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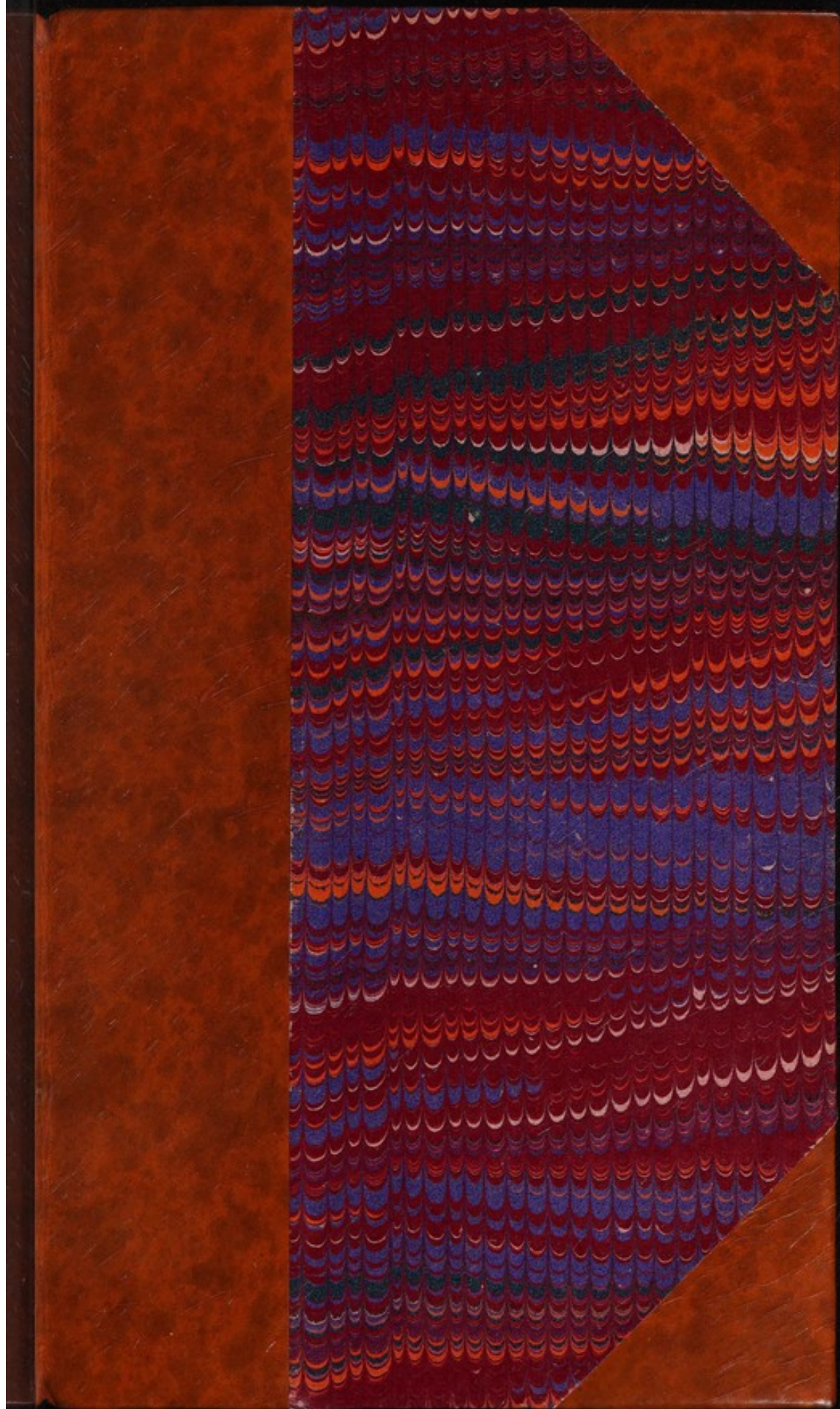
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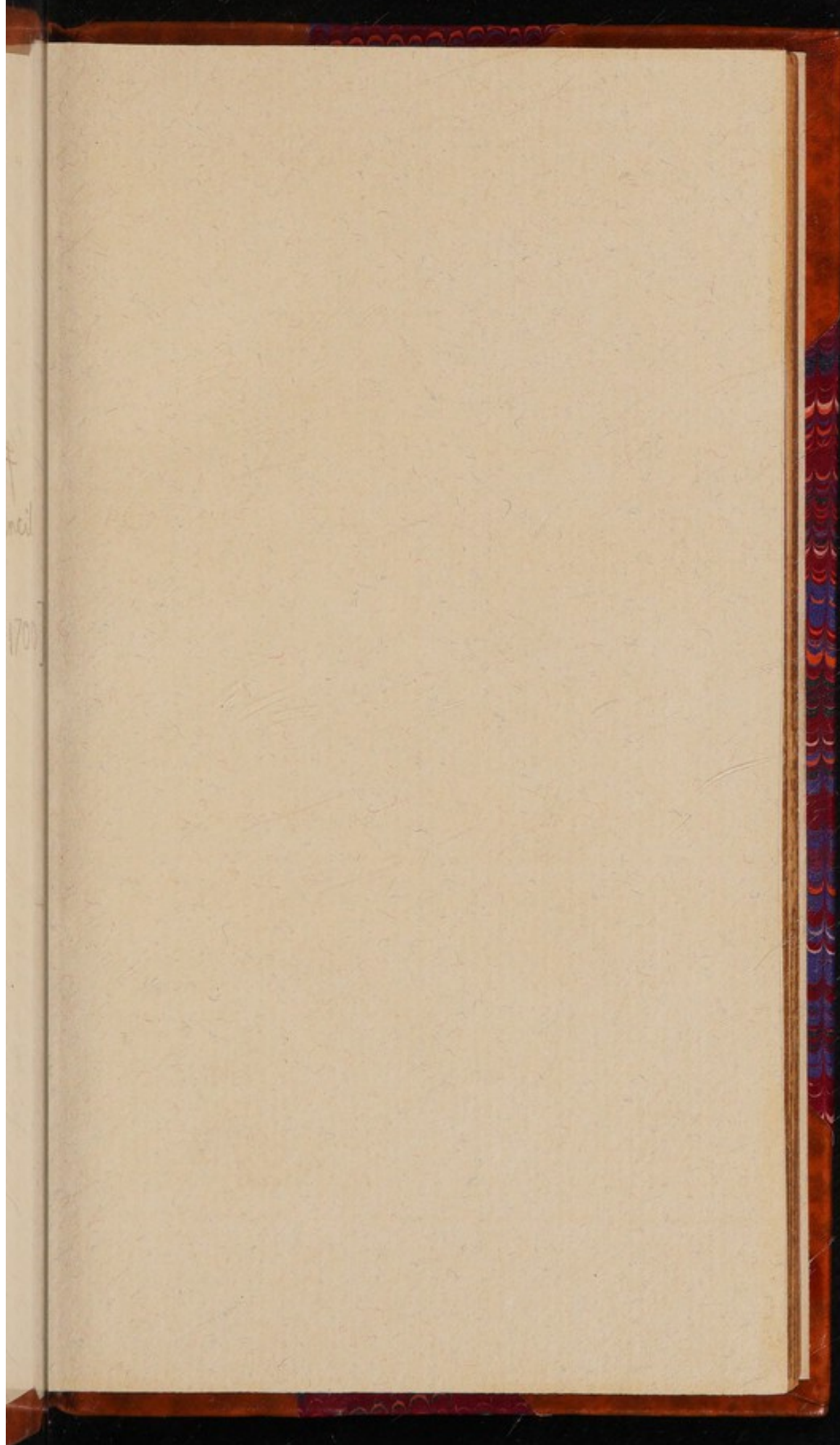


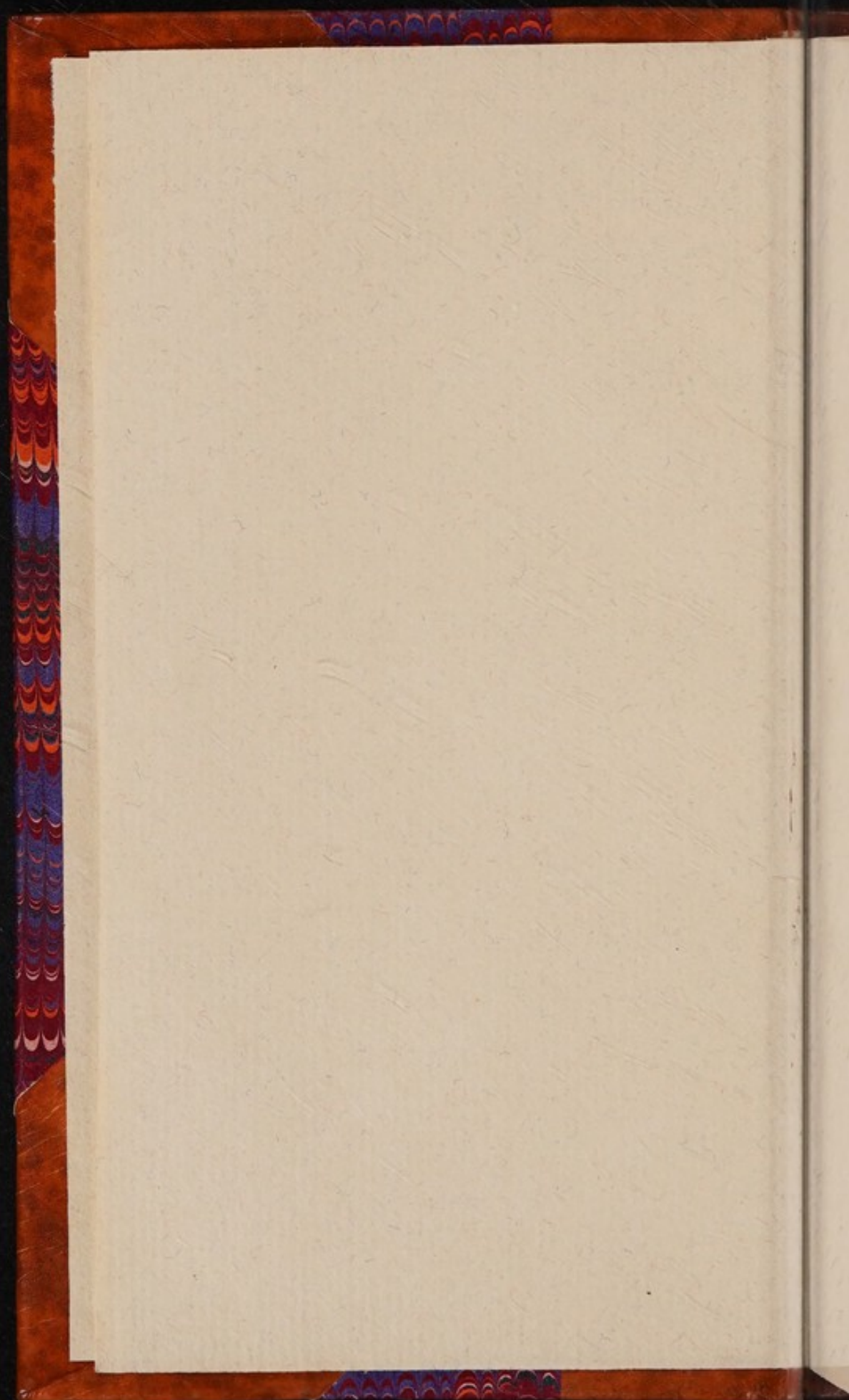


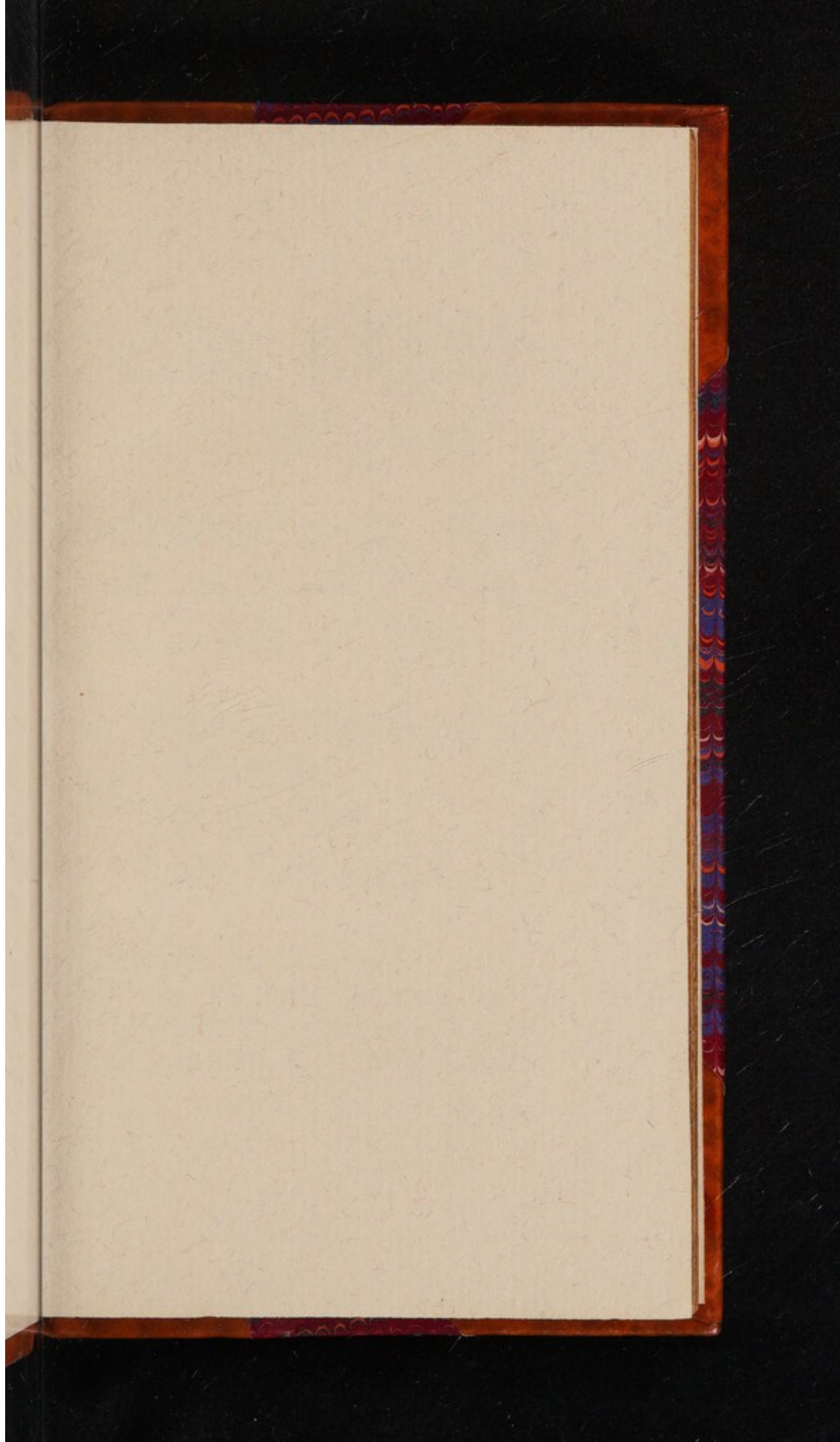
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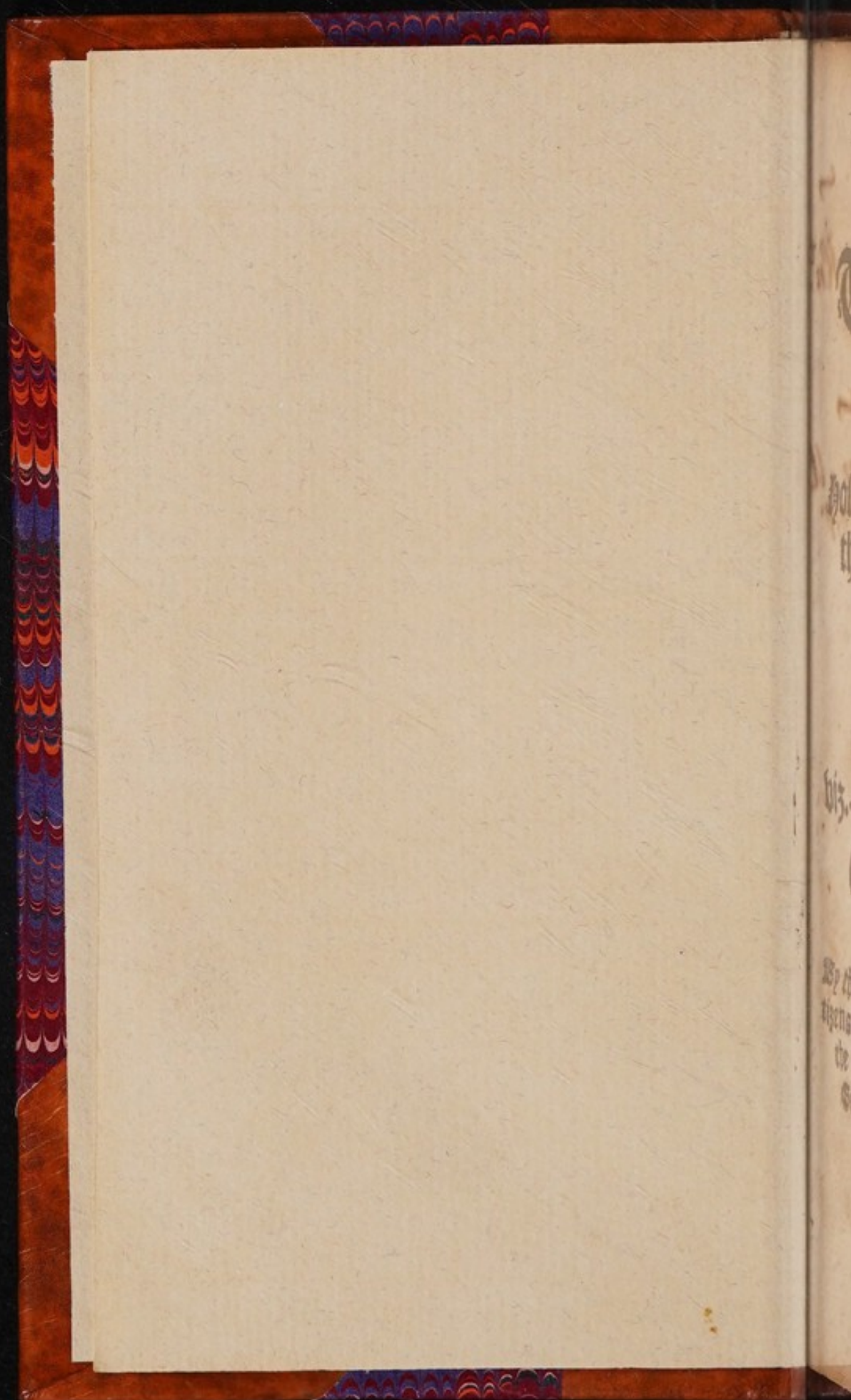
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Of the

Hospitalls of R. Henry
the viijth and R. Ed-
ward the vith,

viz. { St. Bartholomew's.
Christ's.
Bridewell.
St Thomas's.

By the Mayor, Comynalties, and Ci-
tizens of London, Governours of
the Possessions, Revenues and
Goods of the sayd Hospitalls,

1557.

To the Right Worp.th
S^r. Humphry Edwin Kim
and Alderman
Governor of Christ's Hosp.^l

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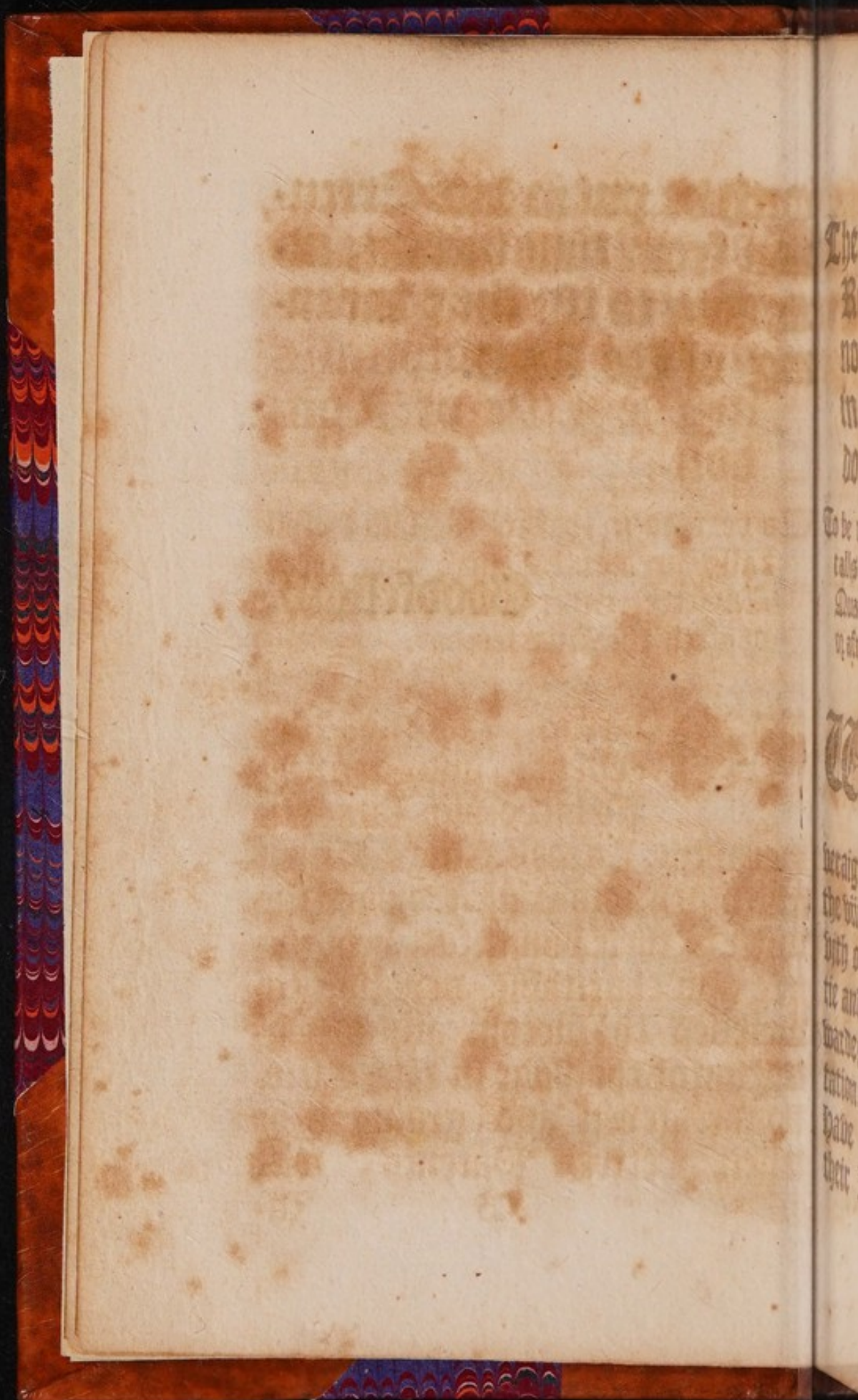
Martis vicesimo Octa-
vo die Septembris
Anno Phil. et Marie
quarto et quinto.

At this Court, it was
agreed that all the se-
veral Articles and Ordi-
nances hereafter mention-
ed, and expressed, and o-
penly read to the Court
here this day Concerning
the

the Governance and Or-
dering from henceforth of
the house of the poore in
West-Smithfeild and the
Hospitalls of this City,
lately devised by Sr Mar-
tin Bowes, and Sr Row-
land Hill Knights, and
diverse other of my Ma-
sters th'Aldermen, and the
Commoners of this City,
being Governours and
Surveyors at this present
of the said Houses, and
of all the Lands and o-
ther Revenues of the same
whatsoever, shall be entred
of Record, and from hence-
forth

forth be put in due Execu-
tion from time to time, ac-
cording to the true mean-
ing of the same.

Goodfellow.



**The Ordinances and
Rules for the Gover-
nors of the Hospitalls
in the Citie of Lon-
don.**

To be redd in every of the said Hospi-
talls at a full Courte once every
Quarter, either xliij days before,
or after the Quarter day.

Whereas the most ex-
cellent and worthy
Princes our late So-
veraigne Lordes Kinge Henry
the viijth and King Edward the
viijth of their bountifull benigni-
tie and charitable devotion to-
wardes the succour and susten-
tation of the poor in this Citie,
have geven and graunted by
their Lettres Patents, with
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Indentures of Covenants and
bandes to the said Princes and
their Successors by the City
made for performation thereof,
to the Maior and Comynaltie
Citizens of this said Citie, As
well iiii several Hospitals, (that
is to say) By King Henry the
viijth one Hospitall called St
Bartholmewes the little, and
by Kinge Edward the viijth iij
other Hospitalls, called Christs
Hospitall, Bridewell place, and
St Thomas Hospital; As also
certain Lands and Tenements;
towards the reliefe and main-
tenance of suche Pooor as there
are releved, and have also by
their Kingly Prerogative,
graunted unto the Maior and
Comynaltie, for the better Go-
vernment of the same amongst
other

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other things in the said Lettres Patents, authority and power to elect and chuse Governours and Officers, And also to make and constitute good and holsome Ordinances for Godlie maintenance thereof, by vertue of the whiche Lettres Patents We the said Maior and Cominaltie have made and ordained these Rules and Ordinances in maner and forme followinge.

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¶ First,

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First, how manye Governours shal be elected; the maner of their Election; and how they shal be divided, and of their continuance.

The number of persons that shal Governe the said ⁱⁱⁱⁱ Hospitalls before mentioned shal be Lxvi at the leaste, and ^{xiiii} of them to be Aldermen (that is to say) vii Grave clokes and viii callabze, with Lij grave Commoners, Citizens and Freemen of the said Citie, whereof ⁱⁱⁱⁱ to be Skribeners, at the leaste; to th^e intent that in every House may be

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be one or moe, as neede shal require. And if of the Aldermen of the Auncients Grayclokes to be Governours generall of all the said iiij hospitalls; the Senioꝝ of those twaine to be Comptroler, and the other Surveioꝝ; and other xii Aldermen and Lij Commoners shal be devided equally to the said iiij Houses (that is to saye) foꝝ every House xvi persons at the least, to wit, iij Aldermen, whereof one shal be a graycloke, who shal be their President, and xij Commoners whereof one shal be their Treasurer.

And yearly, upon the day of St Matthew th'apostell, at a General Court to be houlden in Christe Hospital, or ell in some

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other convenient place, by the said Governours or the most part of them, shal be elected and chosen new Governours to govern the said Hospitalls for ij years then next ensuinge from the feast of St Michaell tharchangell; and none to remaine above ij yeares, except resonable consideration and by consent of the greatest Number of the said general Courte.

And if it happen any of the said Governours do dye within the year (as God defend) being under the degre of an Alderman, or the Thresurer (the Governours of Saint Bartholmews Hospitall being excepted) the Governours of the said Hospitall in the said howse where he served, shal at the farthest within

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within one Moneth after his decease, at a full Court, then and there elect and chuse one other Commoner in the place of him so deceased. But if it happen that either the Comptroller, or Surveyor generall, or any of the Aldermen or Thresozers of the said Hospitall, (except before excepted) shall happen to die (as God defend) Then at a Generall Courte to be holden in Christes Hospitall or els where as before, within ̄x dayes at the farthest after the decease, then and there shall by them be chosen one other or moze in the place or places of him or them so deceased, and as often as it shall happen.

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At whiche General Courte being kept on St Mattheus daye, there shall also be chosen for Auditozs generall of the Accompts of all the said Houses, xvi persons, iiii of every House, to wit an Alderman and iij Commoners, and the Aldermen to be the Ancients of such as have not been Maior, to Audite aswell the Thresorer and Renters Accompts, as also thaccompts of all other Officers in any wise accomptable to the said Hospitalls.

The election being thus finished; Then shall be called in before the said Courte, all the Bedells, who shall deliver up their Staves and depart the howse, that the opinion of the Court,

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Court, may be harde touchinge the doing of their duties. To the entent, yf any of them be faultye, that he or they may be rebuked or dismissed, at the discretion of the said Court, and thereupon to deliver unto suche as then remayne, their Staves and again establish them.

And for the better order and redines in the general election; the Governours of every House, xx daies before the said day of election, At a Courte to be holden in every of the said Hospitalls, shall then and there confere together, and nominate and put in writing the Names of suche Number of grave Citizens, as by their discretion shal be thought mete to succede in the places of such as have remained

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mained their full time. To the intent, that out of the said Number soe nominated, such of them as shall by the said Generall Court be thought meete, may succede and be Governours for ii yeares then next ensuinge.

And the same election, aswell made upon St Mathewes Daye, as at any other time after within the yeare, either at a Generall Courte or otherwise in any of the said Hospitalls, the same shall be presented in writinge to the Lord Maior and Courte of Aldermen in the Guild hall, at the next Court there holden after the said Daye of election, by them to be ratified and confirmed, or els to be reformed according to the appointment of

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of the said Court of Aldermen.

And within viij dayes at the farthest next after the confirmation of the said election generall by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, the Thesozor of every House shall cause a Court to be warned, and call thereunto all their Governours both Aldermen and Commoners, as well theould remaininge as also those that be new elected; and every Man to take his place accordinge to the degree of the Companie whereof he is free, except he be such a one as have borne th' Office of an Alderman, or Shrieffe, or hath fined for the same, who shall take place between the Aldermen
and

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and the Thresorer; Then shall the Clerke read the General charge of every Governoz as followeth.

The Charge of every Governoz in generall.

Whereas upon St Mathews day last past, At a General Court, Your worships now here present were then elected Governours of this said Hospitall for the ii yeares next ensuinge from the Feast of St Michaell tharchangell, to succede in the places of suche as he departed, according to the confirmation and ratification of the Lord Maior and Court

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Court of Aldermen in that behalfe; Your charge shall be in this Government, that every of you endeavor your selves with all your wisedomes and powers faithfullie and diligently to serve in this Vocation and Calling; which is an Office of high Trust and Worship; for ye are called to be the faithful and true distributors and disposers of the goods of Almighty God to his pooze and needy members. In the which Office and calling, yf ye shall be found negligent and unfaithfull; you shall not onely declare your selves to be the most unthankfull and unworthie Servants of Almighty God, being put in trust to see to the reliefe and succor of his

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his pooꝛ and needy flock; But also ye shall shew your selves to be very notable and great enemyes to that worke, whiche most highlie doth advaunce and beautifie the comon weale of this realme, and chiefly of this Citie of London. For by this most comendable and notable policie, Idelnes the enemye of all vertue is suppressed and banished; The tender youth of the needy and idle beggars virtuously brought up; The Number of sicke, soꝛe and miserable people refreshed, harbored and cured of their maladies; And the vile and sturdy strumpet compelled to labour and travaile in profitable exercises. Requiring every of you, faithfully to travaile in this your Office

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Office and callinge; that this worke may have his perfection, and that the needy Number committed to your charge be diligently and holsonlye provided for. And for your care towards these poore and needy members of Chryste, you shall be rewarded at his hand, and receive his blessinge in this world, and in the world to come the joyes everlasting.

And for as much as your Worships now present, aswell, such as be newly elected, as also such as remaine of the olde, are now all confirmed and established Governours; It shall be necessarie, that presentlie from amongst you, there be chosen
and

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and elected iij Almoners, for the dailie oversight of the House, as assistants with the Thresorier; ij Scruteners to gather in the Legacies; with a Rent-gatherer, and ij Surveiors.

And to the intent that ebery of your Wozships may the better understande what in this Government yow have to doe duringe the time you are in Office, Now shall be pzentlie read unto yow, the Letters Parents and Graunte from the Kinge, with the Indentures of Covenants. Thereby to shew to yow, aswell what benefits the Citie recebeth by the same; As also what is by the City to be done in that behalf, for the maintenance, succour, and relief of the pooze; with the true estate

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estate of the howse, aswell the
foote of the Thresorers accompt,
As alsoe the Number of chil-
dren remaining and Pencioners
relieved at the Cities charge.

And for the better instruct-
inge of your Wozships touch-
ing the Government herein; You
shall understand, that by vertue
of theis Grants from the Kinge,
The Maior and Cominaltie
Citizens of the City of London
Governors of the Possessions, Re-
venewes and Goods of the said
Hospitalls, have made and con-
stituted certaine Ordinances
and Rules, declaring aswell in
what maner your Courtes
shall be kept; As also the charge
of every severall Governour,
accozdinge to his Office and
appointment; with the charge
C also

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also of everye Officer to the
said Hospitall appertaining
viz.

First of General Courts
touching the Govern-
ment of all the
Houses, and what in
them is to be done.

A Generall Court is to be
understoode, when the
greater parte of the Go-
vernors be assembled, that is
to say, xxij at the leaste in
Number; for generall causes
appertaininge to all the
Houses. Of the which Num-
ber, at the leaste foure shal be
Aldermen, and one of them to
be a Graie cloke. And whatt
for ever

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soever shall be agreed by such a number, the same to be taken as matters agreed by a Generall Courte, and shall not be altered or annihilated; but by a Generall Courte incident to matters concerninge the generall Government of all the iiii Houses.

Item, That no Governour, either Alderman or Thresorer of any of the said Hospitalls, be taken into the place of any such as shall hapen to die within the yeare, otherwise then by election at a Generall Courte to be called in that behalfe as befoze. And that the Names of the said person or persons soe elected and chosen, be presented unto the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen, be-

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foze they be called unto the
said Hospitall, to receive their
charge.

Item, That no chiefe Officer
in any of the said Hospitalls
(to wit) either Clerke, Hospi-
taller o2 Matrone be admitted
o2 removed, without a Gene-
rall Court, o2 els by consent
of the Lord Maior and Court
of Aldermen.

Item, That noe Leases be
let in reversion, proceeding out
the Kings gifte, o2 otherwise
generally graunted to all the
Howses, but one year befoze
the years of the ould Leasees
be expired ; and that the
same Lands o2 Howses be
first surbeied ; and no such
graunte to be made, but by a
Generall Court ; To the im-
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to the
their
Officer
Hospitalls
Hospit
General
Court
tent that accordinge to the
Covenant with the Prince,
the most profit may be made
thereof, and to be onely em-
ployed to the benefit of the
poor and not other wise;
except in wages, and reson-
able consideration to the Offi-
cers serving in the said Hos-
pitalls.

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Of a full Court in
this Hospitall called
Christs Hospitall for
weighty Causes, and
what is thereat to
be done.

A Full Court shalbe when
xiiij of the Governours of
this said Hospitall be as-
sembled at the leaste, whereof
two shall be Aldermen, the one
of them to be the President,
with ten Commoners besides
the Thresorer ; and whatt
these xiiij persons or viij of
them at the leaste, the Presi-
dent being one of the Num-
ber , shall decre, ordaine or a-
gree

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ere upon, the same shall stand
in force, and shall not be al-
tered, nor disallowed, except
by a like Court to be called
for that behalfe.

Item, That no Governour
be taken into this Hospitall
in the place of any that shall
happen to die within the
year, except it be at a full
Court, to be holden as afoze,
or weightie causes; and the
Name of him so admitted, to
be presented to the Maior and
Court of Aldermen, befoze he
be called to receve his
charge.

Item, That no Sale of
Land, Tymber or Wood,
Lease, alienation, Buildinge
or reparation be determined
or done, of Lands or Tene-
ments

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ments geven to thonlye use
of Christs Hospitall, or in a-
ny wise belonginge properlie
to the same, except at a Full
Court, to be holden in the said
Hospitall as befoze.

Item, That no reward bee
geven to to any person above
the somme of v shillings at
once ; which must be done by
the consent of the Thesoreur
and one of the Almoners at
the least ; except first the same
be graunted and determined in
a full Court as befoze.

Item, That there be no
Leases let in reversion butt
one year befoze the ould Lease
be expired ; and that no such
graunt be made but by a full
Court as befoze, or els not ;
and that all the same Leases
bee

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be drawen in paper by a
Scriuener, one of the Gover-
nors of the said Hospi-
tall before they be engrossed,
and he to be allowed for every
draught accordinge to the
quantitie; And the Clerke of
the said Hospitall to engrosse
them, and to procure the
Sealing of all such Leases
before the Lord Mayor and
Court of Aldermen in the
Chamber of London, where
the Comon Seale of the Hos-
pitall doeth remaine.

That noe manner of bar-
gaines be made for Timber,
Tile or such like, or any other
necessaries for the said howse,
before the same be determined
at a full Court to be holden
as before, and the persons
then

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then and there to be named
and appointed which shalbe the
Doers thereof.

What is to be done at
Ordinary - Courts ,
when two or more
of the Governours
be assembled, the
Thresorer being one.

To examine, Order and
punishe any Officers
that shalbe found to of-
fend at any time within this
said Hospitall.

To make provision in con-
venient time for Victuals,
Fuell, and other necessaries,
as Cloth, Woll, Flaxe, Towe
and

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and Lether, and other such like what soever shalbe by them thought needefull for the furniture of the Household and reliefe of the children.

To paye the ordinary Fees to all suche as are allowd to be Officers, and all such others, as the Governours of this Howse have graunted any Pencion unto.

Touching

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Touching the Admit-
ting of Children and
Graunting of Penci-
oners, to be either
Paid in this House,
or in Parishes.

There shall be no Childe
admitted into this hos-
pitall except it be first
declared to this House by a
Certificate in writinge from
a Vestrie holden in the Pa-
rishe, by whom the Suite is
made, and the same to be
subscribed with the Alderman
of the Warde or his Depu-
tie, and vi of the Auncients of
the same Parithe at the least,
that

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that the said Childe was there
borne in lawfull matrimonie,
or els in no wise to be ad-
mitted. And that no pooꝝ
person be admitted to any
Pencion, either to be paid in
the parishe or in this Hospi-
tall, without the like certifi-
cat as befoze; with declara-
tion, that the said parties
have continued in this Citie
by the space of iij yeares, ex-
cept by warrant from the Lord
Maioꝝ and Court of Aldermen.
And that this Ordinance touch-
inge the admittinge of childzen,
be not broken, except in cases
of extremity, where losse of
liffe and perishing would pre-
sently followe, if they be not
receved into this said Hospi-
tall; which is to be consi-
dered

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dered of by the Thresorer
and two of the Almoners at
the leaste, and the same childe
to be entred into the Court
Booke, and by the Threso-
rer and Almoners to be under
written, for the Clarks war-
rant in that behalfe. And
that all Bills receved from
Parishes, as before, either for
children or Pencioners be kept
on a file, and that there be ge-
ven Warrants to the parishe
underwritten by the Threso-
rer and other Governours,
what shall be paid to any such
Pencioner wekly, so long as
they live and shall have nede
thereof, and dwell in the pa-
rishe, being not otherwise pro-
vided for.

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For putting Children foorth to Service.

Item, The Thresorer, with
one other of the Governours
at the least, shall put forth a-
ny of the children of this
Howse to service, having a
careful regard to whom they
be put; chieflie, that they be
honest personnes, and such as
be well able to kepe them, and
to bring them up to suche fa-
cultie, service or occupation
as they may hereafter be good
members in the Common-
welth. Whereas without such
regard taken, they may hap-
pen to become more poore
than their poore Parents;
and

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and also become evil members,
to the great grieve of such as
daily relive them in this howse;
and that as nigh as they can,
to binde them with none, but
with freemen of this Citie;
And before they be so put
foorth, being Men children,
they may write and reade and
cast Accomptes, being found
apt thereunto.

And that suche of the chil-
dren as be pregnant and very
apt to learninge, be reserved
and kept in the Grammer-
Schole, in hope of preferment
to the Universitie; where they
may be vertuously educated,
and in time become learned and
good members in the Common
weale.

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For the Examination of
Single-Women be-
ing gotten with
Child; And the per-
sons with whom
they have committed
the Offence.

AND that two Governours or
more, whereof the Thre-
sorier to be one, if he be
not sicke or out of Town, shall
also at any time examine all
single women or others being
brought into this House with
childe; and cause the parties
whom they accuse to be sent
for before them; and upon his
or their confession, to cause
D him

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him or them to enter into
hands with Suerties to the
Maio^r and Cominaltie, to see
the same childe kept from the
charge of this Citie and Hos-
pitalls; and to se the woman
provided for, from that tyme
untill she be delivered and
churched; with suche other
Covenants as the case shall
require. And if the said par-
ties doe not confesse the facte,
and the same by all presump-
tions likely to be true; they
shall be committed to Ward,
there to remaine untill fur-
ther tryal may be had thereof;
Or els put in Suerties to an-
swer this Courte from time to
time, untill the truthe may be
known. And these matters to
be used accordinge to the dis-
cretion

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the discretion of the Thresorer and
two other Governours at the
least; And this is ordained,
to avoide the laying of such
childzen in the Streets, where-
by this Hospitall upon such ex-
tremities should otherwise be
charged thereby.

Governours.

A Comptroller } General
A Surveior }
A President
A Thresorer
iij Almoners
ij Scruteners
A Renter
ij Surveiors.

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The Comptroller General.

Item, That the Comptroller be warned to every generall Court, And also to every full Courte which shalbe holden in every of the severall howses for waightier causes; and that the Thresorer of the howse or Clarke by his appointment, where such full Court shall hapen to be called, Do first inform the Comptroller of the matter and causes. So that it may be at his choise and plesure whether he will be there, or not; Or whether it will please him to appoint some other time in that:

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that behalfe; Notwithstanding,
if he be not there, yet that he
be afterward informed, how
the same matter was ended
and determined.

Item, That after the Gene-
rall Courte or day of election,
the coppie of the said election
being confirmed by the Lord
Mayor and Courte of Alder-
men, shalbe deliuered unto the
Comptroller; To thintent, by
the same remaininge by him,
he maye percebe from time to
time, who be the Governours
for the yeare ensuinge for eve-
ry several howse.

Item, That the Thresorer
of every howse, or the Clerke
being thereunto appointed, Doe
after the generall Audite of e-
very howse, deliver into th'

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hands of the Comptroller, the just
and true foote of the Accomptes
of either of the Howses; with
the Number of children and
Pencioners; and the same to be
done within vi daies after the
said Audite daye at the far-
thest.

The Surveioꝝ Gene- rall.

Item, That the Survei-
oꝝ generall be likewise
warned to every gene-
rall Courte; and the Com-
ptroller being not in Towne, he
to be warned to any such full
Courte as shall be houlden in
any of the said severall howses;
foꝝ waightie causes; and to be
in

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informed likewise by the Thre-
soror or the Clerke by his
appointment, of the causes;
to thintent, that it maye alsoe be
at his choise, whether he will
be there or no, or otherwise
refere the time untill he may
more conveniently.

The President.

Item, That the President
of every severall howse
shal be taken as chief
Ruler and Governour, next
unto the Lord Maior for the
time being, of the howse
whereunto he is chosen. And
his authoritie shalbe, from tyme
to tyme at his plesure, and as
to him shall seme good, to
cause the Number of the Go-

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vernors to be called together
and to reprove, and reprehend
any Governour in his Office,
if there shall appere good cause
unto him. And all Courtes
for waighty matters, shall by
the President be appointed;
and without his person, shall
no waightie matters be deter-
mined or agreed upon.

The Tresurers Charge.

Our Office and charge is
to receve and paye all
such sommes of mony as
by any meanes shall appertayne
or belong to the relievinge and
comfortinge of the poore chil-
dren of this House and Pen-
cioners heere paid; and to
make a true and just ac-
compte

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compte thereof within iij
Months at the furthest, after
th' end of every year, duringe
the time that you shall remaine
Thresorer. And the same your
Accompte to be made unto the
Auditors thereunto appointed;
and what somme or sommes
of mony in the foote of your
Accompte by them shalbe found
due to the said Howse, you
shall pay within xrtie daies
at the farthest after the said
Audite be done and finished,
unto the Thresorer whiche
shall succeed you, errept
you remaine Thresorer your
selfe.

And whereas the Clerke, to
th'intent you should be lesse
troubled, is appointed to many
Recepts and Payments, You
shall

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shall for the more securitie
therein, once every moneth
call him to an accompt. And
on the Saterday before the
Moneths end, you shall at Or-
dinary Courts appoint two
Auditors, aswell to Audite the
same his accompte, As alsoe
the accompte of Blackwellhall,
or other such like; And if he
the said Clerke or any other
whose accompt shalbe so Audi-
ted, doe not deliver unto you
the mony found to remaine in
their hands by the said Audi-
tors, within thzee dayes next
after at the furthest, the same
being by you demaunded;
You shall then advertise the
Lord Maior thereof (the Pre-
sident being not in Towne)
and what any of them shall ad-
vise:

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Use you therein, the same to
doe, for your better safety in
that behalfe. And although
here be limitted one Moneth
for them to accompte; yet you
shall at your pleasure at any
time within the moneth, your
selfe call them to accompte,
and use such means as may be
for the most suertie therein;
Detaining into your owne cu-
stodie the over-plus, if any
money be in their hands; or
by any other waies and means,
as to you shall seem good in
that behalfe. Provided al-
wayes that the Clerke of this
Howse excede not at any time
in arrearage x l. at the most. And
as you shall recebe the over-
plus from him, or any other
of the Officers at any time be-
ing

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ing found; So shall you, if
aparant neede require for pay-
ments to be made by them,
deliber suche competent somme
or sommes of mony, as to
your discretion shall seme
good.

You shall at your first en-
trance into your Office, Or
within one moneth after at the
furthest, receive into your
hands an Inventorie of all and
all maner of goods in the said
Hospitall, Aswell at the hands
of the Matron, as also at any
other Officer charged in this
Howse; and the same shall be
Indented th' one part thereof
to remaine in your custodie,
and the other in the custodie
of the persons charged. And
at every years end, to peruse
the

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the Inventory of the goods,
during your abidinge in Office.
And if it shall happen that a-
ny such Officer charged, shall
depart in your time; you shall
se the goods in all respects
whatsoever, that were by In-
denture committed to the par-
ties so departing, delivered o-
ver by Indenture as before,
into the custodie of the new
Officers, what or whosever
they be. And if there be any
parte or parcell thereof want-
inge, which in conscience ought
to be answered, you shall cause
the partie so departinge away,
to pay for the same, yf other-
wise they cannot geve accompt
thereof to your satisfaction, or
els to bring them before a
Court, that order may be ta-
ken therein. Your

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You have also authoritie to call befoze you all such personnes or Officers, as have the collection or gathering of any somme or sommes of money dew to the said Howse, and to demaund an accompt of their doeing; aswell of the Collectours of the parishes, As also of the Scrutiners, Almouers, Renters and others whosoever.

And all the Officers in this Howse, aswell Men as Women whosoever (taking wages of the Citie) not behaving themselves faithfully in their Offices wherein they serve; when any suche thinge shall happen; you shall call them befoze you, and admonish them for the first and second tyme at the most.

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most. But if thoffence be very grevous, and to the hinderance of the howse; Then the matter shall be brought befoze the Court, and the parties thereunto answer, and abide such order as shalbe taken in that behalfe.

And you shall not make payment of any somme or sommes of money for any manner of provision of the said Hospitall, except it be for Nursinge of children and ordinary Pensions, Wages, and Fees, befoze it be condescended and determined by iiii of the Governours, and one of them to be an Almoner: From whose hands you shall have the Bill for your sufficient warrant in that behalfe.

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Also yow must diligently forsee, that such necessaries and provisions as are to be made, as of Butter, Cheese, Hering, Wood, Cole, and other whatsoever; that the same be provided in due time, to the profit and commoditie of the said Howses. And if any withdrawinge of the sommes graunted to the maintenance of the said Howses, shall at any time appeare unto yow, by reason whereof the said Howses may come to any great afterdeale, You shall then geve knowledge thereof in due time, desiringe the ayde and helpe of the rest of the Governours for the redinesse thereof.

And

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And forasmuch as your Office must of necessitie be an Office of much paines and attendance, by reason whereof you shall have occasion to be oftner in the Hospitall than other of the Governours shalbe. It is therefore ordered, that you with one Almoner shall from time to time, in the absence of other the Governours, have power and authoritie to examine all such Beggars, Vagabondes, Strumpets, or single women gotten with childe, and other personnes that shall happen to be taken and brought before you by the Bedles, or els sent by the Alderman, Deputie, or Constable of any Warde of this City. And them to examine, commit to prison, reprove, banish,

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nishe, put to Labour, puunished, or being diseased, to admit into the Hospitals at your discretion. And your warrant in sending any to the Hospitalles, shalbe sufficient to the Hospitaller, for the receaving of the same.

This is your charge, which we require of you diligently to observe. And your Labour and paines herein shalbe rewarded at the hands of Almighty God, whom ye chiefly serue in this Office. For, as the Apostle saith, Godlines shall have his reward, not onely in this world, but also in the world to come.

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The three Almoners charge of this howse.

Our Office and charge
shalbe at all times, as
ye conveniently may, to
visit Christs Hospitall, and there
to learne and knowe the true
Number of Children that the
Howse is charged with; As
well those that are harboured
in the Howse, As alsoe those
that are founde at the charges
of the same in the Countrie;
for feare that yow not know-
inge the true Number, shall
exceede in burdeninge and
charginge of the Howse.

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Also ye shall enquire of their Diet and entertainment ; and of the quietnes of the howse ; and whether every Officer in his Callinge doe his Duetie ; As the Schole Masters in teachinge ; The Matron in governinge the women, and keeping the provision of Bedds, Sheets, Shirts and other committed to her charge ; The Nurses in washinge and keeping cleane the children ; The Steward in providing of victuals in due tyme, and at reasonable prizes ; The Cooke in holtsome dressinge, and cleaner servinge of the same ; The Butler in dividinge their proportion of breade and drinke ; The Porter in geving of his attendance upon the safe keepinge

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of the Howse; The Keper of
your Cole house, in saving of
your Fuell, and keping cleane
of the Cloister, and all other
outward parts of the Howse;
And the Clerke in writinge
and entring of things done
and determined from tyme to
tyme, in such sorte and maner,
as every of them is bound to
doe by his Office, which in the
book of the charge of Officers,
yow shall find plainly set out.
And if any shall be found not
to doe their dutie, yow shall
reprove and admonish them,
that they amend and be no more
found faultie, and that if they
doe not, yow will cause them
to be brought befoze the Pre-
sident and Governours at the
full Court: That in like man-

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ner as they were admitted by
them, Soe shall they befoze
them be discharged, to their
shame and reproch for ever.
And that settinge aside all fa-
vor and affection, if any offend
after if admonitions, they be cal-
led to a Generall or full Court
without longer sufferance.

And if by your good travaile,
there shall appeare unto you a
lacke of some further ordinance
or Decree for the better Govern-
ment of the said howse or howses
then befoze hath been made ;
Then shall it be lawfull unto
you to penn the same Ordinance;
And at the next full Court, to
make presentation thereof;
committing it to their wis-
domes to be confirmed or re-
fected, and being agreed upon
the

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the same, to be entred into
this Book of Ordinances.

The Scruteners charge.

Our Office is diligentlie
to serch and enquire
from tyme to tyme for
all suche Quiettes, Legacies, and
Byquests, as have or shalbe ge-
ven or bequeathed to the suc-
cour and comfort of the poore
harbozed in Christs Hospitall;
and the same to receve at
th'ande of th'executozs, or
other, and to make paiment
thereof unto the Threso-
rer of the said Hospitall for
the time being; recevinge of
him your acquittance for the
same, keeping a booke alwayes

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with you, of the particulars thereof. Which booke ye shall bringe to the Auditors of the Howse, when the Thresorer maketh up his accompt; To thintent the Legacies by you collected, may be conferred with the reciepts that the Thresorer shall make receved of you.

And for every such somme or sommes as ye shall hapen to collect and receave of any person, ye shall make an acquittance in your names, as Governours and Scrutiners of the said Hospitall.

And finally when you shall hapen to be in Companie of good vertuous and welthy men, You shall to the best and uttermost of your wits and powers, advance, commend, and

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and set forth the order of the
said Hospitall, and the notable
Commodities that ensue to the
whole Realme of England,
and chiefly to this Citie of
London, by erection of the
same; And also how faith-
fully and truly the Goods ge-
ven to their uses are by the
Governours thereof ministred
and bestowed.

Ye shall also enquire, who
are the Wardens of the Scri-
uenors; to whom ye shall resort
and most heartely pray and
desire, that they will convo-
cate and call their whole com-
pany together, and earnestly
exhort them all, that at the
makinge of such Testaments
as they shall be called unto,
they put the Testatour in re-
membrance

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membrance to comend some-
what to the releife of the
pooze provided for in the said
Hospitall.

And that they may the bet-
ter perswade them thereunto,
ye shall deliver unto the said
Wardens, for every Householder
of that Company, one Bill,
wherein is set forth the true
declaration of all the comodi-
ties that have ensued by th'
erection of the said Hospitalls.
Ye shall alsoe make the like re-
quest to the Bishop of London
for the tyme beinge, that he
will likewise exhort all spi-
ritual Ministers within the Ci-
tie, not onely to provoke and
stirre up from tyme to tyme
their Parishioners to yeld and
give to the maintenance of the
said

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saide Hospitalls wekely that they have graunted; But also, when God by sickness shall visit or call any of their parishes, that then they faile not to put them in remembrance to make some special Legacie, to the reliefe of that great and neddy Number comforted and succored by th'erection of the said hospitalls.

Also ye shall make the like request to the said Bishop, to require all Preachers, especially suche as shall preach at Pawles crosse, that they twise or thise in the quarter at the leasse, doe moue and exhort the people, to further the said worke.

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And the like request shall
ye make to all such Preachers
and Lernerd men, as your
Selves are acquainted with
all. And to the Physicians al-
so, requiring them in like
manner, both by theyr doctrine
and good report, to advance
the same.

And at th'ands of him whom
ye chiefly serbe in this Of-
fice, which is Almighty God,
you shall receve your reward
for your painefull and faithfull
service herin.

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The Surveioꝝs Charge.

In the Moneth of March
He shall yerele Survey
all such Tenements and
Lands as in any wise apper-
tayneth to this Howse. At
whiche tyme the Clerke shall
be redy to attend with a Ren-
tall, wherein shalbe expessed
the said Tenements; with
the places and Streets where
they are; and their yearly va-
lew; with the Names of the
Tenants; And upon the head
of every Tenement shalbe no-
ted, the terme of yeares, if it
be Let out by Lease; And
whether the Lord or Tenaunts
be bound to reparations. And
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also thereunto shalbe joyned
such Covenants as shall or
doe mention any forfeiture off
the said Lease, for not observ-
ing the Covenants; To th' in-
tent that readely he may
know when faults be made,
whether he may re-enter for
the same. And all defaults
that shalbe founde in such
Survey, He shall cause the
Clerke to enter in a Booke;
putting apart those Tenements
wherewith the Howse is to
be charged with reparacions,
from such as the Tenants are
bound to repaire. And at the
next Court (the President be-
ing thereat) the same Book
of Survey shalbe redd. And
so much as shalbe at the same
Court determined to be done,
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the Thresorer shall cause the Renter to doe or see done; whereat the Steward shalbe alwaies attendant; and the determination of the said Court shalbe the Thresorer's Warrant.

And for your paines in this behalfe, You shalbe recompenced with a Crown in everlasting glory purchased by our Saviour Chryste, for all such as travaile to the comfort and succoure of his poore and vedy Members.

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The Renters Charge.

Our Charge is Quarterly to Collect and gather for the terme and space of one whole yeare all these Rents that shalbe contayned in a Rentall, and delivered yow by the Thresorer of this Howse for the time being; and the Somes by yow collected ye shall forthwith pay unto the said Thresorer.

Also Ye shall doe or cause to be done all such reparacions as from time to time shall be determined by the Gouernours of the Howse at a Generall Courte to be done. Which shalbe delivered unto yow in a
Bill

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Bill subscribed with the hand
of the said Thresorer.

And of all such Somes as
ye shall receve or pay, ye shall
make accompt thereof to the
said Thresorer. And if at any
time ye shall perceibe the
Tenants negligent in doeing
of reparacions, being bound
thereunto by vertue of their
Leases, ye shall geue warn-
inge thereof unto the Threso-
rer, that the Governours may
take order therein.

And if ye shall perceave a-
ny Lease or termes of yeares
to be nigh expired, Or any
Suite to be made for them,
whereby the Howse maye take
any commoditie; Ye shall also
give knowledge thereof in due
time.

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And the Fees and Rewards
that ye shall have, shalbe the
same that God hath promised
to all them that Lovingly and
carefullie seke to serue and
please him.

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The Clerke

The Matron

The Nurses and Keep-
ers of wards

The Steward

The Officer appointed
to warne the Collec-
tors and Church-
wardens

The Cooke

The Butler

The Porter

The Shomaker

The Chirurgian

The Barbour

The Bedles.

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The Charges of the Officers of this House.

The Clerks Charge.

His Charge is to be continually attendant here in this House, or some other convenient person at your appointment, such as you will answer for, to attend all well upon the President, the Treasurer and Governors wheresoever they shalbe, heere or else where, about the affairs of the House, being in due time advertised thereof. To the intent if occasion require to have any thinge put in writinge,

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inge, that such order may be
swaies used by you, as the
ame may be entred into the
Books of this Howse, incident
to the matter.

As also to attend upon the
Collectors and all other per-
sonnes, aboute the Receipts
and Payments of mony ;
which you shall not only re-
ceave, and paye duelie, but
from tyme to tyme and at all
times, when it shall please
the Thresorer to request you
hereto, to yield to him a true
and just accompt thereof ; And
such mony as shall at any time
be founde to remaine in your
hands, the same to deliver to
the Thresorer within iij dayes
after your atcompt so taken
either by himself or by the Au-

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ditors upon whom ye shall attend; as you will abyde the perill that maye fall thereof.

And all and all manner matters whatsoever at any Court, or otherwise touching the State, necessary affairs or Governance of this House that yow shall be appointed to write, being requisit to be kept secret, you shall not in any wise open or disclose to any manner of personne or persons whatsoever, as yow will abyde the danger that maye happen to you for the same and as the Judgment of a full Court for waightie Causes shall iudge and deeme thereof.

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You shall not deliuer any money in prest to any Officer of this Howse, or to any other, without the Thresorer will yow the same to doe, or that the same by an Ordinarye Court be graunted.

And to thintent that all things in your Office may be the rediar answered, yow shall kepe all these Books followinge, and any other that may be thought hereafter conuenient, for the better ordering of all things appertayninge to the same.

First You shall kepe a Court-booke, otherwise called a Memorial-booke, whereinto yow shall write all things passed in any Courte or otherwise. And the same yow shall passe into

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such other Booke or Bookes as the Cause and matter shall require. To th'intente there may redely be found any matter that shall be required to you. And whatsoever shall be taken any Courte by you writte down, the same shall be redelivered before the breakinge up or departure, that the Governours may perceave thereby, whether you have entred all things to their mindes or not.

Item, You shall kepe a Booke of all the children admitted into this Howse; and the same shall be called the Booke of Children. Which booke shall containe th'admission of any childe into this Howse, and by what order the same was receued; directinge the same to the Number

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of the files of Bills receaved from the parishes in that behalfe. Whereby the day of the Moneth and yeare of their admission may appeare; thereby to find, when Aeiwe is taken, whether the same Childe be living and remaininge in the howse, or at Nurse; at Service, or els dead, in such manner as the same booke is ordered, extant to be seene.

Item, You shall kepe a Booke of all the Nurses which keep any of the said Childzen of this howse, and the same shall you call the Nurse-Booke; thereby to shew how many childzen every Nurse hath, their wages wekely due for them, and a iuste note of the daies they were deliuered; the better to kepe

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kepe a iust accompt thereof.

Now shall also keepe a Pension-Booke whiche shall declare the Number of the pooze in this Citie, relieved by this Hospitall, and paid in the parishes. Wherein shalbe expressed the tyme of their admission and their Stipends wekely, which shalbe referred unto the Bills on the files received for their admission from Parishes; as warrants for payinge of them in that behalfe.

Item, Now shall keepe an Yerely-booke for Collections, Legacies and Benevolences, Boxe mony, and all other Receipts and Payments for the yeare, begininge alwaies the

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day of September and
ending the of the same
Month the next yeare follow-
ing. Which Booke shall serue
aswell to accompt with every
Parishe severally; As also for
the Legacies and other ac-
compts before mentioned.

Item, You shall kepe **three**
Moneth-Books. Every Booke
shall containe all your receipts
and Paiments receued and
paid in every Moneth; and
they shall passe under these
titles in their Payments (that
is to say) Boord-wages paid
weekly to the Matron, and
Nurses; Necessaries for the
Housholde, Pencioners paid in
this howse, with every of their
Names recited; and the seve-
rall Pencions, with a iust ac-

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account what is every weeke due to any of them: And also the like for children abroad at Nurse. Which Books are extant to be seene and daily had in use. And at every Quarters end the Fees and wages of Officers; as he also entred into iiii of their Books, such as shalbe incident to the Cause, accordinge to the time of the yeare.

And the substance of all the said xiiij Books, as well Payments as Receipts, you shall beare ouer into the former Collection booke immediately upon. To the intent, that at the end of the yeare, the same booke maye containe as well your Receipts and Payments in all respects, as also the Treasurers. Wherein together

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ther shalbe the whole accompt
of the Thresorer for the yeare
perfectly set down. Which
you shall engrosse and write
faire into a Booke; entituled
The Thresorers Accompts. And
besides the same, make for
him a treue and iust priuate
Coppie thereof verbatim, which
he shall haue under the Audi-
tors hands, in his own tuiti-
on, for his discharge in that
behalfe.

And you shall not faile to
have the said iij Books (to
wit) the yearly Collection-
book, The Thresorers accompt-
booke and the Thresorers privat
Coppie-booke all made in a rea-
dines in convenient time, for
the Audite; and thereupon
geue notice to the Thresorer,
what

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What tyme yow be redy; to
th'intent that the Auditors may
be warned to Audite the same;
and that it be within the time
limited.

Item, Yow shall kepe a
Booke wherein shall be entred
all debts owing to the Howse
by composition, and therein de-
clare their tyme of payment, and
the maner of the Bands;
And also what money remaines
to any of the children, which
was receved at their admissi-
on.

Item, a Booke brevisie to
declare how many children from
time to time have bene re-
ceved out of the parishes of
this Citie, and shalbe entituled
Children from Parishes; how
many of them be living; how
many

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many be put to Service; how many be dead; and how long they remained at the Cities charge, before they were put forth; and how many doe remaine at the Cities charge. Therewith to charge the Collectours withall, when they shall be importunate in their Suites.

Item, A Booke breifly to declare what Bands remaine, and from henceforth shalbe taken for keeping of children, or otherwise, and as the same Bands be delivered, the said booke to be discharged thereof.

Item, A Booke of all the Lands and Tenements belonging to this Howse; of whose Gift they be; Where they lye;

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of their Buts and boundes;
for what rent they goe;
when all their Leases wil-
be expired; with all other
such necessarie declarations, as
in that behalfe shall be nede-
full; and this Booke shalbe In-
tituled The Booke of Landss
and Tenements.

You shall also be mindfull of the
time for chosinge of Collectors;
and prepare their precepts in
a redines for the same. And
also for the viewing of all the
poore in the Citie, and such
like, and put the Thresorer in
mind thereof.

And against Easter you shall
prepare a Booke for the re-
ceipt home of the children, to
perceave thereby, how the same
will accord with your Nurse-
bookes

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booke and Booke of Children :
thereby to kepe your great
Books faire. And note also,
that yow nether make nor me-
dle in any other mans Office,
but in your owne ; and if yow
se any thinge amisse in them,
geue the Governours to under-
stande thereof, who will refozm
the same.

The Matrons Charge.

Our Office is an Office of
great Charge and Cre-
dite. For to yow is co-
mitted the Governance and o-
versight of all the Women
and Childzen within this Hos-
pitall.

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And also to you is geuen
authoritie, to commaunde, re-
proue and rebuke them or any
of them; And if any shall hap-
pen to disobey, whom you shall
not be able to correct, You
shall from time to time make
such known unto the Almon-
ners and Governors of the
Howse, that they may take
order with them, as shalbe
thought meete by their wis-
domes.

Your Charge is also to
searche and enquire whether
the women doe their duetie, in
washing of the Childrens Sheets
and Shirts, and in keeping
cleane and sweet those that
are committed to their charge
and also in the Beddes
Sheets, Coverlets, and appar-
raile

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raile, (with keping cleane their
Wards and Chambers) mending
of such as shalbe broken
from time to time. And specially
you shall geue diligent
heede, that the said Washers
and Nurses of this Howse be
alwaies well occupied and not
idle. And that their Linnen be
wholsomly and cleaully washed;
and the same first receued from
the Keepers be (after the washing
thereof) quietly deliuered unto
them.

You shall also once every
quarter of the yeare, examine
the Inventorie which shalbe
deliuered unto you, of the Im-
plements of the Howse; As
of Beddes, Bolsters, Mat-
tresses, Blanquets, Coverlets,
Shets, Pallads, Shirts, Ho-
sen,

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sen, and such other ; whether any of the same be purloyned, embezeled, spoiled, or otherwise consumed ; and to make such lacke and faults, as by you shalbe espied, known unto the Almoners of this howse for the time beinge ; that they may take order therein.

You shall also geue great charge unto all the Nurses or euery Warde, that no Child be received by them, before the name of the same child be entred into the Ward-booke nor that any be deliuered to Nurse or otherwise, but that they be also entred, and that whom they are deliuered, with the day and month when the same is done.

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You shall also neither receave
nor deliver any thinge that
is in the Wardrop, unless
you cause the same to be
written by them that are ap-
pointed thereunto. And be
liuer to receave from the
Purles in the Country, when
any Childzen die, their appa-
raile.

You shall take such order
among the Purles or other-
wise, that the Hall be kept
swete and cleane; and suffer
none of the childzen to be there
after their meales, except it be
at Seruice time, and when it
shall please the Governours to
appointe them.

You shall twise or thrise in
euery weke arise in the night,
and goe aswell into the Sicke
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warde as also into euery other
Warde, and there se that the
childzen be couered in the
beddes, wherby they take no
colde.

And laste of all, if you
shall perceave that any Officer
or Officers of this howse do
abuse themselves, either in
woorde or Deede, you shall
admonishe the Governours in
the same, and not medle any
further therein, neither to haue
to doo with any Officer or
Officers, other than appertain
eth to your owne Office and
charge as aforesaid.

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The Charge of the Nurses and Keepers of the Wardes.

Our Charge is faithfull-
ly and truely to serve
in this howse, to obey
the Matron thereof.

We shall also flie and eschue
all rayling, skoldinge, swear-
inge and drunkennes.

We shall in your behaviour
and doings be vertuous lou-
inge and diligent.

We shall also carefully
and diligently oversee, keepe,
and governe all those ten-
der babes and yonglings
that shalbe comitted to your
charge, and the same holesom-

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ly, cleanly, and sweetly no-
rishe and bringe up.

And in like maner shall ye
keepe your wardes and ebery
parte thereof swete and cleane.

Ye shall also, to avoid all Idlene-
ness when your charge and
care of keeping the Children is
paste, occupie your selves in
Spinninge, sewing, mending
of Shets and Shirts, or some
other vertuous exercise, such
as you shalbe appointed unto.

Ye shall not resort, or suff-
fer any man to resort to you,
before ye have declared this
same to the Almoners, or Mar-
tron of this Howse, and have
obtayned their Lycence and fa-
vor so to doe.

Ye shall at lawfull times ac-
cording to such order as is
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and shalbe taken in this howse,
be within your Wardes and
places of lodginge, and se that
all your children before they
be brought to bed, be washed
and cleane, and immediately af-
ter, every of you quietly shall
goe to your bed, and not to sit
up any longer; and once every
night arise, and se that the
children be couered, for taking
of colde.

These are the especial partes
of your charge, whiche ye shall
endeuour every of your selues,
with all your powers to ob-
serue and kepe; or els ye shall
not only remaine under the
correction and punishment that
shall be thought meete, by the
discretion of the Governours;
but also to be expelled and ba-
nished

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nished this howse for ever.
And whatsoever faults ye shall
perceave by any other Officers
in this howse, the same ye
shall declare unto the Gover-
nours, and not otherwise me-
dle or make but in your owne
busines.

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The Stewardes Charge.

Our Office shalbe to provide all such necessarie Victuales as shalbe assigned from tyme to tyme by the Thresorer or Almoners of the Howse, to the use of the poore; and the same soe provided, ye shall deliver the due proportion appointed for every meale unto the Cooke. And this shall you dailie doe, in the presence of the Batron or one of the Almoners of the Howse.

Alsoe yow shall diligently foresee what necessarie provisions are to be made, as of Butter, Cheese, Fishe, Wood, Cole,
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etc. and in due time geue knowledge thereof unto the Thre-
sorier, or one of the Almoners
of this Howse, that provision
may be made accordingly.

You shall not embezell, or
conday any maner of Victualls,
either to your owne use, or to
the use of any person, other
then to th' use of this Howse
as aforesaid; upon pain to
be deprived of the Howse
and lose your Office for ever.

And attendant shall you be
upon the Rentar, what tyme
any buildinge shalbe for this
Howse, and upon the worke-
men, and carefully to overse
them in all respects.

This is your charge which
se that you doe, and have not
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to doe with any other mans
Office; but if yow espie any
not to doe their duties faith-
fully, yow shall geue warninge
thereof to the Governours and
to medle no further.

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appointed to warne
the Collectors and
Church-wardens.

Tou shalbe diligent from
time to time when you
are required, to warne
the Collectors and Church-
wardens; aswell for the bring-
ing in of their mony, and the
presentation of their poore, as
for any other causes incident
thereunto. In the doing where-
of, you shall use gentle and
courteous speche, as shall be-
come you in that behalfe.

You shall also se that there
be aswell in the Sicke warde,
as

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as also in every other warde,
a Book kept by such a one of
the Grammer children as can
redilest write, of all the Names
of the children in every Warde;
and when any childe is receu-
ed into any of the said Wardes,
the same childes name, with the
day of the moneth, to be entred.
And so likewise when any be
delivered to Nurse, or in any
wise remoued, either into the
Sickwarde, or other wise, like-
wise to be entred. And once
every Moneth to confer theis
Ward books with the Clerke,
to se how they will agre with
his Books.

You shall also kepe the Ward-
robe booke, wherein shalbe writ-
ten, first the remainder of all
things at every Michaelmas.

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Into the whiche booke, yow
shall allsoe enter all things that
shalbe bought in the wholie
yeare following; setting euery
kinde by it selfe.

And you shall kepe another
Booke for the said Wardrobe,
which shall containe the Names
of all the childzen belonging too
this Howse; setting the childzen
at Nurse by themselves, in
such sorte, that the Nurses
names may appeare, and how
many childzen each of them
hath, with their Names; and
directly against euery childe,
you shall writ what was de-
liuered: thereby to shew whe-
ther the Nurses haue receued
more than they ought or not,
and the time when any of
their childzen die.

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And not to be a medler in any other mens busines than your own; but if yow se ought amisse, to informe the Governozs thereof.

The Cookes Charge.

Our Office is to dresse such meate as shalbe delivered unto yow by the Steward, to the use of the pooze, wholsomly and cleanly. And that you receave no meate of the said Steward, but in presence of the Matron of the Howse, or of one of the Almoners. And the meate so receued, you shall enter euery meale into a booke, and once ebery Moneth, your booke shalbe conferred with the Stewards book;

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book; and your said book shall be subscribed, or signed by the Patron or Almoners that shall be present. And the same Steward to have his allowance accordinge to the book so subscribed and not otherwise.

You shall have no maner of Fee profit or other comoditie, as Tallow, Ashes or any other; but onely your wages and Li-uery.

This is your office and charge; whiche se that yow faithfully doe; and have not to doe with any other's Office. But if you espie any thing that shall sounde either unhonest or unprofitable to the Howse, yow shall geue warninge thereof to some of the Governours; and you to medle no further, upon pain of displeasure.

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The Butlers Charge.

Our Office shalbe to receaue of the Baker and Bruer, such bread and drinke, as shall from tyme to tyme be appointed by the Governours of this Howse, for the use of the pooze. And the same to deliver againe to the use of the pooze at euery meale; after such maner and proportion, as shalbe apointed yow by the Thresorer or Almoners of that Howse.

And alwayes the Tallyes of the same Baker and Bruer shalbe in the custodie and keeping of the Thresorer, or one of the Almoners, who at the bringing in either of bread or drinke,
by it shalbe

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shalbe called and made prison
thereunto.

You shall have no manner of
Fees, but your ordinarie wages.

This is your Office; which
se that you doe, and have not
to doe with other mens Offices;
but if any thing be amisse, en-
forme the Governours, and
medle no further.

The Porters Charge.

Du shalbe attendant dili-
gentlie and carefully in
looking to the Gates;
chiefly in the winter eueninges
and se them shut in at a due
hour; and after they be shut
in, to be circumspect whom you
let in and out.

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And after the houre of nine of the clocke in the winter season, not to open the Gates in any wise, except on a very great occasion.

And in somer season, you shall kepe the Gates open no longer than nine of the clocke; and you shall, after they be shut in, neither let any in nor out after ten of the clocke at the furthest.

Faile you not this to obserue, as you will answer thereunto, if any complaint come thereof, befoze the Governours.

And you shall not make or medle in any other mans office, but duely doe your owne. But if you se any thing amisse in them, you shall certifie the Go-

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bernours thereof, that they may
take order therein.

**The Shoemakers
Charge.**

Ye shall in due time putt
the Thresorer in mynde
to provide Lether for this
howse.

And all the childzen under
your governance, yow shall not
onelie teache your science, but
also governe them orderly. And
such of them as yow cannot
rule, yow shall present unto the
Thresorer and Almoners, that
such may receue condigne pu-
nishment.

And you shall not deale with
any mans Office and charge,
but your owne; and if yow se
any

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any thinge amisse in others,
you shall certify the Governours
thereof, that they may use re-
formation therein.

The Beadles Charge.

Dur Charge is daily, and
as occasion shall serue, to
attend at this Hospitall,
upon the Thresorer and Gouer-
noꝝ of the same Hospitall; and
to be redy and willing to execute
such businels as the said Thre-
sor and Governours or any of
them shall command you; and to
doe such other busineses as is
needfull, by the direction of the
Clerke, or other cheefe Officers
in the Governours absence.

You shall viset every day all
such Wards as is appointed for

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Your walkes; and shall cleanse
all the same Wards from beg-
gars and other idle people; and
the same people so found to drive
away, or to carry to Bridewell.

You shall also, according to
the old custome, give your at-
tendance upon the Lord Mayor
at the Guildhall, the Sessions
House and Bridewell; and there
performe your office as you are
commaunded, as occasion shall
serue.

You shall alwaies carry your
Tipstafs in your hands, and
weare your blew Liberries; ex-
cept you be other wayes licenced.

And at every Court day, you
shall deliuer into the Court
house, your said Tipstafs in the
present Court; and after the
Court is ended, you may take
full-

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fullie take them againe, except
the Governours do detain them
from you, or any of you for
some offence, or neglecting your
dutie.

All these things you shall per-
form to the utmost of your pow-
er, and the Orders hereunder
written, and all other good Or-
ders which shall hereafter be de-
vised for the good of this Citie;
whiche see you do observe and
keep.

And have not to doe with o-
ther mens Offices; But if you
see any Officer or Officers to doe
amisse, you shall informe the
Governours thereof, and med-
dle no further.

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Beadles of this
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If it you shall euery day, two
and two together, walke
through your Wards ap-
pointed, with your staves in your
hands; and all such Vagrant and
idle persons, as you shall find in
your walks, or in any place a-
broad, you shall apprehend and
convey to Bridewell. And if
you chance to be resisted by way
of the said Vagrants and evil
persons; you shall call for aid
to euery Constable next adioyn-
ing to assist you. And if he re-
fuse so to doe; to take his Name,
and to goe to the Lord Maior,
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and deliuer unto him the disobedience of the said Constable. And if the Lord Maior doe not presently cause such Constables to be punished; then at the next Court of Aldermen, yow to attend and make your complaint, whereby the Law may be executed accordingly.

Item, if any of your Citizens die within your walkes; you are to giue your attendance at the howses of them so deceased; and to see that no Rogues or idle persons resort thither to trouble the Street.

And if any thing be given you of Benevolence for your travail, to take it thankfully, without calling ought of Dutie. And if yow be not of your selves able to cleare the Streets of such;
then

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then you shall call to your aid
such Beadles, whose walks are
next adjoining, to aid and assist
you therein. And you shall di-
stribute to them part of such
money, as shall be geven unto
you. And you shall not in-
trude your selves to none other
Burials out of your Wards
or walkes, but unto such as
you shall be called by your fel-
low Beadles.

Item, one of you every
Sunday, with the rest of the
Beadles of the other Houses,
shall give your attendance at
Pauls cross at the Sermon
time; to visit all the Streets
and Lanes adjoining, and
there to apprehend all such
Vagrant and idle persons, as
shall be there found, by you or
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any of you ; and to carry them, aswell men, as women, and childzen to Bridewell ; where- by there may be order taken according to the Law pre- scribed.

And if any of you shall be found negligent in performing these Orders aboue said, or a- ny other orders hereafter made and deuised ; upon ebery fault found, your staffles shall be taken from you, and to be secluded for eber more for serbing in those romes. Whereof assure your selues, without any labour or otherwise, to be punished ac- cording to the Governours discretion.

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