

HIS MAJESTY'S WARRANT,
ISSUING THE
 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE EDINBURGH LUNATIC
 ASYLUM INTO A BODY CORPORATE.

OUR SOVEREIGN LORD, considering that an humble Petition hath been presented to His Majesty, by and in behalf of the Managers and Contributors to a charitable Institution, proposed to be established at Edinburgh, for the maintenance and cure of Lunatics, setting forth, that several well disposed persons having taken into their consideration the necessity of an Asylum, in Edinburgh, for Insane persons, and having resolved to raise a sum of money by voluntary contribution, for purchasing of a proper piece of ground, and erecting a Hospital for that purpose, and that a piece of ground had been accordingly purchased; and farther, that the sum of £2000 had been granted, by an Act of the forty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, out of the unappropriated balances arising from the Forfeited Estates

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in Scotland for the benefit of the said Charity, and that it is hoped the said may considerably increase by donations of charitable persons, if authorized by His Majesty's royal permission, and if the undertaking shall be brought and kept under good management, and regulations; and, therefore, most humbly praying, that His Majesty would be most graciously pleased to grant his Royal Charter, erecting the said Contributors and Donors who have already subscribed, and such others as shall hereafter contribute to the said charitable design and fund, into a Corporation, with perpetual succession, and with powers to take donations, to purchase lands, and take securities for sums of money lent out, to erect houses, to sue and to be sued, and all other things to do and execute, consistent with the laws of the realm, that may tend to promote the said charitable design: And His Majesty, being satisfied that the design of the Petitioners is laudable, and deserves encouragement, does therefore ordain a Patent or Charter to be passed and executed under the seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in Scotland, in place of the Great Seal formerly used there, Constituting, Erecting, and Incorporating, at his Majesty, by

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his prerogative royal and special grant, for himself and his royal successors, hereby Constitutes, Erects, and Incorporates all and every the said Contributors, who shall hereafter contribute to the said charitable design, and all such persons as shall thereafter contribute thereto, into one Body Corporate and Politic, by the name of the Edinburgh Lunatic Asylum, under which name they shall have Perpetual Succession, and a Common Seal; and they and their successors, under the same name, shall be legally entitled and capable to purchase and enjoy lands, tenements, and any other heritages in Scotland, not exceeding the yearly value of £1000 sterling, and to lend such sums or sums of money to any person or persons, and upon such security as they shall think fit; and to hold goods and chattels, and to receive and hold donations and legacies for the purpose and benefit aforesaid; and to sue and be sued; and to make such bye laws, rules, and orders, consistent with the laws of the realm, as may best conduce to the charitable end and purpose aforesaid; and generally all other matters and things, tending to the charitable design aforesaid, to do and execute as fully and amply, in every respect, as any Body Corporate

Incorporating the Contributors.

This Perpetual Succession, and Common Seal.

May purchase Lands not above £1000 yearly value.

Lend Money.

Receive Donations, sue and be sued, Make Bye Laws.

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lawfully may do, and as if the said matters and things were herein particularly set down: And for better accomplishing the ends aforesaid, and for making and establishing a continual succession of fit persons for managing the affairs of the said Corporation, His Majesty hereby wills, ordains, and appoints, that the affairs of the said Corporation shall, from time to time, and for ever hereafter, be governed and directed by one Governor, five Deputy Governors, and by twenty Extraordinary Managers, who shall consist of the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh for the time being, the Lord President of the Court of Session, the Lord Justice Clerk of the Court of Session, the Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer, his Majesty's Advocate and Solicitor-General for Scotland, the Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, the Deputy Keeper of his Majesty's Signet, the Representative in Parliament for the City of Edinburgh, the Representative in Parliament for the County of Edinburgh, the Sheriff-Depute of the County of Edinburgh, the Principal of the University of Edinburgh, the President of the Royal College of Physicians, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Senior Minister of the City of Edinburgh, the Master of the Merchant

Governor.

Extraordinary Managers.



Coat of Arms, 1959



Design for Edinburgh Lunatic Asylum, 1808



Mackinnon House, c.1950



Craig House, c.1900



Royal Edinburgh Hospital aerial view, 1989
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Company, the Pross of the Society of Solicitors before the Supreme Courts of Scotland, the Judge of Peace of the City of Edinburgh, the Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, and the Deacon Convener of the Trades of Edinburgh, all for the time being, and their successors in office, and by twelve Ordinary Managers, four of whom (together with the Governors and five Deputy Governors) may be named out of the aforesaid Extraordinary Managers, and from the Contributors to the said Charity, residing in or near the said city, who shall have contributed the sum of ten pounds towards the same. And His Majesty farther wills, directs, and ordains, that Donald Smith, Esq. Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, and his successor in office; and Adam Rolland, Esq. Advocate; James Clerk, Esq. Advocate; the Rev. Dr George Baird, Principal of the University of Edinburgh; the Rev. Dr Thomas Davidson of Ambrose, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh; Andrew Wood, Esq. Surgeon in Edinburgh; Harry Davidson, Esq. Writer to the Signet; Henry Jardine, Esq. Writer to the Signet; Gilbert Jones, Esq. of Stow; Samuel Anderson, Esq. of Rochester, Banker in Edinburgh; Scott Munro, Esq. of Halls, Merchant in Edinburgh; and John Tait,

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Esq. Judge of Peace, shall be the Ordinary Managers of the said Incorporation from the date hereof; and the said Managers (any five of whom are hereby declared to be a quorum) shall meet at some convenient place, and at stated times, or occasionally, as shall be appointed by the bye laws of the Incorporation, for the due management and direction of the affairs of the said corporation; and that the said Ordinary Managers may, as often as they shall see proper, call meetings of the Extraordinary Managers for their advice and assistance, and may, and are hereby authorized to nominate and choose a Treasurer to the Corporation, and a Clerk thereto, and such other persons, either medical or otherwise, as they shall judge necessary to be employed in the service of the Corporation, and to appoint them such salaries, fees, or rewards, as they shall judge proper; and the said Ordinary Managers may at their pleasure remove or discharge the said Treasurer, Clerk, and others so employed as aforesaid, and put other officers in their places, as they shall see cause, and for the better regulation of the said Charity. His Majesty farther directs and ordains, that there shall be a Medical Board, for the superintendance and direction of the medical

Quorum, five.

May choose Treasurer and Clerk.

Medical Board.

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Department of the said Charity, who shall consist of the President of the Royal College of Physicians for the time being, and two other members of the said Royal College of Physicians; the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and one other member of the said Royal College of Surgeons, to be nominated and appointed by the said Managers, extraordinary and ordinary. And His Majesty farther wills and directs, that a meeting shall be held upon the last Monday of January, annually, of the whole Managers, extraordinary and ordinary; at which meeting a state of the accounts of the Charity for the preceding year, together with an account of the proceedings of the Ordinary Managers in the execution of their office, shall be laid before them. And farther, His Majesty ordains, that in the event of the vacancy of any of the said Ordinary Managers, by death or resignation, the same shall be supplied by the nomination of another by the majority of votes of the said Managers, extraordinary and ordinary, at a meeting called for the special purpose. And farther, His Majesty wills, directs, and ordains, that the said Managers, extraordinary and ordinary, at the said annual meeting, upon said last Monday of January, or a majority of

President and two Physicians.

President and one Surgeon.

To be appointed by the Managers, extraordinary and ordinary.

Accounts to be exhibited last Monday in January.

Filling up vacancies.

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them, shall have full power and authority to make and constitute such Bye Laws, Ordinances, and Regulations, for the management and government of the affairs of the said Corporation, as in them shall seem meet, so that such Bye Laws, Ordinances, and Regulations, be not contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof, nor repugnant to the laws of this realm. And His Majesty ordains and commands the said Charter to be passed under the aforesaid seal *per saltum*, and without passing any other seal; for which those presents shall be to the Directors of his Majesty's Chancery, as well as to the Keeper of the said seal, a sufficient warrant.

Given at His Majesty's Court at St James's, the 11th day of April, 1807, in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

By his Majesty's command,
 (Signed) HAWKESBURY.

Warrant in English, 1807

Charter of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital