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CHARTER BY KING JAMES VI.

TO THE

FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.

JAMES, be the Grace of God, King of Scottis, to all provostis, baillies of burrowis, scheriffs, stewartis, baillies of regalities, and otheris, ministeris of justice within the boundis following, and their deputis, and all and sundrie otheris our leigis and subditis, quhom it efferis, quhase knowledge thir our letteris sal come, greiting, WIT ZE WE, with avise o our counsall, understanding the grit abuis quhilk hes bene comitted in time bigane, and zit daylie continueis be ignorant, unskillit and unlernit personis, quha, under the collour of chirurgianis, abuisis the people to thair plesure, passing away but tryel or punishment, and thairby destroyis infinite number of our subjectis, quhairwith na ordour hes bene tane in tyme bigane, specially within our burgh and baronie of Glasgow, Renfrew, Dumbartane, and our sheriffdomes of Cliddisdale, Renfrew, Lanark, Kyill, Carrick, Air and Cuninghame; For avoiding of sik inconvenientis, and for gude ordoure to be tane in tyme cuming, to have made, constitutit and ordanit, and be the tenoure of thir our letteris, makis, constitutis, and ordinis Maister Peter Low, our chirurgiane, and chief chirurgiane to our dearest son the Prince, with the assistance of Mr. Robert Hamiltone, professoure of medecine, and their successouris, indwelleris of our citie of Glasgow, GEVAND and GRANTAND to thame and thair successoures, full power to call, sumonnd, and convene before thame, within the said burgh of Glasgow, or onie otheris of our said burrowis or publict places of the foirsaid boundis, all personis professing or using the said airt of chirurgie, to examine thame upon thair literature, knowledge and practize; gif they be fund wordie, to admit, allow and approve thame, give them testimonial according to the airt and knowledge that they sal be fund wordie to exercise thareftir, resave thair aithis, and authorize thame as accordis, and to discharge thame to use onie farder nor they have knowledge passing thair capacity, laist our subjectis be abusit; and that every ane citat report testimonial of the minister and eldris, or magistratis of the parochin quhair they dwell, of thair life and conversatione; and in case they be contumax, being lauchfullie citat, everie ane to be unlawit in the soume
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of fortie pundis, *toties quoties*, half to the judges, other half to be disponit at the visitoures plesure; and for payment thaireof, the said Mr. Peter and Mr. Robert, or visitoures, to have our uthere letteris of horn- ing, on the partie or magistrates quhair the contemptuous personis duellis, chargeing thame to poind thairfoire, within twentie-four houris, under the pain of horning; and the partie not haveand geir poindable, the magistrate, under the same pain, to incarcerate thame, quhill caution responsall be fund, that the contumax persone sall compir at sik day and place as the saidis visitouris sall appoint, gevan trial of thair qualifi- cations; *Nixt*, that the saidis visitouris sall visit everie hurt, murtherit, poisonit, or onie other persoun tane awa extraordinarily, and to report to the magistrate of the fact as it is: *Thirdlie*, That it sall be leisum to the said visitouris, with the advice of thair bretheren, to mak statutis for the comoun weill of our subjectis, anent the saidis artis, and using thairof faithfullie, and the braikeris thairof to be punshit and unlawit be the vi- sitoures according to their falt: *Fordlie*, It sall not be leisum to onie man- nir of personis within the foresaidis boundis to exercise medicine without ane testimonial of ane famous universitie quhair medecine be taught, or at the leave of our and our dearest spouse chief medicinarie; and in case they failzie, it sal be lesum to the saidis visitouris to challenge, perseu and inhi- bite thame throw useing and exercing of the said airt of medecine, under the pain of fourtie pundis, to be destributed, half to the judges, half to the pure, *toties quoties* they be fund in useing and exercing the same, ay and quhill they bring sufficient testimonial as said is: *Fythlie*, That na manir of personis sell onie droggis within the citie of Glasgow, except the sam be sichtit be the saidis visitouris, and be William Spang, apothecar, under the pane of confiscatioun of the droggis: *Sextlie*, That nane sell ratoun poison, asenick, or sublemate, under the pane of ane hundred merkis, excep onlie the apothecaries quha sall be bund to tak caution of the byaris, for coist, skaith, and damage: *Seventlie*, Yat the saidis visi- touris, with thair bretherene and successouris, sall convene every first Mononday of ilk moneth at sum convenient place, to visite and give coun- sell to pure disaisit folkis gratis: And, *last of all*, Gevand and grantand to the saidis visitouris indwellers of Glasgow, professouris of the saidis airtis, and thair bretherene, pⁿt and to cum, immunite and exemptioun from all wappin shawengis, raidis, oistis, beiring of armour, watching, weirding, stenting taxationis, passing on assises, inquestis, justice courtis,

courtis, scheriff or burrow courtis, in actiounes criminal or cival, notwithstanding of oure actis, lawis, and constitutionis thairroff, except in geving yairr counsall in materis appertaining to the saidis airtis; ORDAINING you, all the foresaidis provestis, baillies of burrowis, sheriffis, stewartis, baillies of regalities, and otheris ministeris of justice, within the saidis boundis, and zoure deputis, to assist, fortifie, concur and defend the saidis visitouris, and thair posterior, professouris of the foresaidis artis, and put the saidis actis maid and to be maid to executioun; and that oure otheris letteris of our Session be granted thereupon to charge thame to that effect within twentie four houris nixt after they be chargit thairto, GIVIN under oure previe seill, at Haliruid-house, the penult day of November, the zeir of God jave. and fourscore ninetein zeiris, and of oure regnn the threttie thre zeir.

*Per Signaturam manu S.
D. N. Regis nec non mani-
bus Dominorum Ducis
Lennocæ, Thesaurarii ac
Scaccarii dicti. Domini
Regis Subscriptam.*

(Written on the Tag thus)

*Litera Mag^{ri} Petri Low, Chirurgi,
Et Mag^{ri} Roberti Hamiltone, Pro-
fessoris Medicinæ.*

Locus Sigili.

(Written on the back thus)

Written to the Privie Seil, Penult Novemb^r 1599.

J. HAY.

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