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CHARLES THE THIRD by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories King Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith: To Our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor Our Chancellor of Great Britain one of Our Principal Secretaries of State 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:

CHARLES THE THIRD by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories King Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To Our trusty and well beloved the **College of Canons of Our Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ Canterbury** Greeting Supplication having been humbly made to Us on your part that Whereas the See of Canterbury is now void and destitute of the solace of a Pastor by the resignation of Our right trusty and well beloved Counsellor the Most Reverend Justin Portal Welby Master of Arts lately Archbishop thereof We would be graciously pleased to grant you Our fundatorial leave and licence to elect another Archbishop and Pastor We being favourably inclined to your prayers in this behalf have thought fit to grant you such leave and licence Requiring and Commanding you by the faith and allegiance by which you stand bound to Us that you elect such a person for your Archbishop and Pastor as may be devoted to God and useful and faithful to Us and Our Kingdom In Witness &c. Witness &c.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the *seventeenth* day of *November* two thousand and *twenty-five* in the *fourth* year of Our Reign

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND

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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 grant unto the College of Canons of Your Majesty's Cathedral and Metropolitan Church, Canterbury, Your Royal Licence to elect an Archbishop of the See of Canterbury, the same being void by the resignation of the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Portal Welby, M.A., lately Archbishop thereof And this Warrant is prepared according to Your Majesty's Royal Command

Signified by Secretary of State

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Clerk of the Crown in Chancery

*Received the 17th day
of November 2025*

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