordinances, or practise, attempt, or intend any Manner of Damage, Prejudice, or Impeachment to the said Corporation or Company, that then immediately with all possible Expedition you shall give Information and Notice thereof to the said Master or Governors, or to some of them, so that some speedy Course may be taken for Prevention or Reformation thereof; and that all such Matters of Council or Secrecy concerning the said Corporation or Company, or any Members of the same, as shall by any Means come to your Knowledge or Privy, shall be accordingly concealed by you; and all and every the Premises whatsoever otherways concerning your said Office you shall duly, truly, and faithfully observe, perform, and keep.

So help you G O D.

III. ITEM, it is ordained, That all Elections shall for the future be determined by Ballot; and that the Candidates in all Elections of Of-

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Power; and if you shall know, hear, understand, perceive, conceive, suspect, or foresee that any Freemen of this Company, or any Foreigner, either Native or naturalized Subject of this Realm, or Denizen or Alien, that shall profess and practise SURGERY within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof, or within Seven Miles Compass of the same City of London, shall openly or privately break or infringe any of the said Acts or Ordinances, or practise, attempt, or intend any Manner of Damage, Prejudice, or Impeachment to the said Corporation or Company, that then immediately with all possible Expedition you shall give Information and Notice thereof to the said Master or Governors, or to some of them, so that some speedy Course may be taken for Prevention or Reformation thereof; and that all such Matters of Council or Secrecy concerning the said Corporation or Company, or any Members of the same, as shall by any Means come to your Knowledge or Privity, shall be accordingly concealed by you; and all and every the Premises whatsoever otherways concerning your said Office you shall duly, truly, and faithfully observe, perform, and keep.

So help you G O D.

III. ITEM, it is ordained, That all Elections shall for the future be determined by Ballot; and that the Candidates in all Elections of Of-

ficers shall be reduced to Two, unless a Majority of the Members then present shall upon the first Balloting appear in favour of any One Candidate, in which Case such Candidate shall be immediately declared duly elected. When there is a Vacancy in the Court of Assistants, either by Death or otherwise, such Vacancy shall be declared at the First Court of Assistants which shall be holden after the same shall happen, and another Assistant shall be elected out of the Members of the said Company at the next Court after such Vacancy declared: And if the Principal Master or Governor, or either of the Two Wardens for the Time being, or any of the Examiners, shall happen to die, or be amoved, the Vacancy happening thereby shall in like Manner be declared at the next Court of Assistants which shall be holden after such Vacancy shall happen; and such Vacancy shall be filled up at the next Court of Assistants which shall be held after the same shall be so declared. And the new Principal Master or Governor, or either of such Two Wardens, shall continue respectively in such Office or Offices for the Remainder of the Year, until the next annual Election-day. And when any Officer of this Company shall happen to die, or be amoved, the Principal Master or Governor shall call a Court of Assistants to elect a new One; which Court shall not be held till after the Expiration of

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Twelve Days after such Death or Removal; but the same shall be held before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days from the Decease or Removal of such Officer, upon pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

IV. ITEM, it is ordained, That whenever any Member of this Company shall be summoned to appear at any Court or Assembly of the Master, Governors, and Assistants, or at any Court or Assembly of the Examiners, Notice thereof shall be given either to him personally or left in Writing at his usual Place of Abode; and if, after such Summons, the Member so summoned shall refuse or neglect to make his personal Appearance, according to the Tenor thereof, unless there be some just and reasonable Cause to the contrary, to be judged of by the Court or Assembly to which he shall be summoned, he shall for the First Default forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings, and for the Second Ten Shillings, and for every Default after the Second Summons, the Sum of Twenty Shillings of lawful Money of Great Britain; and if any such Person shall, after such Appearance, depart, before the Cause of such his Summons be determined, without the Consent or Leave of the said Court, then every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such his Contempt, to the Use of the Company, the Sum of Forty Shillings of like lawful Money.

V. ITEM,

V. ITEM, it is ordained, That when any Court of Assistants shall be called, there shall be left at the Place of Abode of every One of the Assistants who shall inhabit or dwell within the Cities of London or Westminster, or within One Mile thereof, by the Beadle or proper Officer, a particular Summons, in which shall be expressed the Purpose for which such Court is to be called whereto he shall be so summoned; and every One of the Assistants residing out of London or Westminster, at any Distance exceeding One Mile and not exceeding Seven Miles, shall be summoned by a Penny-post Letter: And no such Court shall be holden without the personal Presence of Two of the said Governors and Nine of the Assistants at the least: And no Order of any Court shall be binding or obligatory till the same has been confirmed by some succeeding Court of Assistants. And further, That no Member of the Court shall depart therefrom, without having first obtained the Leave of the Principal Master, or of the presiding Governor or Warden, or the Majority of the Court who shall be then present, on pain of forfeiting One Pound One Shilling of lawful Money of Great Britain; neither shall the Principal Master or Governor, or other Person who presides at the Court wherein the Business mentioned in the Summons is to be transacted, leave the Chair without the Consent of the Majority of the Assistants then present, until the Business of their Meeting be fully determined,

terminated, on pain of amotion from the Court of Examiners and Assistants; And if any Difference of Opinion shall happen at any such Court, touching any Motion or Question made or proposed, the same shall be determined by balloting, if desired by any Two Assistants present: And, in case of an Equality of Voices or Votes, the Principal Master or Governor, if present, or in his Absence whoever shall preside at such Court, shall have the casting or decisive Voice or Vote,

VI. ITEM, in order to encourage a punctual Attendance according to the Summons, it is ordained, That every Assistant who shall be present in the Room where any Court of Assistants is appointed to be holden before St. Paul's Clock has struck the Hour mentioned in such Summons, shall receive Half a Crown, out of the Money which properly belongs to the Court of Assistants.

VII. ITEM, it is ordained, That if any Member of the Court of Assistants neglects to attend at any Court for the Space of Six Months, after having been duly summoned to attend, without giving a sufficient Reason or Reasons for such his Absence, to be judged of by the said Court, he shall be liable to be amoved from his said Office of an Assistant, and of an Examiner (if he happens to be One:) And if any Member of
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either of the Courts of Assistants or Examiners shall remove above Seven Miles from London, he shall be amoved from both the said Courts.

VIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Person practising as an Apothecary, or following any other Trade or Occupation besides the Profession or Business of a SURGEON, shall be capable of being chosen into the Court of Assistants; or, if he should be One of the Court of Assistants, be eligible to the Office of Master or Examiner.

IX. ITEM, it is ordained, That there shall be in the said Company Ten Examiners; who shall be from time to time successively chosen by the Court of Assistants; and shall consist of the Principal Master or Governor and the Two Wardens or Governors for the Time being, and of Seven other Members of the Court of Assistants; who shall continue in such Office so long as they shall well behave themselves therein; and shall be called "*The Court of Examiners,*" and shall have Power to examine any person whosoever, either brought before them, or offering himself to be examined, touching his Skill or Knowledge in the Art and Science of SURGERY; and to certify the same accordingly; and to affix the Common Seal to the grand Diploma which they shall grant to any Person examined by them; provided such Examination hath been in the Presence of Two Governors and Three Examiners,
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or of One Governor and Five Examiners at the least, and not otherwise.

X. ITEM, it is ordained, That whenever any Court of Examiners shall be called, every One of the said Examiners who shall inhabit or dwell within the cities of London and Westminster, or One Mile thereof, shall be particularly summoned by the Beadle or other proper Officer; and if he resides at a greater Distance from London or Westminster, not exceeding Seven Miles, by a Penny-post Letter: And no such Court shall ever be holden without the personal Presence of Two of the said Masters or Governors and Three of the said Examiners, or One Governor and Five of the said Examiners at the least: And that no Examiner shall certify the Sufficiency of any Person in the Art of SURGERY, unless such Person hath been examined in the Presence of such Two Governors and Three Examiners, or One Governor and Five Examiners, on pain of the Examiner so certifying being dismissed from his Place of an Examiner and forfeiting Twenty Pounds: And that no Examiner present at any such Court of Examiners shall during the Continuance of such Court depart therefrom, without having first obtained the Leave of the Chief or Principal Master or Governors, or of the Majority of the Court who shall be then present, on pain of forfeiting Twenty Shillings of lawful
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Money of Great Britain: And if any Examiner shall on any Account or Pretence receive any Fee or Present from any Person to be examined, either at, before, or after the Time of such Examination, he shall be expelled and amoved both from his Office of an Examiner and Assistant.

XI. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Person whatsoever shall be present at any Court of Examiners, but whom the Examiners themselves shall appoint; and that each Examiner who shall be present in the Room wherein the said Court is appointed to be holden, before St. Paul's Clock has struck the Hour appointed in the Summons for the Meeting of such Court, and shall continue there during the Examination of any Person or Persons who shall receive the grand Diploma, shall have Half a Guinea out of the Money paid for every such Diploma; and the Remainder to go into the common Stock of the Company; and in case no Person shall happen to be examined for the grand Diploma, shall receive Half a Crown, out of the Money which properly belongs to the Court of Assistants.

XII. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Member, either of the Court of Assistants or Examiners, who shall behave himself uncivilly or indecently to any of the Governors or other Assistants, at either of the said Courts, or shall, by
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Writing or otherwise, express any Dissatisfaction at any Order, Resolution, or Determination of either of the said Courts, after the Subject-matter of their Meeting has been determined by a Majority of either of the said Courts, such Misbehaviour in either of the foregoing Instances, to be judged of by the Court of Assistants, shall be ipso facto expelled both the said Courts.

XIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That if his present Majesty, or his Successors, shall be pleased hereafter to appoint a Principal Serjeant Surgeon, who is not a Member of this Company, such Principal Serjeant Surgeon shall, at the First Court after his Appointment, be presented with the grand Diploma, without an Examination; and shall likewise be chosen an Assistant and Examiner on the First Vacancies which shall respectively happen, and Principal Master at the Election, next ensuing his Admission into the Court of Assistants: * And if such Principal Serjeant Surgeon, at the Time of such his Appointment, shall happen to be a Member of this Company, but not of the Court of Assistants or Examiners, he shall in like Manner be chosen into the respective Courts, on the First Vacancies happening therein; and shall

* This was plainly a Mistake, and it is corrected in the first of the new Bye Laws, vide Page 35.

likewise be chosen Principal Master at the Election next ensuing his Admission into the Court of Assistants.

XIV. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Member of the Company, who shall be elected Principal Master or Governor, or Warden, or Governor, and shall refuse to take upon him the same Office, or to take such Oath as is afore ordained for the Performance thereof, not having a reasonable Excuse for his Refusal (to be allowed by the Court of Assistants) shall be expelled and amoved both from the Courts of Assistants and Examiners; and the Court of Assistants shall be at Liberty to proceed to a new Election of another in his Room; and no such Governors or Wardens shall, after the Expiration of his or their Office, intermeddle as Governor or Warden; but shall upon the First Thursday in July, being the Day on which his and their Office expires, or within a Fortnight after in every Year, deliver in his Accounts, and pay the succeeding Governors the Balance thereof, upon pain of Twenty Pounds for every Default, not having a reasonable Excuse, to be allowed by the Court of Assistants, as aforesaid,

XV. ITEM, because the late Act of Parliament and several of the Bye-laws herein contained have at many of the Courts directed by them to be holden, made the Presence of Two of the
Governors

Governors indispensably necessary, and consequently, because their Absence may greatly protract the Business of this Company, whereby great Detriment may arise not only to the several Members thereof, but likewise to the public in general, for whose Utility this Corporation was constituted, it is ordained, That if the Principal Master, or either of the Wardens for the Time being, shall fail to give his or their punctual Attendance at any Court whereat the Presence of Two of them is expressly directed by the Act aforesaid, or by any of the preceding By-laws, he or they shall for every such Failure forfeit and pay the Sum of One Pound One Shilling of lawful Money of Great Britain, unless they can alledge a sufficient Reason or Excuse, to be allowed of by the Court of Assistants.

XVI. ITEM, it is ordained, That if any Member of the Court of Assistants shall become a Bankrupt or Insolvent, he shall be removed from his said Office, and likewise from being an Examiner (if he shall happen to be One;) and in such Case the Fine of Twenty-one Pounds, which he paid upon his admission into the said Court of Assistants, shall be repaid him, if the Court shall think fit and reasonable.

XVII. ITEM, it is ordained, That before any Motion shall be made, or Question debated

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or put, touching any Member of the Court of Assistants or Examiners, who shall happen to be present at such Court, such Person shall on Notice of such intended Motion, or Question, withdraw himself, till the same is determined; and on Refusal shall be amoved and expelled: And no Member shall have a Vote in any Question which relates to or regards himself.

XVIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the Court of Assistants shall out of the Members of this Company, on the First Thursday in the Month of July in every Year, chuse Two Masters, Two Wardens, and Two Stewards of Anatomy, without any Regard to Seniority; to be changed successively, Two at a Time, every Year; the particular Duty and Business of which respective Office, shall from time to time be determined and regulated by the Court of Assistants, and the Expences and Charges thereof, be borne and defrayed by the Company: And if any Member so chosen and appointed, after due Notice of such Election to either of the said respective Offices, refuse to accept and take the same upon him, without just and reasonable Cause, to be allowed of by the Court of Assistants, or if he accepts the same, and shall afterwards neglect to attend unto and execute the Duty of such Office, to be regulated and determined as aforesaid, he shall in either of the above Cases, forfeit and pay the

the Sum of Twenty - one Pounds of lawful Money: And if any such Master, Warden, or Steward of Anatomy, or any other Member of the Company, in dissecting Human Bodies, or the Parts of any Human Body, in public or private, shall indecently expose any part thereof, so as to give public Offence, or shall take away any Part of the Skin, Member, or Flesh of any Body dissected by Order or Direction of the Company, without Leave of Two of the Governors, such Person so offending in either of the last-mentioned Instances shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money for each and every such Offence *.

XIX. ITEM, it is ordained, That the Court of Assistants shall have power to appoint One or more Member or Members of the Company to read Lectures of Anatomy or Surgery at such Time as the Governors shall think fit, for One Year only: And that if any Person so appointed shall accept of such Office, and afterwards shall neglect to perform it, as directed by the said Court, he shall

* This Bye Law is repealed, and a New One ordained, abolishing the Office of Master of Anatomy, and creating that of Professor of Anatomy instead thereof, and the Fine to be excused serving the Anatomical Offices is altered. Vide the Second of the New Bye Laws, Page 37.

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forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain.

XX. ITEM, it is ordained, That if the said Master or Governors, or any or either of them, shall by him or themselves, without the Consent and Order of a Court of Assistants, transact any Business which properly belongs to the said Court, whereby the Company shall and may sustain or suffer any Loss or Damage, such Loss or Damage shall be made good by the Party or Parties so offending; who shall likewise be amoved from their respective Offices of Master or Governor; and the Court of Assistants shall proceed to a new Election.

XXI. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Member of this Company, shall at any Time transfer or betake himself to or procure himself to be admitted or entered a Freeman or Member in any other Corporation or Company of this City, without having first obtained an Order, in Writing, testifying the Consent and Allowance of the Court of Assistants, upon pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain.

XXII. ITEM, it is ordained, That if any Member of the Company shall wittingly or willingly, without the Consent in Writing of a Court of Assistants

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stant, cancel, blot, deface, or put out, or cause to be cancelled, blotted, defaced, or put out, any Picture, Monument, Memorial, Remembrance Book, or Record, belonging to the said Company; such Member shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

XXIII. Item, it is ordained, That if any Member of this Company, who shall practise SURGERY, or any part thereof, shall use any indirect Means to take a Patient out of the Care or Charge of any other SURGEON, Member of this Company, (which indirect Means is to be determined by the Court of Assistants) or shall use, publish, or utter any Words in Detraction of the Art or Knowledge of such SURGEON, relating to his Profession, in whose Hands or Cure the said Patient then was, such Person shall, in either of the said Cases, forfeit and lose his Freedom of this Company, or otherwise forfeit and pay such a Sum (not exceeding Fifty Pounds) as the Court of Assistants of this Company shall think fit.

XXIV. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Person having a Right to the Freedom of this Company by Servitude, shall pay for the Freedom and grand Diploma, the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, of lawful Money; and every Person who has no Right by Servitude, and shall apply to the Company for his Freedom

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thereof, shall pay Two Guineas for the same, and Two Guineas for the binding Fee, over and above the Sum of Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence, making in all for his Freedom and grand Diploma the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds Six Shillings and Six Pence. But if any Person so applying for his Freedom, who has no Right thereto by Servitude, or any person who is intitled to his Freedom by Servitude at the Time of his being admitted into the Freedom of the said Company, proposes to reside and practice SURGERY at any Place or Town Seven Miles or more distant from the Cities of London and Westminster, and gives Security to the Company, to be approved of by Two of the said Governors, that he will continue so to do, he shall in such Case, be intitled to, and shall have the Freedom and grand Diploma, paying for the same no more than One Half of the several Sums herein before-mentioned *.

XXV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That any Person whose Circumstances are such as it may be inconvenient to him to advance so much Money at One Time (which Inconvenience to be judged of by the Court of Assistants) shall, on Payment of Half

* These Fees are altered by the Third of the New Bye Laws. Vide Page 39.

the several Sums of Twenty-one Pounds and Two Shillings and Six-pence, and Twenty-five Pounds Six Shillings and Six-pence be admitted into the Freedom of the Company, and receive the grand Diploma; and shall pay or secure, to the Satisfaction of Two of the Governors, the other Half, within Three Years, from the Time of taking up the Freedom thereof, unless such Court of Assistants shall think fit to indulge such Person with any longer Time for Payment thereof: And if any Person shall practice SURGERY at any Time hereafter, or hang out any Sign, professing to practise SURGERY, without having first been duly examined by the Court of Examiners, and having received the grand Diploma under the Seal of the Company, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Company the Sum of Five Pounds of lawful Money for every Month he shall so continue to practise or profess to practise without such Licence and Authority*.

XXVI. ITEM, it is ordained, That no Member of the said Company shall take any Person into his Service as his Apprentice, to be instructed in the Art or Science of SURGERY, for any shorter Time than Seven Years; which Person shall understand the Latin Tongue; his Abilities wherein

* This Bye Law is explained and amended by the fourth of the New Bye Laws, vide Page 40.

shall before his being bound, be tried by the Governors, or One of them. And every Freeman of this Company, or foreign Brother, shall, within One Month next after his Entertainment of any Person in order to be his Apprentice, present such Person before the Governors, or any Two of them, at a Court to be by them held, and there bind such Person to him before the said Governors, by Indenture, upon pain of forfeiting Twenty Pounds of lawful Money. And the Clerk of the said Company shall not bind any Person who has not been presented and examined, upon pain of forfeiting the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money, and being liable to be amoved from his said Office. And no Apprentice shall be turned over from One Master to another, but at a Court, in the Presence of the Master and Wardens, or One of them; and One Guinea and no more shall be paid for the same.

XXVII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the SEA-SURGEONS Chests and Instruments, whenever offered for Examination, shall always for the future be examined by the Master and Upper Warden: But if either of them neglects or refuses attending for that Purpose, the Second Governor or Warden shall be intitled to such Examination; and that the Certificates of the SEA-SURGEONS, having left their Journals, shall for the future be signed by the Principal Master or Governor, or such of the other Governors

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vernors who shall be authorized by the Court of Assistants to peruse and examine the same.

XXVIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the Clerk's Salary shall not exceed Sixty Pounds per Annum; and no Gratuity shall be above forty Pounds: And that the Beadle's Salary shall not exceed Twenty Pounds per Annum; and no Gratuity above Ten Pounds, unless with the Consent of a Majority of the whole Company who shall attend at any Court.

XXIX. ITEM, it is ordained, That for the future, all public Dinners of the Company shall be had at such Time and Place only, as the Master and Governors, or any Two of them, shall appoint; and that the Expence shall be defrayed by voluntary Subscriptions: And that at every such public Entertainment the Clerk shall call over the Names of all the Members of the Company, according to their Standing in the Company, and such of the said Members who shall be present shall answer to their Names, and take their Seats at Table according to such Seniority, and on Refusal shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

XXX. ITEM, it is ordained, That the Governors for the Time being, or some or One of them, shall receive to the Use of the Company, all Fines, Forfeitures, Annuities, Rents, and Sums of Money due and payable to the Company; and shall likewise
disburse

disburse and expend all the Charges and Expences of the Company.

XXXI. ITEM, it is ordained, That every Member of this Company shall yearly, on Midsummer-day, or within Fourteen Days then next ensuing, pay the Sum of Ten Shillings of lawful Money of Great Britain, and every foreign Brother the Sum of Twenty Shillings of lawful Money, for and in the Name of the Quarterage of the said Company, at such Place and unto such Person or Persons, as the Governors, or any Two of them shall from time to time assign and appoint, the First of which Payments shall be made on Midsummer-day now next ensuing, or within Fourteen Days then next following, and to continue for so long Time only, as the Court of Assistants shall think fit, which said Court shall, if they think fit, have Power of increasing the said Yearly Sums to the Sum of Forty Shillings to be paid in Manner aforesaid, provided the Majority of a general Court of the whole Company consent thereto, until the Theatre and other new intended Buildings, for the Use of the said Company, are erected, finished, and paid for (the Money so to be raised being intended to be applied for the erecting and finishing such Buildings, and discharging the Interest of the Money borrowed for that Purpose :) And after such Buildings are intirely completed and paid for, such yearly Sums, or such Quarterage only, if any, shall be paid, as shall be
settled

settled and agreed to by the Majority of a general Court, to be summoned for that Purpose.

N. B. By a Resolution of a general Court of all the Members, holden on the 12th of August, 1766, an Addition of 6s. per Ann. was made to the Quarterage of all the Members, not of the Court of Assistants, who had not served or fined for the anatomical Offices; and 12s. on each Member of the Court of Assistants.

XXXII. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That every Person that has the Company's grand Diploma, and shall reside at above the Distance of Seven Miles from London, shall be excused and exempted from the Payment of any Quarterage, or yearly Sum whatsoever.

XXXIII. ITEM, it is ordained, That the said Company will for the future in all Cases defend and protect (at their own Expence) any of the Members thereof, if sued or disturbed for any of the just Rights and Privileges which they enjoy, as Members of the said Company.

We have perused and do approve of these
ORDERS and ORDINANCES,

HARDWICKE, C.
W. LEE.
J. WILLES.

Signed, this Seventh Day of *April*, in the Year
of our LORD, One thousand Seven hundred
and Forty-eighth, by Us,

JOHN FREKE, MASTER.

W. PYLE.

LEGARD SPARHAM, } WARDENS.

JOHN RANBY.

C. HAWKINS.

WM. PETTY.

J. SANDFORD.

WM. CHESELDEN.

JAMES HICKS.

PET. SAINTHILL.

NOAH ROUL.

J. WESTBROOK.

WM. SINGLETON.

JAMES PHILLIPS.

JOSEPH WEBB.

MARK HAWKINS.

CHR. FULLAGAR.

EDW. NOURSE.

JOHH GIRLE.

JOHN TOWNSEND.

B Y E L A W S,
O R D I N A N C E S,
RULES and *CONSTITUTIONS*,
Made and Ordained by the
Master, Governors, and Assistants,
Of the Corporation of the
A R T A N D S C I E N C E
O F
SURGEONS of *LONDON*;

Pursuant to the Power and Authority, for that Purpose to them given, in and by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Eighteenth Year of his late Majesty King George the Second; Entitled "An Act for making the Surgeons of London, and the Barbers of London, Two separate and distinct Corporations."

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THEATRE in *the OLD BAILEY*,
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Made and Ordained by the

Master, Governors *and* Assistants,

Of the Corporation of the

ART AND SCIENCE

O F

SURGEONS

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L O N D O N.

IMPRIMIS; WHEREAS in the 13th of the foregoing Bye Laws, made and ordained, on the 7th Day of April 1748, it is ordained, that if his then Majesty, or his Successors, should be pleased thereafter to appoint a principal Serjeant Surgeon, who should not be a Member of this Company, such principal Serjeant Surgeon, should at the first Court after his appointment, be presented

sented with the Grand Diploma, without an Examination; and should likewise be chosen an Assistant and Examiner, on the first vacancies which should respectively happen; and principal Master, at the Election next ensuing his admission into the Court of Assistants: And if such principal Serjeant Surgeon, at the time of such his Appointment, should happen to be a Member of this Company, but not of the Court of Assistants or Examiners; he should in like manner be chosen into those respective Courts, on the first Vacancies happening therein; and should likewise be chosen principal master, at the election next ensuing his admission into the Court of Assistants. AND WHEREAS such part of the said 13th Bye Law, as declares that such principal Serjeant Surgeon, should be elected principal Master, at the Election next ensuing his Admission into the Court of Assistants, is bad: inasmuch, as it is inconsistent with, and contrary to, the 9th of the foregoing Bye Laws; and that the principal Master, must of necessity always be a Member of the Court of Examiners. For remedy whereof, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, that the said 13th of the foregoing Bye Laws shall be, and the same is, hereby annulled, revoked and abrogated. AND MOREOVER it is ordained; that if his present Majesty or his Successors, shall be pleased hereafter to appoint a principal Serjeant Surgeon, who is not a Member

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ber of this Company, such principal Serjeant Surgeon shall, at the first Court of Examiners, next after his appointment, be presented with the grand Diploma of this Company, without an Examination, and shall likewise be chosen an Assistant and Examiner, at the first vacancies which shall happen in the Courts of Assistants and Examiners, next after his appointment: and shall be chosen principal Master, at the Election next ensuing his Admission into the Court of Examiners. And if such principal Serjeant Surgeon, at the time of such his Appointment, shall happen to be a Member of this Company, but not of the Court of Assistants or Examiners, he shall in like manner be chosen into the respective Courts of Assistants, and Examiners, on the first vacancies which shall happen therein, next after his appointment; and shall likewise be chosen principal Master, at the Election next ensuing his Admission into the Court of Examiners.

ITEM WHEREAS it has been found, that the Method of electing two Masters of Anatomy, as prescribed and appointed by the 18th of the foregoing Bye Laws, did by no means Answer the purposes intended to be effected thereby; and also, that the Fine of Twenty-one Pounds, thereby imposed, in case of refusal to accept, or neglect to execute, the Offices therein named, is too heavy
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and excessive. IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED, that the said 18th of the foregoing Bye Laws, shall be, and the same is hereby annulled revoked and abrogated. AND MOREOVER it is ordained, That from henceforth a Member of this Corporation, of known Abilities, shall be Annually chosen and elected, upon the First Thursday in July, in each and every succeeding Year, by the Court of Assistants, who shall be called "THE PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY:" instead of the said Two Masters of Anatomy. AND FURTHER, That on the said First Thursday in the Month of July, in every Year, the said Court of Assistants, shall out of the Members of this Company, chuse Two Wardens and Two Stewards of Anatomy, without any regard to Seniority, to be changed successively, two at a time every Year: the particular Duty of all which Offices of Professor, Warden, and Steward of Anatomy, shall from Time to Time be determined and regulated by the Court of Assistants: and the Expences and Charges thereof, be borne and defrayed by the Company. And if any Member so chosen and appointed, after due notice of such Election, to any or either of the said respective Offices, refuse to accept, and take the same upon him, without just and reasonable Cause, to be allowed of by the Court of Assistants; or if he accepts the same Offices, or any of them, and shall afterwards neglect to attend unto, and execute the

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Duty of such Offices, or any of them, to be regulated and determined as aforesaid; he shall in either of the above Cases, forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Company, the Sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings of lawful Money. And if any such Professor, Warden, or Steward of Anatomy, or any other Member of the Company, in dissecting Human Bodies, or the Parts of any Human Body, in public, or private, shall indecently expose any Part thereof, so as to give public Offence; or shall take away any part of the Skin, Member, or Flesh, of any Body dissected by Order or Direction of the Company, without leave of Two of the Governors; such Person so offending, in either of the last mentioned Instances, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Company, the Sum of Ten Pounds, for each and every such Offence.

ITEM it is ordained, That every Person having a right to the Freedom of this Company, by servitude, shall pay for the Freedom and Grand Diploma of this Company, the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds Eight Shillings of lawful Money, (as for many Years past hath been paid for the same.) And that every Person who has no right to his Freedom by Servitude, and shall apply to this Company for his Freedom thereof, shall pay for the same, Twenty-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings (as for many Years past hath been paid for the same) instead of the several Sums, appointed to be paid

paid for the same, in and by the 24th of the afore-
 said Bye Laws; and the like Indulgencies are to
 be continued, with respect to Persons who shall not
 reside or practice Surgery, in or within Seven
 Miles of the Cities of London, or Westminster,
 who shall be entitled to and receive the Freedom
 and Grand Diploma, upon paying no more than
 One Half of the said Sums of Twenty-four
 Pounds Eight Shillings, or Twenty-seven Pounds
 Eleven Shillings, as in and by the said Twenty-
 fourth Bye Law, were allowed and provided,
 with respect to the Sums thereby directed to be
 paid.

ITEM, WHEREAS some Doubts and Que-
 stions have arisen, touching the meaning and ope-
 ration of that Part of the Twenty-fifth of the
 said Bye Laws, so heretofore made as aforesaid,
 which relates to Persons who should thereafter
 practice Surgery, or hang out any Sign professing
 to practice Surgery, without having been first duly
 examined by the Court of Examiners, and having
 received the grand Diploma, under the Seal of
 the Company. NOW IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED,
 That if any Person, shall at any Time hereafter
 practice Surgery, or profess to practice Surgery,
 or hang out any Sign or other token professing
 to practice Surgery, within the Cities of London
 and Westminster, or either of them, or within the
 Distance of Seven Miles of the said City of Lon-
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don, without having been first duly examined by the Court of Examiners, and having received the Grand Diploma under the Seal of this Corporation, That then every such Person, shall forfeit and pay, to the Use of this Corporation, the Sum of Five Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, for each and every Month he shall so practice or profess to practice Surgery, without such Licence and Authority.

We have perused, and do approve of, and allow these ORDERS, RULES and ORDINANCES.

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MANSFIELD.
LOUGHBOROUGH.*

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