

CHARTER

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS

1 there was incorporated on the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four under the Companies Act 1948 a Company limited by Guarantee but not having a Share Capital under the name of "New Hall, Cambridge";

2 by the Memorandum of Association of the said Company the objects for which it was established were to found and carry on a collegiate institution for the higher education of women in Our University of Cambridge (hereinafter referred to as "the University"), to promote its development into a College of the University and to advance education, learning and research in the University;

3 the University did on the third day of November One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five grant recognition to New Hall, Cambridge, as an Approved Foundation within the University with effect from that day:

AND WHEREAS We Ourselves granted a Charter of Incorporation of the fifth day of June one thousand nine hundred and seventy two (hereinafter referred to as "the Original Charter") for the purpose of constituting the said Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Approved Foundation") a Body Corporate by the name and style of "The President and Fellows of New Hall in the University of Cambridge" with the object among others of acquiring and taking over the site and buildings presently occupied by the Approved Foundation and otherwise of furthering its purposes under such regulations and with such powers as to Us might appear meet and expedient:

AND WHEREAS the first President of the College was Our trusty and well beloved Dame Alice Rosemary Murray, and such persons as at the date of the Original Charter were Fellows of the Approved Foundation and were the first Fellows of the College:

AND WHEREAS by a funding agreement dated the thirtieth of May two thousand and five the College received a founding donation from the Edwards Family:

AND WHEREAS in recognition of that donation from the Edwards Family and to recognise the vision of the College's first President Dame Alice Rosemary Murray, New Hall has now resolved both that it wishes to change its body corporate name from "The President and Fellows of New Hall in the University of Cambridge" to "The President and Fellows of Murray Edwards College, founded as New Hall, in the University of Cambridge" and that it will be commonly known as Murray Edwards College:

AND WHEREAS the President and Fellows of New Hall in the University of Cambridge have by humble Petition prayed that We might be graciously pleased to grant a Supplemental Charter replacing the Original Charter:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition in to Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of all other powers enabling Us so to do of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and declared and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare as follows:

1 The Original Charter except insofar as it incorporated the Governors as one body corporate and politic as the Company and confers upon its perpetual succession and a Common Seal shall be and is hereby revoked but nothing in its revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done or executed under the provision so the Original Charter.

2 The President and Fellows of the College at the date of this Our Supplemental Charter and all such persons as may hereafter become the Presidents and Fellows of the Body Corporate hereby constituted shall for ever after be one Body Politic and Corporate and shall have the name and style of "The President and Fellows of Murray Edwards College, founded as New Hall, in the University of Cambridge" (herein referred to as "the College") and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and before all Justices of Us, Our Heirs and Successors and the College shall be commonly known as Murray Edwards College.

3 The College shall have full power and capacity to accept, acquire and hold any personal property whatsoever and shall also without any further authority by virtue of this Our Charter have full power and capacity to accept, acquire and hold any lands and hereditaments situate in Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to dispose of either by way of sale or lease and to exchange, mortgage, charge, improve, manage, develop, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property real or personal belonging to the College upon such terms and in such manner as it shall see fit and also to do all other matters incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate provided always that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to empower the College to dispose of or deal with its property in the manner above mentioned without first obtaining such consent as would otherwise be required by law.

4 The College is incorporated and shall be conducted with the following objects:

(a) To advance education, learning and research in the University.

(b) To provide for persons who shall be members of the University a College wherein they may work for Degrees in the University or may carry out postgraduate or other special studies at Cambridge provided that no member of the College or any candidate for membership thereof shall be subject to any test of a religious, racial, political or social character.

(c) To acquire and take over the properties and liabilities now vested in the Approved Foundation.

(d) To apply the moneys of the College including any money acquired or taken over as aforesaid to the purposes of the College with power to invest as prescribed in the Statutes of the College.

(e) To administer any trust or scheme for purposes connected with the objects of the College.

(f) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the carrying out of the above objects.

5. The College shall have power, subject to the Statutes of the University, to present candidates for matriculation by the University.

6 The Visitor of the College shall be the High Steward of the University.

7 Any President of the College or Fellows of the College shall be appointed in manner prescribed by the Statutes of the College.

8 The government of the College shall be vested entirely in the Governing Body as defined in the Statutes of the College which shall subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923 have full power to make and when made to alter the Statutes of the College provided that no alteration of the Statutes shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University as may from time to time be made to govern the relation of the Colleges to the University.

9 The first Statutes of the College shall be those set out in the Schedule to this Our Charter and the same shall be and shall remain in force unless and until they shall be altered in manner hereinbefore prescribed.

10 The Governing Body of the College may from time to time revoke, amend or add to the provisions of this Our Charter by a Special Statute in that behalf and such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made as so revoked, amended or added to. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid. A Special Statute is one passed at a meeting of the Governing Body summoned for the purpose by not less than fourteen days' notice at which at least two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body are present and at which at least two-thirds of those present vote in favour of the Special Statute.

11 References in this Our Charter to the Statutes of the College shall be deemed to be references to such Statutes as are for the time being in force.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the *fourteenth* day of *June* in the *sixtieth* year of Our Reign

THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL