

HAY Gent. being Bailiff of the said town and port of Hastinge in the County of Sussex at and before the making of these Presents, to be the first and present Mayor of the said town and port, further willing that the said Thomas Hay should continue in the said office of Mayor, if the said Thomas Hay shall so long live, from the date of these Presents until the Third Sunday after the Feast of Easter next ensuing, and from the same day until another eligible person of the same town and port is chosen, preferred to and sworn into the office of Mayoralty according to the privileges, liberties, customs and promises used and approved in the same town and port before the making of these Presents for, in and about the choice of the Bailiff,

AND WE by these Presents do make, create, constitute and declare him, the said THOMAS HAY, Mayor of the town and port during the term aforesaid,

AND ALSO we have nominated, assigned, made and ordained and by these Presents do assign, nominate, make and ordain our beloved GEORGE PORTER, RICHARD LYFFE, JAMES BREHAM, THOMAS LAKE, RICHARD CALVERLEY, ROGER FERRES, RICHARD FRANCKE, JAMES LASHER, RICHARD FRENCH, THOMAS LOVE, JOHN LUNSFORDE and RICHARD ISTD, being at and before the making of these Presents Jurats of the same town and port of Hastinge and Barons and Inhabitants of the same, to be the first and present Jurats of the town and port aforesaid incorporated anew by these Presents, and so to be continued in the same office so long as, and in such manner and form as has been the custom and usage of the town and port aforesaid before the making of these Presents,

AND ALSO of our further grace we will and for us, our heirs and successors, by these Presents do grant to the said Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty of the town and port aforesaid and their successors that such and so many of the Commonalty for the time being, or the greater part of them, who and as many as before the making of these Letters Patent by the custom of the town and port aforesaid have been and were accustomed to elect a Bailiff of the said town and port, may and shall from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter have power and authority yearly and every year, on the said third Sunday next after the Feast of Easter in a certain place called le Windinge Lande otherwise Wyninge Lande otherwise called le Hundred Place, in the parish of St. Clement within the town and port aforesaid, or in any other accustomed place within the liberties of the same, of nominating, assigning and choosing, and that they may and shall be able to nominate, assign and choose in such manner and form as they used to do by the custom of the town before the date of these Presents one such man of the said town and port to be Mayor for the year then following, as by the liberties, privileges, usages and customs of the town and port aforesaid lately used before the making of these Presents they had been able and willing to nominate, assign or choose to be Bailiff,

WHICH man so chosen to the office of Mayor, after his corporal oath made and taken in like manner and form as the Bailiff of the town and port of Hastinge aforesaid