

The supplication made to His Majesty King Edward the Sixth, for obtaining the House of Bridewell : and a copy of the deed of settlement, made by His Majesty King Edward the Sixth, on the Hospitals of Christ, Bridewell, and St. Thomas.

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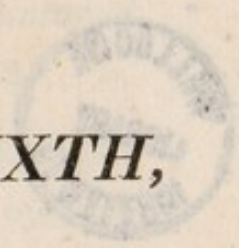
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THE

SUPPLICATION

MADE TO HIS MAJESTY

KING EDWARD THE SIXTH,



FOR OBTAINING THE

HOUSE OF BRIDEWELL:

AND A COPY OF THE

DEED OF SETTLEMENT,

MADE BY HIS MAJESTY

KING EDWARD THE SIXTH,

ON THE HOSPITALS OF

CHRIST, BRIDEWELL, AND ST. THOMAS.



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SUPPLEMENT

MADE TO HIS MAJESTY

KING EDWARD THE SIXTH

FOR CARRYING THE

HOUSE OF BRIDGEWELL

AND A COURT OF THE

DEED OF SETTLEMENT

MADE BY HIS MAJESTY

KING EDWARD THE SIXTH

ON THE MORTGAGE OF

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*A SUPPLICATION, made by the Assent of the
Governors of the Poor, in the Name of the same
Poor, to the King's Majesty, for the obtaining of
the House of BRIDEWELL, A.D. 1552.*

FOR JESU CHRIST'S sake, right, dear, and most dread Sovereign Lord, WE, the humble, miserable, sore, sick, and friendless people, beseech your gracious Majesty to cast upon us your eyes of mercy and compassion, who now, by the mighty operation of the Almighty God, the Citizens of London have already so lovingly and tenderly looked upon, that they have not only provided help for the maladies and diseases, and the virtuous education and bringing up of our miserable and poor children, but also have, in a readiness most profitable and wholesome, occupations for the continuing of us and ours in godly exercise; by reason whereof we shall no more fall into that puddle of idleness which was the mother and leader of us into beggary and all mischief, but, from henceforth, shall walk in that fresh field of exercise which is the guider and begetter of all wealth, virtue, and honesty. But, also, most gracious Lord, except we find favour in the eyes of your Majesty, all this their travail, and our hope of deliverance from that wretched and vile state, cannot be attained for lack of harbour and lodging: and, therefore, most gracious Sovereign, hear us speaking in CHRIST'S name, and for CHRIST'S sake have compassion on

us, that we may lie no longer in the street for lack of harbour. And, that our old sore of idleness may no longer vex us, nor grieve the commonweal, our suit, most dear Sovereign, is for one of your Grace's houses called Bridewell, a thing, no doubt, both unmeet for us to ask of your Majesty, and also to enjoy, if we asked the same for our sinful living and unworthiness' sake: but we, as the poor members of our Saviour JESU CHRIST, sent by him, most humbly sue to your Majesty, in our said master's name, JESU CHRIST, that we, for his sake, and for the service that he hath done to your Grace, and all the faithful Commons of your realm, in spending his most dear and precious blood for you and us, may receive in reward at your Majesty's hand given to us his members, (which, of his great mercy, he accounteth and accepteth in our behalfe as granted and given to himself) the same, your Grace's house, as a most acceptable gift and great obligation offered unto him; and then, not we, but he, our said master and Saviour, which already hath crowned your Majesty with an earthly crown, shall, according to his promise, crown your Grace with an everlasting diadem, and place you in the palace of eternal glory. And not we only, but the whole congregation and church spread throughout the whole world, shall, and will, night and day, call and cry incessantly unto our said loving and sweet Saviour and master to preserve and defend your Majesty both now and for ever.

To the delivery of the aforesaid Supplication
were appointed

Sir Martin Bowes, Knt.	Master Lodge.
Sir Rowland Bill, Knt.	Mr. Brown.
Sir Andrew Jud, Knt.	Mr. Marshe.
Sir John Gresshem, Knt.	Mr. Blondell.
Sir John Ayleph, Knt.	Mr. Barthelet.
Master William Chester.	Richard Grafton.

IT WAS ORDERED, That my Lord of London should be required also to go with them, who, also, went with them, and did himself deliver the said Supplication, with his own hands, unto the King's Highness, in his inner closet, kneeling on his knees, and there made a long and learned oration to the commendation of the Citizens in the travail of this good work, and greatly stirred, by wonderful persuasions, the King's Majesty to be the Patron and Founder thereof, and to further all their suits, &c.

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A COPY of the Deed of SETTLEMENT made by His Majesty King Edward the Sixth, on the Hospitals of CHRIST, BRIDEWELL, and SAINT THOMAS.

THIS INDENTURE, made the twelfth day of June in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth, by the grace of God King of England, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, and of the Church of England, and also of Ireland, in earth the supreme head, BETWEEN the same, our Sovereign Lord the King, on the one part, and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London on the other part, WITNESSETH, That our said Sovereign Lord the King of his mere mercy, humanity, pity, and compassion on the miserable estate of the poor fatherless and motherless children, and sick, sore, and impotent people; and most graciously considering the good and godly endeavours of his most humble and obedient subjects, the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of London, who diligently, by all ways and means, do travail for the good provision of the said poor, and every sort of them; and that, by such sort and means as neither the child in his infancy shall want virtuous education and bringing up, neither when the same shall grow unto full age, shall lack matter whereon the same may virtuously occupy himself in some good occupation or science profitable to the commonwealth: neither the sore nor

Christ

*Thomas
then to come
to Bridewell -*

Bridewell

sick, when they shall be healed, shall be permitted, nor suffered, to wander as vagabonds in the commonwealth, but shall, likewise, be put to labour and good and wholesome exercise, and so be made profitable members of the same.

The found-
er.

The gift of
Bridewell.

HIS HIGHNESS, tendering the furtherance and advancement of this good and godly work, of his most princely benign mercy, and bountiful goodness, moved with great pity for, and towards the relief, aid, succour, and help of the said poor, is pleased and contented, not only to be the Patron and Founder of this godly foundation and erection, but also is pleased and contented that his Highness, by his gracious letters patent, under the great seal of England in due form to be made, will give and grant to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City of London, and to their successors forever, all that his Grace's Manor-house and place called BRIDEWELL, with all and singular the members and appurtenances thereof, situate and being in the parish of St. Bridget, in Fleet-street, in London, and all and singular houses, edifices, chambers, buildings, yards, gardens, void grounds, rooms, ways, easements, profits, and commodities whatsoever, to the said Manor-house or place called BRIDEWELL, belonging, or in any manner or wise appertaining, or as part, parcels, or members of the same, before this had known, occupied, used, or demised.

AND OUR said Sovereign Lord the King is

also pleased and contented, and by these presents promiseth, and granted to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of London, that he the same our Sovereign Lord the King, by his said Letters Patent, under his Great Seal of England, shall and will, give and grant to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and to their successors for ever, all and singular the manners, personages, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, pensions, portions, advowsons, knights' fees, liberties, franchises, profits, commodities, easements, and all other hereditaments and possessions whatsoever, as well spiritual as temporal, that in any manner or wise did belong or appertain to the late Hospital of the Savoy, in the county of Middlesex, founded by the noble King of famous memory, King Henry the seventh, (except, and always reserved to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors for ever, the principal house or messuage of the said late Hospital, called the Savoy ; and all edifices, lodgings, buildings, gardens, yards, and void grounds within the scite, circuit, or precinct of the same, except also, and reserved to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, all those messuages or tenements, lying nigh unto the said late Hospital and house, commonly called, the Savoy rents.)

With all
the lands of
the Savoy.

Exception
of the Sa-
voy House
and rents.

AND OUR SAID Sovereign Lord the King is also pleased and contented to assure, or cause

The gift of
the house-
hold neces-
saries and
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the Savoy.

to be assused, unto the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of London; and freely to give unto the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, towards the relief, help, and succour of the poor, that shall be kept in the said Manor-house, or place of Bridewell, all and singular, those implements of household necessaries, and other stuff of household, that in any wise belonged or appertaineth to the said late Hospital of the Savoy; that is to say, all the beds, bolsters, pillows, and matrasses of down, feathers, wool, or flocks: and all the sheets, blankets, coverlids, bedsteads, forms, tables, tresles, and other stools; and all other the goods, chattels, and household stuff, that, to the said late Hospital in any wise doth appertain: and also, all the implements of the wash-house of the said late Hospital, as cisterns, troughs of lead to wash in; and all, and singular, the other implements and necessaries in any wise appertaining, or belonging to the same wash-house; and also all, and all manner of implements in the kitchen of the said late Hospital; that is to say, all the pots, pans, gridirons, trevets, spits, fire-shovels, tongs, forks, plates, dishes, sarvers, candlesticks and irons, racks, pot-hooks, and all other utensils and implements of kitchen stuff whatsoever, to the kitchen or kitchens of the said late Hospital, belonging, used, or occupied in the same; and also, all and singular the implements and necessaries belonging to the buttery and cellar of the said late Hospital-house; and

all, and all manner of napery ; that is to say, table cloths, napkins, towels, linen, and all other napery belonging to the said late Hospital ; and also, all those implements, ornaments, goods, chattels, plate, jewels, copes, vestments, books, linen, wainscot, brazen and latten candlesticks ; and also, all manner of other things and necessities whatsoever, that in any manner or wise did belong and appertain to the Church of the said late Hospital, or occupied, or used in the same. Exception of the great Bell, little Bell, and Communion plate.

(Except, and always reserved to us, one great Bell and one little Bell, now being in the said Chapel of the said Savoy, and one Chalice for the Communion, and such other necessary implements, and other things to be had and occupied in the same Chapel, for the service of God, and the ministration of the Sacraments there.) For, and in consideration of all which premises, the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens for them, and their successors, do covenant and grant, by these presents, to and with our said Sovereign Lord, his heirs and successors, that the same Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their successors, shall not only content and pay all such debts and duties as are now due by the said Hospital, but, The City chargeable to pay all debts the Savoy owe. also at their proper costs and charges, shall at their discretion, in some convenient part of the said Manor-house, and place of Bridewell, or in any other of the Hospitals now erected in London, or in the Borough of Southwark, or in one of them, prepare sufficient lodgings, from time

The City to provide

lodging in
Bridewell,
or one of
the Hospi-
tals, for
strangers
and way-
faring men,
as used to
be done in
the Savoy.

*never
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exercised*

time, for the comfort, aid, and relief of poor way-
faring men and strangers; and the same shall lodge,
harbour, intreat, and entertain, from time to time,
in such good manner and form as the same way-
faring men and strangers have been accustomed
to be lodged, harboured and intreated, within the
said late Hospital of the Savoy.

AND FURTHER, the said Mayor and Com-
monalty, and Citizens, do covenant, promise and
grant for them and their successors, to and with
our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and
successors, that the same Mayor and Commonal-
ty, and Citizens, and their successors, shall with-
in as convenient time as may be, set up, and erect
within the said Manor-house, and place of Bride-
well, good and profitable occupations; and shall
train and set on work in the same, such of the
said poor which they now have, or hereafter shall
have and receive within any of their new erected
Hospitals of Christ's Church, and Saint Thomas
in Southwark, as shall have power and strength,
and be meet to labour in some kind of occupa-
tion as the same shall be most apt for. And the
said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens,
covenant and grant for them and their suc-
cessors, to and with our said Sovereign Lord the
King, his heirs and successors, that they the
said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, shall
not only pay, or cause to be paid, all and singu-
lar fees and pensions, going out of the said late

Occupati-
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in Bride-
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The City
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Hospital of the Savoy, or out of any manors lands, tenements or possessions, lately belonging or appertaining unto the same, and shall thereof discharge and save harmless our said Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, but shall also compound by sufficient assurance of fees, annuities or other stipends, as well with John Consnalde, Esquire, the King's Solicitor General, to whom our said Sovereign Lord the King hath heretofore appointed by word of mouth only to be master of the said late Hospital of the Savoy, and to and with all the Chaplains and other officers and Ministers of the said late Hospital, and to and with every of them, for such yearly livings or stipend as they or any of them have had, or have in or out of the said late Hospital of the Savoy, and shall also, within one quarter of a year, next after the date of these presents, assure the same yearly fees, annuities and other stipends to them and every of them, during their several lives; and thereof discharge and save harmless our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors for ever. And in consideration of the great charges which the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their successors, shall sustain and bear yearly, and from time to time for the godly acts and causes above rehearsed, our said Sovereign Lord the King is further pleased and contented, and by these presents for him, his heirs and successors, giveth and granteth to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens

the master and officers of the Savoy for their possessions, and to assure the same to them in a quarter of a year following.

and to their successors, full power, licence and authority, to take and receive, to them and their successors for ever, to the use and sustentation of the poor of the new erected Hospital of Christ Church in London, for the time being, and to the sustentation of the poor of the new erected Hospital of Saint Thomas, in the Borough of Southwark, in the county of Surry, for the time being; and to the sustentation of the poor from henceforth to be found and brought up in the said Manor-house or place of Bridewell, and for the maintenance of the same House of Occupations of any of his Grace's liege people or subjects by purchase, bargain, sale, alienation, gift, grant, benefice or otherwise, manors, personages, lands, tenements, tythes, rents, reversions, services and other profits, revenues, possessions, or hereditaments, to the yearly value of four thousand marks, over and above the manors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments abovesaid, within the City of London or elsewhere, within the realm of England, or in Wales, or any other the King's dominions, although the same manors, personages, lands, tenements, tythes, rents, reversions, services, revenues, possessions or hereditaments, be or shall be holden of the King's Majesty, his heirs, or successors in chief or otherwise, the said statute or statutes whereby it is provided and enacted, that lands and tenements should not be put to Mortmain, or any other act or statute heretofore had or made, or any other law, custom, provision, matter, or cause

Authority given to receive lands into Mortmain, to the yearly value of 4000 marks.

to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, do covenant and grant for them and their successors, to and with our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, that the whole yearly profits and revenues of the said manors, personages, lands, tenements, tythes, rents, reversions, services, possessions or hereditaments, (except the manor of Denge,) appointed to be given and granted to the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens, and to their successors, and which the same Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their successors shall buy and purchase, or that shall be given to them, by reason of the said licence, over and besides the fees and pensions granted by the King's Majesty's Letters Patents in form aforesaid, and over and besides the ordinary fees and pensions that shall be due, and ought to be paid unto such officers, as from time to time shall serve in any of the said Hospitals, and over and above such lawful charges as shall be due, and going out of the same, without fraud and covin, shall wholly be bestowed, employed, and go to the relief and sustentation of the poor aforesaid. And our said sovereign Lord the King is also pleased and contented, and, by these presents promiseth and granteth for him, his heirs and successors, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their successors, that as well the said manors, lands, tenements, and other the premises before appointed, to be given and granted to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and

The manor of Denge in Essex excepted.

The City covenants wholly to employ all the revenue granted to the Hospitals upon the relief of the poor and needy harboured in them.

All tenths
and first
fruits is
discharged
by the
King's
grant.

Citizens, and their successors, by his Highness in form aforesaid, as also the aforesaid lands, manors, personages, lands, tenements, possessions, hereditaments, and other the premises which the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or their successors, by reason of the said licence, or otherwise shall have hereafter by gift, grant, demise, bargain, or sale of any other person or persons, to the use and intent aforesaid, shall be clearly acquitted and discharged against the King's Highness, his heirs and successors for ever, of all tenths and first fruits, and of all and singular sum and sums of money, for and in the name of tenth, or yearly tenth part, or for or in the name of first fruits of the said manors, lands, tenements, and other the premises afore limited and appointed to be given and granted by the King's Highness to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or to their successors, or which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or their successors, shall hereafter have or obtain by gift, grant, demise, bargain, sale, or otherwise, of any other person or persons, by virtue of the said licence, in form aforesaid, and to the purposes aforesaid, the act of parliament made and provided in the 26th year of the reign of the late King, of famous memory, King Henry the eighth, for and concerning the payments of tenths and first fruits to be due to the King's Highness, of spiritual or ecclesiastical benefices, dignities, and promotions, or any other thing, act, law or statute to the contrary, notwithstanding

AND, moreover, our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented, and, by these presents, promiseth and granteth for him, his heirs and successors, to and with the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, and to their successors for ever, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, at all times hereafter, and from time to time, when, and as often as need shall require to ordain, constitute, and make such wholesome, godly, and honest ordinances, statutes, and rules, for good government of the poor, to be kept within the said Manor-house, and place of Bridewell, or any other, the Houses of Christ's Hospital, or the Hospital called Saint Thomas, in Southwark; and to examine all, and every person and persons, as shall wander idly within the said City and Liberties of the same, and to compel them to occupy themselves in honest labour and work, according to their abilities; and also to make such and as many officer or officers, governor or governors in the said houses, or any of them, from time to time, to see the same poor well ordered and kept, and for the order and governance of the same officers, as to them shall be thought good, meet, and convenient, without impeachment of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs, or successors, or his or their justices, escheators, sheriffs, or other, his or their ministers, servants, or subjects whatsoever, any statute or law to the contrary thereof notwithstanding, so that the same

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nances.

ordinances, laws, and statutes be not repugnant to the laws and statutes of this realm, nor to the prerogative of the king. AND, further, our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented, and by these presents promiseth and granteth for him, his heirs and successors, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of London, and to their successors for ever, that it shall and may be lawful, as well to and for the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens for the time being, as to and for such officer and officers, governor and governors, as the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, shall appoint, from time to time, to be officer or officers, governor or governors of the said Manor-house of Bridewell, or any other, the said houses or hospitals, appointed for the poor aforesaid, and for every of them, at all times hereafter, and from time to time, within the City of London and County of Middlesex, to search and examine, by all ways and means, according to their good discretions, all, and all manner of suspicious houses, as taverns, ale houses, and all manner of victualing houses, gaming and dicing houses, dancing schools, tennis plays, bowling alleys, cock-pits, * * * * * and every other suspected or unlawful place and places, or in any other place or places, liberty or liberties, within the said City and County of Middlesex aforesaid, by what name or names soever they or any of them be, or shall be called; and also, to search every such suspicious house or place of idle ruf-

Authority given to the Governours for the Punishment of vagabonds and suspicious persons in London and Middlesex.

And to search suspicious houses.

Within London and Middlesex.

fians, vagabonds, and masterless men or women, or any other suspected person or persons which they, or any of them, can apprehend and take within any such suspicious place or places, or in any other place or places, liberty or liberties within the said city and county of Middlesex aforesaid; and not only to commit such ruffian, vagabond, and masterless person, but also the householder, master, or keeper of any such house or houses, place or places, where any such shall be found, unto the House of Occupations aforesaid, or otherwise to punish him or them at their discretions, unless the same can, before the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, for the time being, or before the said officer or officers, governor or governors, honestly discharge him or themselves for their so harbouring and lodging of such suspected persons, or for maintaing of such unlawful game or games, place or places, or that such ruffian, vagabond, or masterless person can truly and justly excuse himself of his or their misbehaviours, suspicious dealing, or of his or their loitering, wandering, or walking about, or other misdemeanours; and, that it shall be lawful for the said Mayor and officers, for the time being, to use such correction and order herein as to them shall seem meet, without impeachment to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs or successors, or his or their justices, escheators, sheriffs, or other his or their ministers, servants, or subjects whatsoever, any statute, law, or custom to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Power to
commit.

Covenant,
wher ein
the King
doth bind
himself to
do, and suf-
fer to be
done, such
act or acts
as the
learned
council of
the City
shall devise
for the as-
surance of
the lands
and gifts
aforesaid,

AND our said Sovereign Lord the King, of his more abundant grace, is further pleased and contented, and for him, his heirs and successors, promiseth and granteth to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their successors, that our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs, and successors from time to time, at all times hereafter will do, and suffer to be done, all and every such act and acts, thing and things, be it by letters patent, act of parliament, confirmation or otherwise, for the better and more perfect assurance, and making sure all the said manors, personages, tythes lands, tenements, and all and singular the premises appointed to be granted and made sure to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their successors, and for the sure erection, foundation, and establishment of all and singular other the premises to, and for the purposes afore expressed, as by the learned council of the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City of London, and their successors, from time to time, and at their costs and charges (except the costs of the great seal of England) shall be devised or advised.

AND, MOREOVER, our said Sovereign Lord the King is pleased and contented, and granteth by these presents that, the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City of London, and their successors, shall have their part of this Indenture sealed with the great seal of

England: and, also, shall have all other letters patent to them, to be made to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs or successors, touching the premises or any part thereof, under the great seal of England, in due form, to be made and sealed, without any fine or fee, much or little, to be paid for the same in the hamper of the Chancery or elsewhere, and shall also have to them delivered, as of his gift, all evidences, deeds, and writings concerning the premises, and every part thereof, which his Highness, by these Indentures, is pleased to give and grant to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their successors in form aforesaid.

IN WITNESS whereof, to the one part of this Indenture, remaining with the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, our said Sovereign Lord the King hath caused his great seal of England to be put, and to the other part of the same Indenture, remaining with our said Sovereign Lord the King, the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, have put their common seal, the day and year first above-written.

