

AND THAT the inhabitants of the said town and port and their successors for the future for ever be and shall be one body corporate and politick in fact and in name really and completely,

WE for us, our heirs and successors, do erect, make, ordain, constitute and declare them by these Presents one corporate and politick Body by the name of the Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty of the town and port of Hastings in the County of Sussex,

AND THAT they shall have perpetual succession, and that by the same name of the Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty of the town and port of Hastings they be and shall be in all times to come for ever persons able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive and possess lands, tenements, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises, hereditaments of whatsoever kind, nature or sort they be, to them and their successors in fee and perpetuity,

AND ALL goods and chattels and all other things of what kind, nature or sort they be,

AND ALSO to give grant, sell and assign lands, tenements and hereditaments, and to do and execute all other acts and things by the same name,

AND THAT BY THE SAME NAME of the Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty of the town and port of Hastings in the said County of Sussex, they shall be able and may plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended in all courts and places whatsoever and before all Judges and Justices whatsoever and other persons and other our officers in all manner of suits, quarrels, pleas, causes, matters and demands of whatsoever kind, nature or sort they be, in the same manner and form as our other liege subjects of this Kingdom of England, able persons and capable in law, are able and may plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended,

AND THAT the said Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty of the town and port aforesaid shall for ever have a Common Seal to serve for the transacting of all the affairs and business whatsoever of them and their successors,

AND THAT IT MAY AND SHALL BE LAWFUL for the same Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty and their successors at their pleasure from time to time to break, change and new make the said Seal as shall seem best to them to be done,

AND WE FURTHER WILL and by these Presents for us, our heirs and successors, do ordain that for ever hereafter there be and shall be in the said town and port aforesaid One Mayor and twelve of the more discreet and honest Inhabitants of the town and port aforesaid who shall be aiding and assisting the same Mayor of the town and port for the time being in all cases or causes, things and matters concerning the said town and port,

AND WE FURTHER WILL and by these Presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant to the said Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty of the town and port aforesaid and their successors that they and their successors for the time being, or the greater