

formerly used or ought to take, shall have that office of Mayor of the said town and port for one whole year next from the time of such election, being the aforesaid third Sunday after the Feast of Easter, to exercise it until the third Sunday after the Feast of Easter then next following and from thence until a fit person is chosen into and duly sworn faithfully to execute that office,

AND IF ANY ONE so hereafter chosen to be Mayor of the town and port aforesaid, that choice having been notified to him, shall refuse to take upon himself the said office, that then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and the Jurats of the same for the time being, or the greater part of them, to commit such person so refusing to prison until he is willing to accept that office, or to set such a fine upon him as to them shall seem proper and to detain him in prison till he is willing to pay them that fine,

AND FURTHER to impose and inflict upon such person so refusing so many and so great punishments, pains and penalties and of such sorts and kinds as before the making of these Presents used or ought formerly and in the like case to be imposed or inflicted on any person duly chosen to be Bailiff of the town and port of Hastinge aforesaid by its privileges and customs,

AND WE FURTHER will and by these Presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats and Commonalty and their successors, that every person hereafter chosen to the office of Mayor of the said town and port shall take a corporal oath before such persons in the like manner and form as the Bailiff of the town and port of Hastinge aforesaid before the making of these Presents used to do for the faithful execution of the said office,

AND SO OFTEN as it shall happen that any person, being Mayor of the town and port, shall die or from his said office for just cause be duly removed during the term of his being Mayor of the said town and port,

THAT THEN and so often we will and for us, our heirs and successors do grant to the aforesaid 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 Presents by the custom of the town and port aforesaid were accustomed to choose a Bailiff of the said town and port, from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter shall and may have power and authority, in the said place or any other convenient place within the town and port aforesaid, immediately after knowledge of the death or after the removal of the said Mayor, to nominate assign and choose one such person as and in the like manner as by the custom of the town and port heretofore obtained and used they have used to nominate, assign and choose a Bailiff to the office of Mayor of the said town and port, and to be Mayor of the same town and port until the third Sunday after the Feast of Easter thence next to come and from thence until a new Mayor shall be chosen and sworn faithfully to execute that office in due manner as aforesaid,