

scholis degentium, pro salute animæ meæ et animarum domini Henrici quondam regis Angliæ, necnon et germani sui Ricardi Romanorum regis inclyti, et antecessorum et hæredum suorum, ac parentum et benefactorum meorum omnium, ad honorem et gloriam Altissimi, ante turbationem in Angliâ nuper subortam, fundavi et stabilivi, nunc, pace Angliæ reformata ac pristina turbatione sedata, animi stabilitate perpetua approbo, stabilio et confirmo, locumque sibi habitationis et domum Oxoniæ, ubi universitas viget studentium, in meo territorio proprio, ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis contermino, concedo et assigno. Quam siquidem domum scholarium de Merton nuncupari volo, atque in ea scholares perpetuo moraturos esse decerno. Cui siquidem domui, seu scholaribus in eadem, Altissimo concedente, in perpetuum moraturis, maneria mea de Maldon et de Farlegh cum suis pertinentiis, quæ pro ipsorum scholarium et ministrorum altaris, qui in ea residentes erunt, sustentatione perpetua, tempore dictæ turbationis contuli, etiam in præsentî, pace regni reformata, concedo, ipsamque collationem spontanea et libera voluntate approbo, ac deliberato judicio ratifico et confirmo. Quæ etiam maneria dictis scholaribus, una cum aliis per me sibi acquisitis et acquirendis, apud eosdem scholares et fratres perpetuo permanere decerno, sub forma et conditionibus infra scriptis, tam circa personas quam circa regulam eorundem, annuente Domino, futuris temporibus jugiter observandis.

STATUTE I.

The Constitution of the College.

Governing Body of College.

(a.) The Governing Body of the College shall be the Warden and Fellows, exclusive of Probationer and Honorary Fellows.

(b.) Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, all things required or authorised to be done by the College may be done by a majority of the Governing Body of the College present at a College meeting.

(c.) The expression "the Fellows," as used in these Statutes, shall not include Probationer or Honorary Fellows.

STATUTE II.

The Warden.

Qualifications of Warden.

1. In electing to the office of Warden, the electors shall choose the person who is in their judgment most fit for the government of the College as a place of religion, learning, and education.

Election of Warden.

2. (a.) The election of the Warden shall be vested in such Fellows of the College present at the time of election as have completed two years from the day of their admission as actual Fellows.

(b.) As soon as it becomes known that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Warden, the Sub-Warden, or in his absence the Senior Fellow in residence, shall convene a preliminary meeting of the fellows then in residence.

(c.) At the preliminary meeting a day and hour shall be appointed for a meeting to be held for the election of a Warden; and the Sub-Warden, or the Senior Fellow in residence, as the case may be, shall convene a meeting of the electors for that day and hour by sending a notice to each of the electors at his usual address.

(d.) The day so appointed shall be not less than twenty nor more than sixty days from the day of the meeting at which it is appointed.

(e.) The votes of the electors shall be taken openly, and that person who shall have obtained the whole or the majority of the votes of the elec-

tors present and voting at the election shall be declared elected.

(f.) In the event of no person having obtained an absolute majority of votes the voting shall be repeated until some person shall have obtained an absolute majority, except that, when the votes of the electors are divided equally between two persons, the choice between those two persons shall rest with the Visitor, and the person named by him shall be deemed elected.

(g.) If after seven days no person shall have obtained an absolute majority of the votes given, the Visitor shall name such one of the persons finally voted for at the election as he shall think most fit, and that person shall be deemed elected.

(h.) No Fellow shall be disqualified from voting at the election of a Warden by reason of his being nominated as a candidate for the Wardenship.

(i.) In the case of an election having been made unanimously or by an absolute majority, the name of the person elected shall be forthwith certified to the Visitor under the College seal.

Residence of Warden.

3. (a.) The Warden shall reside in the College twenty-eight weeks at least in each year, whereof six weeks at least shall be in each Term, Easter and Trinity Terms being for this purpose considered as one Term.

(b.) In case of the Warden's sickness, or for any other urgent cause, it shall be lawful for the Warden and Fellows to dispense with the Warden's residence for such a period and on such conditions as they may judge to be required by the necessity of the case: Provided that no such dispensation shall without the consent of the Visitor be granted for a longer time than two months in any one year.

Emolument of Warden.

4. (a.) The emolument of the Warden shall, subject to the provisions of these Statutes, be the sum of 1,500*l.* a year, payable out of the corporate revenues of the College; and, in addition thereto, he shall be entitled to the use of his lodgings free of rent, rates, and taxes. Provided that, if and so long as the Warden holds any University office or offices (except that of Vice-Chancellor) the emoluments or aggregate emoluments of which exceed five hundred pounds, his emoluments as Warden shall be reduced to such a sum as together with those of the University office or offices will amount to two thousand pounds.

(b.) The Warden shall not without the consent of the College hold any other paid office, either in or out of the University, except that of Vice-Chancellor.

General Duties of Warden.

5. The Warden shall exercise a general superintendence over the College in all its departments.

Tenure of Wardenship.

6. Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, the Wardenship shall be tenable for life.

Retirement of Warden.

7. (a.) The Warden may, with the consent of the Visitor and of the College, after having held the office for fifteen years, and having attained the age of seventy years, retire on a pension of such amount, not exceeding 750*l.* a year, as the Warden and Fellows shall at the time determine.

(b.) If at any time it appears that the Warden has become permanently incapable of performing the duties of his office, the Sub-Warden, or in his absence the Senior Fellow in residence, shall, on the request of any three or more Fellows qualified to vote in the election of the Warden, convene a meeting of the Fellows so qualified for the con-