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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 Our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor Alexander Andrew Mackay Baron Irvine of Lairg Our Chancellor of Great Britain GREETING: WE WILL AND COMMAND that under the Great Seal of Our Realm remaining in your custody you cause these Our Letters to be made forth Patent in form following:

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 Our Paymaster-General now and for the time being and the other persons hereinafter mentioned and to all others whom it may concern Greeting Whereas We did under the Great Seal of Our Realm bearing date the eleventh day of August in the forty-ninth year of Our Reign constitute and appoint the persons therein named and certain other persons to be the Commissioners for the Government of Our Royal Hospital at Chelsea and the In-Pensioners thereto belonging Now Know Ye that We have revoked and determined and by these Presents do revoke and determine the said recited Letters Patent and every Clause Article and thing therein contained And Further Know Ye that We have thought fit to constitute and appoint and by these Presents do constitute and appoint Our Paymaster-General now and for the time being Our Minister of State for the Armed Forces now and for the time being the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Minister for Veterans Affairs now and for the time being the Command Secretary (Adjutant-General) now and for the time being the Governor of Our Royal Hospital at Chelsea now and for the time being two Officers not below the rank of Major-General serving on the Staff of the Ministry of Defence who shall be the nominees of the Chief of Our General Staff the Lieutenant-Governor of Our Royal Hospital at Chelsea now and for the time being and such other persons not exceeding ten in number being Officers either in Our Civil Naval Military or Air Service or having been in such Our Service and having retired therefrom or persons not in nor having been in such Our Service who are distinguished in their field as shall have been nominated to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for Defence and appointed by Us from time to time by Our Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual to be Our Commissioners for the Government of Our aforesaid Royal Hospital at Chelsea And We do hereby give and grant unto you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you full power and authority to settle and ascertain what proportions and kinds of victuals you shall judge most convenient for the diet of such persons as now are or shall hereafter be entertained and fed in Our said Royal Hospital and to make contracts and agreements with any person or persons for the furnishing of the same at such rates and for such times as you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you shall seem best and also for clothing the said persons belonging to Our said Hospital and washing the linen to them and every of them belonging and likewise to keep in good order and repair and maintain the several Courts Gardens Walks Avenues and Lights belonging to Our said Hospital as to you or any three or more of you as aforesaid shall seem most proper for the better accommodation and good government of the same And We do hereby give and grant unto you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you as aforesaid full power and authority to nominate constitute and appoint from time to time such and so many Under-Officers and Servants as are or shall at any time or times hereafter be wanting in Our said Hospital and to remove or displace them or any of them from time as to you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you shall seem meet And We do hereby give and grant unto you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you as aforesaid full power and authority generally to do and perform all such matters and things and to enter into

such arrangements or agreements as you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you in your discretion shall think necessary or desirable for the good government of Our said Hospital including for the avoidance of doubt the raising of finances to enable you Our said Commissioners to carry out the purposes for which power and authority has been granted to you And We do hereby direct require and command you Our said Commissioners to prepare and present to Us for Our Royal approbation such Establishment or Establishments as you shall think proper for the expense of Our said Hospital as also to observe and follow such further Orders Directions and Instructions as We shall at any time or times hereafter give under Our Royal Sign Manual relating to Our said Hospital or the Government thereof And We do hereby direct require and command that in all cases whatsoever where any Order or Orders Warrant or Warrants are now or shall be hereafter to be signed for the payment of any sum or sums of money for any use or uses of Our said Hospital such Order or Orders Warrant or Warrants shall be signed by you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you And We do hereby empower you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you to examine into the qualifications of any persons at present in Our said Hospital and to discharge such of them from any further provision as you or any three or more of you shall judge not to be duly entitled to the same And We do hereby further declare Our Will and Pleasure to be that no person be admitted for the future into Our said Hospital but by a Warrant under the hands of any three or more of you Our said Commissioners And We do hereby direct and order that in the admission of In-Pensioners you do guide yourselves by the several Acts of Parliament already made or hereafter to be made relating thereto and the existing Rules Orders and Regulations made or hereafter to be made by Us with respect to such In-Pensioners of Our said Royal Hospital And Our Will and Pleasure is and We do hereby require and command that you Our said Commissioners and every of you do diligently attend the execution of this Our Commission in all things as becometh and this Our Commission or the entry enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be to you and every of you a sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalf And Lastly We do hereby ratify and confirm whatsoever shall have been done or purported to be done by any of the Commissioners named in the said Letters Patent dated the eleventh day of August Two thousand or by any Commissioner appointed or reappointed under the said Letters Patent by any Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual or otherwise with Our approval pursuant to the directions contained in the said Letters Patent up to the date of these Presents In Witness &c. Witness &c.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's* the *eighteenth* day of *April* two thousand and *two* in the *fifty-first* year of Our Reign

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND

Geoffrey Hoon

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

This contains a Warrant to the Lord High Chancellor to pass Letters Patent under the Great Seal whereby Your Majesty is pleased to make provision for changes to the Government of Your Majesty's Royal Hospital at Chelsea And this Warrant is prepared according to Your Majesty's Royal Command

Received the 18th
day of April 2002

Signified by Mr. Secretary Hoon

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Clerk of the Crown in Chancery

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