

A COPIE OF KING JAMES HIS CHARTER TO THE BORROUGH OF
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James by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defend^r of ye Faith ec^t

To all to Whome these presents shall come greeting.

Where as our borrough of (Eremue als) Yarmouth In our Isle of Wight in our County of Southton is our ancient Borrough of ye Mayor and Burgesses of ye same borrough from ye time whare of ye memory of Man is not to ye contrary; have used and enjoyed divers Liberties Customes and priviledges by reason of divers pscriptions & Customes in ye said Borrough of Ancient time ufto & by cullo^e of certain Confirmation of a grant w^{ih} Baldwyne de Redvers former time Lord of ye Isle of Wight aforesaid by his Wrightings made to his Burgesses of Yarmouth aforesaide of all liberties and Free Customes which a free Borrough, ought to have And also of Liberties and freedome of Toll and all oth^r consernes throughout all his Lands in faires & Marketts made by divers of our progenitors and predecessores Kings & Queenes of our Relme of England to witt by ye Lord Edward King of our Relme of England ye First by his let^{rs} Patents Sealed wth his great Seal of England bearing date the first day of April in ye Eight yeare of his Reign and by ye Lord Henry Sometyes King of our Relme of England the Sixth by his let^{rs} patents sealed wth his great Seal of England baring date ye first day of July in ye yeare of his Raigne the Eighteenth and by Edward sometyme King of our Realme of England the Fourth by his let^{rs} patents sealed with his great Seale of England baring date ye twentieth day of November in ye sixt yeare of his Raigne and by ye Lady Elizebeth late Queene of our Relme of England by her let^{rs} patents sealed with her great Seale of England baring date ye Eight day of February in ye second yeare of her Raigne as by ye said let^{rs} patents of ye said King & Queene showed unto us sealed und^r ye great seales of England Respectivelie more att large appeareth & ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye same Burrough and their predecessores have anntientlie payed to us & our successores for ye said priviledges immunities & liberties the fee fourme of Twenty shillings of lawfull money of England yearely. **And Whare As** doth likewise apeare unto us of Record in the Remembrances of our Escchequer of ye time of ye Lord Richard some time King of our Realme of England the Second y^t ye Village of ye

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Afores^d Borrough was wholly burnt by ye Enemie by Reason whereof ye Inhabitance of ye Borrough aforesaid ware greatlie Impovershed & whare as ye said Borrough doth lie neare unto a Harbour fit for Shiping & ye Lord Henry ye Eight late King of our Realme of England induced thereunto by the conveniency of the place did build and fitt up or precure or cause a Castle to be buylt and sett up in ye said Borrough whareby ye said Borrough is becom much more Inhabited yⁿ before and y^t is Hoped y^t will com to pass y^t ye said Borrough will againe in short time becom to her ancient estate, people replenished and filled with Inhabitance to ye increase of ye strength of our s^d Island and gard of our s^d Castle of wee would out of our grace and Royall Bounty vout safe to conferr liberties and Immunities on ye said Borrough and name escpressed and declare those soe-to be conferred Wharefore whereas our well beloved Subjects ye Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Borrough Esteeming ye s^d confirmations of ye s^d grant of ye s^d Baldwyne de Redvers by our progenito^{rs} and predecessores as afore said made to be to weake and insufficient in ye Law whareby they may have escercise use & enioy such & ye like liberties & Immunities as they have hitherto escercised by cullo^r of said confirmation have made humble petition unto us y^t we for ye bett^r govemente & bettering of ye same Burrough would be pleased graciously to eschibite & esctend our grate & Royall Bounty unto ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough aforesaid in this Behalfe & that we would voutsafe to make appoynte confirme and newlie create by our let^{rs} patents ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses a bodie Corporate & politique by ye Name of Mayor and Burgesses of ye Borrough of Yarmouth in ye Isle of Wight in ye County of Southton wth ye conferring of certain lib^rties priviledges Imminuties and franncheses as to us should Seme escpedient **We therefore willing** y^t from henceforth for ever y^t should be a certayne & undoubted mann^e in ye same burrough of & for ye keeping of our Peace & for ye Rule and government of ye same burrough inhabiting and of others resorting theire and that ye same burrough might be & remaine att all times for ever heerafter a burrough of peace and quietness to ye dread and terrour of ye wicked and to reward & maintaine ye good & y^t our peace and other deeds of justice & good govrmt may be there the better kept & donne att ye humble pettion & request of ye Nowe Mayor and Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough of our speciall grace & our certaine knowledg and meere mocõu we have willed ordained constituted and granted & by these psents for us our heries & our successeres doe will ordeine constitute grant & declare y^t our s^d Burrough of Eremue now comonly caled Yarmouth in ye Isle of Wight in our County of Southton is and shall ev^r hereaft^r remaine And be a free Burrough of Ittselfe & y^t ye Mayor and Burgesses and commualtie of the same Burrough and theire successeres

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from henceforth for ever are and shall be by force of these presents a body Corporate & politique in deed & name by ye name of Mayor & Burgesses of ye Burrough of Yarmouth in ye Isle of Wight in ye countie of Southton and doe for us our heires & successeres by these psents in deed & name really & fully erect make ordaine constitute declare and create them & their successeres by ye name of Mayor and Burgesses of the Borrough of Yarmouth in ye Isle of Wight in ye County of Southton a body Corporate & politique & that ye same name shall have p^rpetuall succession & y^t they & y^r successeres by ye name of Mayor & Burgesses of ye Burrough of Yarmouth in ye Isle of Wight in ye County of Southton are & shall be att all Times hereaft^r for ever p^son^s able and capable in ye law to have purchase receive and posses Lands Tenements liberties priviledges franchises Jurisdictiones and Hereditaments to y^m & y^r successores in fee and p^rpetuitie or for terme of life or lives or yeares or otherwayes howsoever and also goods & chatteles & all other things of What Kind nature forme or qualitie soever they be & also to give grante lett and assigne the same lands Tenements hereditaments goods & Chattells & to doe and escecute all other acts & things by ye name aforesaid & that by the name of Mayor and Burgesses of ye Burrough of Yarmouth in ye Isle of Wight in ye County of Southton they shall & may plead and be Impleaded answer & be answered defend & be defended in Whatsoever Courts and places and before Whatsoever our Judges and justices and other persons and officeres of us our haies and successeres in all & singular accounts Playnts smites quarrells causes matteres & demands whatsoever of what kind nature or forme in ye same manner & forme as any other of our lieges of this our Relme of England or any oth^r body corporate and politique w^{thi}n this our Relme of England can & may have purchase receive possess give grant & lett & plead & be Impleaded answar & be answered defend & be defended **And Thatt** ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & their successers may have for ever a Comon Seale to serve for ye causes & Busines of y^m & their successores and y^t ltt shall & may be lawfull for ye said Mayor & Burgesses of ye Burrough aforesaid & their successeres from time to time to brake change & to newe make that Seale att y^r pleasure as to y^{ou} shall seeme best to be done **And Further** We will & by these p^rsents for us our haries and successores doe grant to ye Said Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough and their successores y^t from henceforth for ever there shall be in ye s^d Burrough one of the Burgesses of ye Burrough a foresaid in forme hereaft^r in these presents specified to be elected and constituted w^{ch} shall be and shall be named Mayor of ye burrough aforesaid and y^t ye shall be likewise wth in ye

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said Burrough Twelve of ye better and discreet Burgesses of ye same burrough in forme heereafter in these p^rsents mentioned to be chosen w^{ch} shall be and shall be named & caled Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & y^t ye s^d Twelve Cheefe burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being shall be of ye Common Counsell of ye s^d Burrough and shall be from time to time, aydant and assistante to ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being in all things causes & matters any wayes touching or concerning ye s^d Burrough **And further we Will** & by these p^rsents for us our hares & successeres doe grant to ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & to y^r successores y^t ye Mayor and Eleven of ye Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or the greater part of them whare of we will ye s^d Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one have & shall have full power & authoritie & lycense to frame constitute ordayne make and establish from time to time good honest profitable holsome and necessary lawes statutes rights ordinances & constitutions which to y^{ou} or the greater part of y^{ou} whareof we will the Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one acording to y^r sound discretions seeme to be for ye good rule & gov^rment of ye Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being & of all officers ministers artificers burgesses Inhabitants & resients of ye s^d Burrough whatsoever and for declaration have and aft^r what manner & order the Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses of the s^d Burrough for ye time being & all & every other officers ministers & artificers Burgesses & Inhabitants of ye same Burrough in ye office functions ministeres and business wthin ye s^d burrough & ye liberties thereof for the time being shall use carry & behave themselves & for ye bett^r Government and rule of ye same Burrough & for ye bett^r preserving government disposing letting and selling of ye lands Rentes possessions & hereditaments goods & Chattles of ye aforesaid Mayor and Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough and other things & causes whatsoever touching or concerning the s^d Burrough or the state right and interest of the s^d Burrough & y^t ye Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses aforesaid for ye time being or ye greater part of y^{ou} whareof we will the Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one as often as they shall make Ordayne and establish such lawes statutes rights ord^{rs} & constitutions in forme afordsaid may make ordayne lymitt & provide such and ye like payes & parements & penalties by fines & ameciements towards & agaynst all y^t shall offend against such lawes statutes rights ord^{rs} & constitutions or any or eith^r of them as to ye same Mayor and Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or ye greater part of them (whareof we will ye Mayor or ye said Burrough for ye time being to be one) shall be thought necessary & requisite and seeme best untothem to make ordayne limite &

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provide for ye observation of ye samelawes statutes rights ordinances & constitutions and by ye same fines & amerциaments against all offendings against such lawes statues rights orders and constitutions or any or either of them which to the s^d Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or to ye greater part of them (whareof we will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one) shall be thought fitt necessary & requisit to make ordane limite & provide as shall seeme best for the p^rservation of ye same lawes statues rights ordinances & constitutions & ye same fines & amerциaments to leavy p^rcure & have wthout impeachment of us or of our haire & successors or of any one or any of y^{ou} our officers or ministers or of our haire & successors whatsoever all & singuler w^{ch} Lawes Statues rights ordinances & constitutions so as aforesaid to be made wee will to be observed under ye paynes in y^{ou} contayned yet so as such lawes statutes ordinances constitutions paynes parements fines & amerциaments be reasonable & be not repugnant nor contrary to ye lawes statues liberties rights & customs of our Relme of England & for ye bett^r escecution of our will & grannt in this behalfe wee Have assigned nominated constituted & made & by these p^rsents for us our haire & sucecessors doe assigne nominate constitute & make our welbeloved Barnabas Leigh one of ye Burgesses of ye same Burrough to be ye first & present Mayor of ye Burrough aforesaid to continue in ye same office from ye date of these presents until ye feast of St Mathew ye appostle nesct coming & from thence until ye same Barnabas Leigh or one oth^r of ye Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough to ye office of Mayor of ye same Burrough in due maner shall be chosen apointed & sworne accodinge to ye ordinances & provitions in these p^rsents escpressed & declared if ye s^d Barnabas Leigh so long shall live we have also assigned nominated appointed & made & by these presents for us our haire & successores doe assigne name appoint and make our aforesaid beloved Barnabas Leigh: Joⁿ Burleigh: Tho^m Barker: James Guyer: Stephen Chambers: Tho^m Urry: W^m Urry: W^m Barker: William Spalding: Robert Prickett: David Guyer & Th^o Guyer: Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough to be ye first & p^rsent Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Borrough during y^r naturall lives unless they or any of them shall in ye meane time be removed from the s^d office for their ill government or ill behaviour in y^t behalfe or for some other reasonable cause shall be removed **And further** wee will and by these presents for us our haire and successors doe grant unto ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye Burrough aforesaid & their successores y^t ye Mayor & Eleaven Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or ye greater part of them (whareof we will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one) from time to time att all times for ever hereaft^r have & shall have power & authority to assemble and gather

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themselves together yearely & every Yeare on ye feast of St Mathew's ye appostle in ye Guyld hall of ye said Burrough & theire to continue until they or ye greater part of them then & y^r assembled shall have chosen & nominated a Mayor of themselves for y^t yeare following & y^t they maye heere chuse & name one of themselves w^{ch} shall be Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for one whole yeare then next following & from thence untill hee or some other Burgess of ye s^d Burrough shall be duly chosen appointed & sworne to that office & that hee after he shall be chosen & nominated to be Mayor of ye s^d Burrough as is afore said before hee be admited to escecute y^t office shall take his Corporall oath uppon the holie Evangilists yearely one Monday next aft^r ye s^d feast of St Mathew ye appostle before ye last Mayor his p^rdecesser then for the time being or in the Absence of ye same Mayor before ye Burgesses of ye Burrough afores^d w^{ch} shall be yⁿ p^rsent ore the greater part of them for ye time being for the right well & faithfull escecutors of all things touching ye same office & shall & may after such (Oath so taken) take uppon him & escecute the Office of Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for one whole yeare yⁿ nesct following **And Moreover** we will & doe by these presents for us our hairees & successeres grant to the s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye Burrough afores^d & y^r Successeres y^t It shall happen ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough to Decese at any time within one year after y^t he shall be chosen appointed & sworne to ye office of Mayoralty of ye s^d Burrough as above s^d or to be removed from his office y^t then so often It may and shall be lawfull to ye s^d Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or ye greater part of y^m To chuse & appoynt one other of themselves in ye s^d Burrough in convenient time after hee shall be decesed or be removed from his office & y^t he so chosen and appointed to ye Office of Mayor of ye said burrough may have & escercise the said office during ye residue of ye same yeare first taking his corporall oath in forme afores^d & so from time to time as often as the case shall so happen **And further** we will & doe by these presents for us our hairees & successers grante to ye s^d Mayor and Burgesses of ye Burrough aforesaid & y^r successores y^t Whensoever It shall happen any one or any of ye Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough to decese or to be removed from his or their office or offices of Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough w^{ch} Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & every of them (we will) may be removed by ye Mayor & Greater part of ye Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being for misbehaving them selves in y^r office or for any other reasonable cause y^t then & as often it shall and may be lawfull to & for ye Mayor & residue of ye Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough w^{ch} shall be yⁿ living or remaining or ye greater part of them to chuse and nominate one other or more others

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of ye Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough in convenient time after ye Death or Removing of any such Cheefe Burgess or Cheefe Burgesses of ye Burrough aforesaid so happening to Decease or to be removed in ye place or places of ye s^d Cheefe Burgesses or Burgesses so deceasing or happening to be removed & y^t after hee or they shall be chosen & appointed to ye Office of Cheefe Burgess or Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough as afore s^d before they or any of them shall be admitted to escecute ye s^d office shall take his & their Corporall Oathes before the Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being & the greater part of ye Cheefe Burgeses of ye s^d Burrough well and faythfully to p^rforme ye same & y^t aft^r such Oath as is afores^d taken they may have & escercise & either of them maie have and escercise the said office during their naturall lives unless they or sum of them be in ye meane season removed from ye s^d office for evill government or for misbehaving themselves in y^t behalfe or for some reasonable cause & so as often as ye case shall so happen **Moreover** we doe grant for us our hairees & successers unto ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of the Burrough of Yar^m afores^d & to y^r successers y^t ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses & y^r suscessers may have & hold within ye s^d Burrough & in ye subburbs and primisaries of ye same hereaft^r fore ever before ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough & Steward of the same Burrough or his sufficient Deputie to be chosed and allowed in forme following such and the like Courts whatsoever wthin ye s^d Burrough as ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses & y^r predecessores in times past have had and held or ought to use or holde & also that they may have and hold a Court of Viewe of Franck pledg of all ye Inhabitance and resients wthin ye s^d Burrough & ye subburbs and Liberties of ye same Burrough in ye Gild hall of ye s^d Burrough to be holden att ye same dayes and times w^{ch} are agreeable & consonant to ye Lawes & Statutes of this our Relme of England & all & whatsoever belongeth or hereafter shall happen to belonge to avew of frank pledg assaie & assize of Bread Wine & Ale & the redressing thereof **And further** we will and doe by these presents for us our hairees and successors grante to ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses & their succesors y^t they & their successers may for ever hereafter have & shall have in ye s^d Burrough a good & honest discret Man & escpert in the Laws of England to be chosen & named Informe hereafter in these presents mentioned w^{ch} shall & shall be called ye Comon Clark of ye s^d Borough & Steward of ye s^d Courts and View of Franke-pledge & that ye Comon Clarke & Steward as aforesaid chosen & nominated before he be admitted to escecute y^t office shall take his Corporall Oath before ye Mayor and Cheefe Burgesses of ye said Burrough or ye greater part of them whareof we will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one well &

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faithfully to p^rforme the office of Comon Clarke of ye s^d Burrough & Steward of ye s^d Courts & view of Franke pledg according to his skill in all things And touching all things w^{ch} concerne that office & that after such Oath sve as afore said taken hee may have use & escercise ye Office of Comon Clarke of ye said Borrough & of Steward of ye said Courts and View of Franck pledg by himselfe or by his sufficient depotie to be allowed by ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough during ye pleasure of ye Mayor & Burgesses of ye said Burrough for ye time being or ye greater part of them whareof we will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough to be one and we have assigned nominated appointed & made by these p^rsents for us our haire & successors doe assigne nominate & make our welbeloved Tho^m Cheke Esq^r larned In ye Lawes of England to be the first & present Comon Clarke of ye s^d Burrough & Steward of ye s^d Courts & view of Franck pledge to continue in ye same office of Comon Clarke of ye s^d Burrough and Steward of ye s^d Courts and view of Franck pledge dureing ye pleasure of ye Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses of ye said Burrough or ye greater part of them whareof we will ye Mayor of ye said Burrough for ye time being to be one and y^t ye s^d Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for the time being or the greater part of them whareof we will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one from time to time & att all times hereafter att ye will & pleasure of ye Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or the greater part of them whareof wee will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one maie chuse name & appointe an other good & discret man to be ye Comon Clarke of ye s^d Burrough & Steward of The said Courts & View of Francke pledge and that he w^{ch} shall be so from time to time chosen appointed & nominated to ye office of Comon Clarke of ye s^d Burrough and Steward of ye s^d Courts & View of Franck pledge first taking his corporall Oath in forme afores^d may have & escercise y^t office during ye pleasure of ye Mayor and Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or the greater part of them whareof wee will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being for to be one & soe as often as ye cause shall so happen **And further We doe** of our more abomdaunt speacill grace and out of our certaine knowledg & meere mocõu for us our haire & successors by these presents grante to ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough and their successors that they the s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & y^r successors For ever hereafter may have enjoy and p^rceave and may have enjoy levie & p^rceave to ye proper use & behoofe of ye s^d Mayor and Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & their successors all & all maner of fines Issues amerciaments forfeitures & profitts in ye s^d Courts & View of Franck pledge before ye said Mayor & Steward of ye said Courts and Franck pledge in ye s^d Courts & Franck pledge imposed coming happening arising

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choncuring or to be foreited & y^t It shall & may be lawfull for ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & their successors for ye Bett^r having & enjoying of ye same fines & amerciaments forfeitures & profitts from time to time to Levie & gather ye s^d fines issues and amerciaments forfeitures & profitts by ye proposed ministers of he ye s^d Mayor and Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & their successors acording to ye Lawes & Customes Of this our Relme of England **Wee Will** also & grant to ye s^d Mayor and Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & y^r successors y^t they and y^r successors for ever hereaft^r may have and shall & may prceive by themselves or by y^r Baylifies & ministeres all & all maner of Felons goods & Chattells waved & straits wthin ye lymitts & bounds & precincts of ye said Burrough **And further** we will & doe by these presents for us our haire & successors grant to ye s^d Mayor and Burgesses and their successores that they & y^r successors att all times hereaft^r may have & shall have within the said Burrough one Officer shall & shall benamed Sergiant of ye Mace to sarve in ye Court of ye same Burrough & to doe & execute proces distresses & escecutions precepts & warrants and other business whatt so ever within ye same Burrough limitts bounds & precincts of ye same Burrough belonging to ye office of a Sargiant of ye Mace as is used & accustomed or ought to be donne in ye other Courts in any other Burroughes or Townes Corporate of ye same nature condcord or kind within this our Relme of England from time to time att ye pleasure of ye Mayor and Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough w^{ch} Sargent of ye Mace shall be nominated elected and appointed by ye s^d Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being or the greater part of y^m whareof we will ye Mayor of ye said Burrough for ye time being to be one as often as it shall seeme espedient to ye s^d Mayor & Cheefe Burgesses shall from time to time be attendant uppon ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being & y^t ye same Sargiant att Mace so to be chosen and named as aforesaid shall take his Corporall Oath before ye Mayor or ye s^d Burrough for ye time being and so many of ye Comon Counsell w^{ch} att y^t time will be present well & faithfully to escecute and performe y^t office of Sargiant of ye Mace for ye s^d Burrough in and concerning all things appertaining to y^t office and y^r after such oath soe taken he may have & escecute ye office of Sergiant att mace during ye good pleasure of ye Greater part of ye comon counsell of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being whareof we will ye Mayor of ye s^d Burrough for ye time being to be one **And further** wee will & grante for us our haire & successors to ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses & their successurs for ever y^t they and y^r successurs may have hold & keepe & shall have hold and keep in ye s^d Burrough yearely one Markett every weeke by ye yeare in &

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upon ye Wednesday weeklie to be holden in ye said Burrough & a Faire for Marte there to be holden by ye space of three daies yearly y^t is to say to be holden & to confirme on ye feast of St James ye Appostle the eve and the morrow of ye same feast together wth a Court of preponders & together wth all tole Customes liberties & free customes belonging to such Courts Faries and Marketts together with toll stallage picage fines amerciamment & all other comodities profitts & emoluments whatt so ever of such Marketts or Faries or Martes and Courts of preponders coming growing arising or happening & wth all other free Customes and liberties apertaining or belonging to such Marketts Faries & Courtes of preponders yett soe y^t ye said Markett Fayre or Marts be nott to ye p^rjudice Neighbores Marketts fayres or marters neere adioying **And further** of our more abundant and our speciall grace & out of our certaine knowledg meere mocõu we have geven & granted & by these presents for us our haire and successores doe give & grant to ye s^d Mayor And Burgesses of ye s^d Borrough & their successors speciall lycence free & lawfull power and authority to have receive and purchase to y^m & y^r successares for ever Mannores Messages Land & Tenements Meadows leases pastures woods und^r woods rectories tenthes rents renews Service & other Hereditaments what soever wthin ye limitts precincts & bounds of ye s^d Burrough & not elsewhere as well of us & our successors as of any other person or p^rsons whatsoever w^{ch} are nott holden of us our heires or successors immediatlie in capite or by Knights service or of any other by Knight service so as ye said Mannors Messages Lands Tenements Meadows leases pastures Woods und^r woods Rectories Tenthes Rents Renewes Services and other Hereditaments so to be had purchased & receaved by them as aforesaid doe nott esccede in ye whole the clere yearly Vallew or rent of twenty pounds by ye yeare above charges & reprises the statue of nott putting of Lands & Tenements in Mortmaine or any other statute Acte Ordinance or provise before this time had made or provided or any other thing cause or matter whattsoever to ye contrary thereof in any wise not with standing **Also Wee** give by these presents for us our haire & successars and doe grant to every of our Subiects & to any of the Subiects of us our heires & successars speciall licens free & lawfull power & authority y^t they & either or any of them shall or may give grante sell bequeath or alien unto ye s^d Mayor and Burgesses of ye Borrough aforesaid & y^r successors any Mannor Message Lands Tenements Meadows leasures pastures Woods and und^r woods Rectories Thenthes Rents Renewes Services & other Hereditaments whattso ever wthin ye limitts precincts & bounds of ye Said Borrough w^{ch} are nott holden of us our heires or

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successors Immediatlie in Capite or other wise by Knights service or of any other by Knights service aforesaid yett soe as y^t ye s^d Manners Messages Lands Tenements Meadows pastures Rectories Tenths Rents Revenues Services and other hereditaments so as aforesaid to be given granted sould bequeathed or alieued to ye same Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough & their successors by virtue of these presents doe not escede in ye whole y^r clere yearely rent or Vallue of Twenty pounds by the yeare above all charges & reprises ye statue of nott putting lands & Tenements in Mortmaine or any other thing cause or matter heretofore had mad ordained or provided to the contrary thereof in any wayes not with standing **And We** do further of our more ample and speciall grace & out of our certaine knowledg and meere mocõu for us our haies & successors Grant & confirme to ye s^d Mayor and Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough and their successors all & all maner of liberties franchises immunites escemptions quittances and jurisdictions & also & all & singular ye same & such lands Tenements & hereditaments customes liberties priviledges franchises immunities quittances escemptions & jurisdictions w^{ch} ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye Burrough of Yarmouth aforesaid or any one or any of them by whatsoever name or names or by whatsoever incorporation or by cullor of whatsoever incoporation before this time have had held used or enoyed or ought to have hould use or enioye to them and their successors for ever of estate of inheritance by reason or cullor of any Charters or letters Indictments by us or by any of our predisessors or of any other person or persons whatsoever By any means heretofore made confirmed or granted or by any other lawfull meanes rights customes use prescption or title before this lawfully used had & accustomed **Saving allowing** and to us our heires and successors reserved our Castle of Eremue als Yarmouth wthin ye s^d Burrough wthin w^{ch} Castle or within the ditches or trenches limitts precinities or bounds of ye same Castle wee will nott thatt ye said Mayor & Burgesses or their successors or any one or any of them shall enter by vertue cullor or pretext of these our letters patents or our grannts therein any wayes specified anything in these premisaries to ye contrary not with standing to hould of us our heires & successors & to paie to us our heires & successors by the hands of the Recevioris of ye Revenues of our Crowne of England our haies & successors within ye Isle of Wight afores^d for ye time Being the fee farre of Twenty shillings of lawfull money of England att ye feast of St Michael The Arch Angell yearely or within Twenty days after ye same feast every yeare yearely for ever **And moreover** we will and furlmelie inioyinge comande for us our haies and successors y^t ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye

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s^d Burrough and y^r successors may have hold use & enjoy for ever all liberties authorities Jurisdicions franchises and requittances aforesaid according to ye tener & effect of these our letters patents wthout lett or impediment of us our heires or successors justices shreifes or any other the Baylitfes or ministers of us or of our heires & successors what so ever willing y^t ye same Mayor & Burgesses of ye said Burrough or anyone or any of the Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough should be thereof letter humolred molested vexed or greeved or troubled in anything by us Or our heires Justices Sherifes Escheators or other Baylifes or ministers of us our heires or successors by reason of the premissaries **Willing** and by these present **commanding** and **charging** as well ye Tresorer Chancellor and Barrowns of our escchequer att Westminster and other ye Justices of us our haire and successors as also our Attorney Generall for ye time being & every of y^m & all others our Officers & ministers whatso ever y^t neither they nor any one nor any of them shall follow or prosecute or continue or shall cause to be followed prosecuted or continued or any of them shall cause to be prosecuted any writte or writts sumons of quo Warranto or any of our writt or writts or process whatsoever against ye Mayor and Burgesses of ye said Burrough or any one or any of them for any causes thinge matters offences claime or Usurpacõu or any of them by them or any of them done claimed attempted used had or usurped before ye daye of ye making of these presents Willing also y^t ye same Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough or any of them be nott molested nor impeached by any one or any Justices Officers or Ministers afore said in & for the due use claime or abuse of any liberties frannchis or Jurisdicions wthin ye s^d Burrough suburbs or precincts of ye same before ye day of ye making of these our letters patents nor be compelled to answer them or any of them **Wee Will Also** and we doe by these grannte to ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses y^t they may have & shall have these our letters pattents under our great Seale of England in due forme made & sealed without fine or fee little or great therefore To us into our hamper or else whare to our use therefore in any maner to be given made or payed for y^t escpresse mention of ye true yearely value or of any other value or certametrie of ye premissaries or of any of them or of other gifts or grants by us or by any of our predecessors or progenitors to ye s^d Mayor & Burgesses of ye s^d Burrough before this time in these presents is nott made any Statutes acte ordinance provision proclamation or restraint to ye contrary thereof heretofore had made enacted ordeined or provided or any other thing cause or matter whatt so ever in any wayes notwithstanding In Witness whare of we have caused these our letter patents to be made wnesse my selef att Westminster

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the 18 day of September in ye yeare of our Raigne of England France and Ireland ye seaventh and of Scotland the three and forteth.

By the Write of privie Seale

The fine taxed for ye confirmation of ye first liberties

Th Elyrmere Cane^s