

STATUTE II.

The Master, President and Vice-Master.

1. There shall be in the College a Master or Keeper, of good life and conversation, well qualified by learning and experience of business, of at least thirty years of age, and a Master of Arts or of some equal or superior degree in the University of Cambridge or Oxford.

He shall exercise a general superintendence over the affairs of the College, as a place of education, religion, learning and research, and shall, whenever possible, take part in the College teaching and administration.

The Master shall receive in every year out of the revenues of the College as hereinafter provided a sum equal to two dividends of a Fellow, but if he shall hold not the Canonry at Norwich he shall receive four dividends in lieu of two.

He shall not be absent from the College more than one hundred and eighty days in any year except on account of illness or other grave cause, nor shall he be absent from the College more than one-third of any term except on account of illness or other grave cause. If the Master being a Canon of Norwich resigns such Canonry without the leave of at least two-thirds of the Fellows, he shall *ipso facto* vacate the office of Master.

2. When the office of Master becomes vacant, the Senior resident Fellow shall, within three days after the vacancy is made known to him, give notice of the vacancy to all the other Fellows, whether present in College or absent, and summon them in writing to meet for the election of a new Master on some day not less than fourteen days nor more than thirty days after the date of such notice.

If, however, the vacancy of the office of Master is first made known to the said Senior Fellow in the vacation after the Easter Term and before the sixteenth day of September in any year, the meeting for the election of a new Master shall be held on some day in the first week of the ensuing Michaelmas Term.

On the day appointed for the election the Fellows shall meet together at noon in the College Chapel. The prayers "Veni creator" and "Deus qui corda" shall be said; and the Fellows shall proceed severally to nominate and elect a duly qualified person for the office of Master.

If upon a first scrutiny there shall be no person nominated and elected by a majority of the whole body of existing Fellows, they shall proceed to nominate and elect a second time, and the process of nominating and electing shall be repeated as often as the Fellows think proper within forty-eight hours after the commencement of the first scrutiny. If at the end of the said forty-eight hours there be no person nominated and elected by a majority of the whole body of existing Fellows, the appointment of a Master for that turn shall be vested in the Visitor.

The person nominated or elected or appointed shall make the following declaration before he acts as Master, "Ego N. do fidem quod collegium sive aulam divae catharinae virginis, terras et tenementa, possessiones, redditus temporales et ecclesiasticos, jura et bona quaecunque collegii sive aulae praedictae regam, defendam, custodiam et gubernabo, et per alios

regi, custodiri et gubernari faciam quantum potero. Item statuta ejusdem collegii edita, et in posterum edenda, firmiter observabo. Item collegium sive aulam praedictam cum omnibus bonis ejusdem contra omnes adversarios ejus quantum potero tuebor et defendam. Et quantum in me fuerit, correctiones, punitiones, et reformationes justas et debitas faciam et exercebo ac per alios fieri et exerceri, quantum in me est, curabo."

3. The Master shall appoint in writing from time to time one of the Fellows of the degree of Master of Arts, or of some equal or superior degree, to represent him in his absence.

Such Fellow shall be called the President, and shall have the authority of the Master when absent in all college business.

The President shall receive out of the revenues of the College a yearly stipend determined by the Master and Fellows, and shall hold the office until such time as the Master shall appoint in writing some other of the Fellows in his stead.

4. If the Master shall have been convicted by a Court of competent jurisdiction of any crime, the Visitor may, if he think fit, proceed to enquire into the fact of such conviction, and if it be established may deprive the Master of his office.

If any three or more of the Fellows shall prefer to the Visitor a charge against the Master of disgraceful conduct, or of malversation in his office, or of gross neglect of duty whereby he has in their judgment become unfit to preside over the College, the Visitor shall with all convenient speed proceed to inquire into the facts of the case, and if the charge be established, may deprive the Master of his office.

5. If the Master shall at any time become incapable of performing the duties of his office, the Visitor on being satisfied thereof shall, upon the application of a majority of the Fellows, present at a meeting convened for the purpose of taking the matter into consideration, such majority consisting of at least a moiety of the whole number of Fellows, or upon the application of the Master himself, have power to appoint one of the Fellows to act in the Master's place during his incapacity and to assign to the person so appointed such portion as the Visitor shall think fit, not exceeding one-third, of the income assigned to the Master by these Statutes.

It shall be incumbent upon the Senior Fellow in residence to convene the meeting of the Fellows for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing paragraph, upon the request of any three or more of the Fellows, and to cause notice of such meeting to be sent to each of the Fellows.

The Fellow who shall be appointed by the Visitor to act in the Master's place shall be called Vice-Master. He shall retain his office, and receive the portion of the Master's income which shall have been assigned to him, until the Master shall be reinstated in his functions and powers, or shall cease to be Master. He shall exercise and perform all the functions and duties, and shall have all the powers and authorities of the Master except the power of consenting to any change of the Master's emoluments, and shall be bound to residence in the same manner, and be liable to depriva-