

BY – LAWS
OF THE WORSHIPFUL
COMPANY OF COOPERS

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WHEREAS our late Sovereigne Lord King Charles the second by his Letters Pattents beareing date The thirtieth day of August in the thirteenth year of his Reign did amongst other things give and grant unto the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Company of Coopers for the time being or the greater part of them full power and authority by virtue of the said Letters Pattents to ordain constitute appoint and sett downe in writeing such reasonable orders and Ordinances as to them should seem meet and necessary as well for and concerning the Oathes as should be administred to the Master Wardens Assistants and Freemen of the said Company and the necessary Officers of and concerning the sane as also for the good order rule and Government of the said master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty aforesaid and all other Members of the said Society NOW WEE the Master Wardens and Major part of The Assistants of the said Company by virtue of the Authority abovementioned being assembled together for that purpose at the Common Hall of the said Company do make ordaine Constitute and appoint the severall Oaths orders Rules and Ordinances following

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It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that if at any time or times hereafter any person of this Society shall he chosen Master of the same to serve for one whole year and shall refuse to serve or

hold the said office or if at any times hereafter upon the refusall of any person of this Society duely chosen Mastar of the same to serve for one whole year to serve or hold the said office or upon the death or removall of any person sworn and being Master of the said Company any person of this Society shall be chosen Master of the same to serve for one whole year or for less time in the place or stead or any such Master so refuseing or in the place or stead of any such Master so dead or removed And thereupon any such person so chosen for Master of the said Company shall refuse to hold such place of Master for such time for which he shall be so chosen and take such Oath as is hereinafter mentioned for that purpose Then and in such case and so often as it shall so happen every person so chosen faster or this Company and reusing to Execute or exercise the Office oi master haveing no Just or reasonable cause or Impediment to the contrary to be allowed of by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society for the time being or the major parte o: them shall pay for a fine to the Master Wardens or keepers of the Commonalty of freemen of the mistery of Coopers London and of the Suburbs of the sane Citty for the time being for the Generall Use and supportation of the said Company as Followeth (that is to say) for the first time that any Such person shall be chosen Master of the said Company to Serve for one whole Year and shall refuse so serve accordingly the summ of twenty pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain and for the first time that any such person shall Be chosen Master of the said Company to serve upon the refusall death or removall of any Master and shall refuse to serve accordingly the sum of fifteen pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain PHOVIDED always that no person of this Society chosen for Master thereof as aforesaid shall

be compelled or required to serve in the place of Master of this company for more than two yeares nor shall be compelled or required to Tine for refusall to hold such place of faster more than once that is to say for the first year that he shall be so chosen Master of this Company or for the first time that lie shall he so chosen Master upon the refusall Death or removall of any other Master as aforesaid.

2. ITEM It is Ordained and Established by the authority aforesaid that if at any time or times hereafter any person or persons of this Society shall be chosen Warden or Wardens or the same to serve for one whole Year and shall refuse to serve or hold the said Office or Offices Or that if at any time or times hereafter upon the Refusall Of any person or persons of this Society duly Chosen Warden or Wardens of the same to serve for one whole Year to serve or hold the said Office or Offices or upon The death or removall or any Warden or Wardens of this Company as aforesaid any person or persons of this Company Shall ba chosen Warden or Wardens of the same to serve for One whole Year or for less time in the place or stead of Any such Warden or Wardens so refusing or in the place or stead of any such Warden or Wardens so dead or removed and any such person or persons so chosen for Warden or Wardens of the said Company shall refuse to hold such place of Warden or Wardens for such respective time or times for Which any such person or persons shall he chosen Warden or Wardens as aforesaid and shall refuse to take such oath and oaths as is hereinafter for that purpose mentioned Then and in such case and so often as it shall so happen every person or persons so chosen Warden or Wardens of this Campany and refusing to take such Oath and to Execute or

Exercise the Office or Offices of Warden or Wardens haveing no Just or reasonable cause or Impediment to the contrary to be allowed by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society for the time being or the major part of them shall pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being for the Generall use and supportation of the said Company as followeth (that is to say) Every such person so chosen Upper Warden to serve as Upper Warden for one whole Year who shall refuse to serve accordingly the summ of Twelve pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain and every such person so chosen Under Warden to serve as Under Warden for one whole year who shall refuse to serve accordingly the summ of six pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain and every person that shall be chosen Upper Warden as aforesaid to serve upon the refusall death or removall of any upper Warden who shall refuse to serve accordingly the summ of tenn pounds and every person that shall be chosen Under Warden as aforesaid to serve upon the refusall death or removall of any Under Warden who shall refuse to serve accordingly the summ of five pounds PROVIDED always that no person of this Society chosen Upper or Under Warden as aforesaid shall be compelled or required to serve such place of Upper or Under Warden or fine for the same as aforesaid more than twice nor more than once if they be chosen at first for a whole Year.

3. ITEM It is ordained and Established by the authority aforesaid that from henceforth at all time and times hereafter yearly the two Wardens of this Society in the month of July yearly upon the day assigned for auditing the accounts of the Wardens of the said Company for the year next before shall not only receive into their possession custody and charge all the moneys plate Goods chattles and

things then belonging to the said Company which the Wardens of the said Company are then Jointly or severally to take into their charge or custody according to the custom formerly used in this Company in the like case But also each of them shall then become bound in severall obligations that is to say the Upper Warden in the penalty of one thousand pounds and the Under Warden in the penalty of five hundred pounds with one other sufficient person or surety such as the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society or the major part of them shall assent unto and approve of for that purpose unto four of the Assistants of this Company then being for the use of the said Company with severall conditions thereunto written for either of such Wardens his Executors Administrators and Assignes or some of them respectively to render and make an account delivery and payment of all such sums of money plate Goods and things whatsoever which they or either of them have or shall have received into his or their hands charge or custody to the use of or belonging to the said Society and for which he or they ought to be accountable for the use of the said Society.

4. ITEM It is ordained and Established that the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society for the time being in every year on the first Tuesday in June or at any time within eighteen days then next after shall and may have power to choose out of the Assistants or Livery of the said Company one person usually called by the name of Renter Warden or Rant Gatherer to receive the rents payable to the use of the said Company and to serve in that place and to enter into one Obligation unto four of the Assistants of the said Society for the use of the same Society in the penalty

of one thousand pounds with one or more sufficient surety or Sureties to be allowed of by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said society for the time being or the major part of them with condition for such person so chosen his Executors Administrators and Assigns to give an account in writing and make payment of all such rents and moneys by him or by his appointment received at any such times as shall be for that end appointed by the Master and Wardens for the time being or the major part them Then in such case every such person so chosen Renter Warden or Rent Gatherer as aforesaid and denying or refusing to serve or hold such place or Office and to give such Obligation with such surety or sureties and with such condition as aforesaid and showing no good or sufficient cause to the contrary to be allowed of by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society or the major part or them for the time being shall pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being to the generall use and supportation of the said Society the summ of twelve pounds.

5. ITEM is ordained and established by the author-ity aforesaid that if at any time or times thereafter upon the death or removal! of any Assistant or Assistants now "being or hereafter to be chosen and sworn in the place or places of Assistants of this Company any person or persons of the Livery or the said Company shall he chosen in the place or stead of any person or persons so dead or removed according as is Expressed in the Letters Pattents of our said late persons so chosen an Assistant or Assistants shall deny or refuse to take upon himselfe the said place or Office of Assistant and to execute or Exercise the same and to take the oath hereinafter appointed to that purpose a request

being made to him and reasonable notice so to do and having no reasonable or Lawfull Cause for such his denyall or refusall to be allowed of by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society or the major part of them for the time being Then every such person so denying and refusing shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being the sums of five pounds for the Generall use and supportation of the said Company

6. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the Greater part of them for the time being as they shall see and find Just occasion shall and may from time to time nominate call choose and admitt of or into the Livery or cloathing of the said Company such and so many of the Freeman of the said Society as they in their discretion shall think fitt and Judge to be honest and of ability for that end and service and that every person so chosen and admitted into the Livery or cloathing of the said Company shall pay unto the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being for the Generall use and supportation of the said Company upon or before his and every of their admission the summ of fifteen pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain and to the Clerk for the time being five shillings and to the Beadle two shillings and six pence the same when paid to be not only in respect of his admission into the Livery as aforesaid but also for and in respect of the future admission or receiving of any such person to and in the place of an Assistant of the same Company if afterwards he shall be dueiy elected and chosen thereunto and every person so taken in of the Livery as aforesaid shall so continue dureing his life if he be not removed for a reasonable cause by the Master Wardans and Assistants or the

greater part of them for the time being.

7. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that if any person so chosen to be of the cloathing or Livery of the said Company as is mentioned in the next precedent Ordinance shall refuse to come in to be of the said Livery or cloathing or to make payment as before herein is ordained in that behalf Then every such person so refusing hold and come in as aforesaid shall forfeite and pay for a fine to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being for the generall use and Supportation of the said Company for the first time the summ of five pounds in money and shall be subject and lyable to be so as aforesaid called and chosen to the same place again afterwards once in every year for the space of five years at the pleasure of the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being or the greater part of them if such person so chosen and refusing shall not sooner accept to hold and come in to be of the said Livery and pay and perform in that be-^{half} as aforesaid and untill then every such person so called and chosen and refusing as aforesaid for every year so chosen and refusing not exceeding the number of five years as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Warden of this Company the like summ of five pounds for the use of the Company upon reasonable notice in that behalf to be given PROVIDED always that if any parson so Elected as aforesaid shall within the space of one Calendar month after notice given him of such his election go before one of his Majestyes Justice of the Peace for the Cittie of London or County of Middlesex and make oath in writeing that he was not at the time of such election or at the time of such Makeing Oath as aforesaid worth to the value of five hundred Pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain in Estate reall or

Personall of any sort kind or nature whatsoever or to that or the like effect and shall within the time aforesaid produce and leave the said writeing with the Mlaster and Wardens of this Company or either of them then and in such case every such person shall be wholly excused freed and discharged from all payments fines and forfeitures incurred by not conforming to this or the precedent Ordinance and in case any such hereon should in a subsequent year or years be elected again into the Cloathing or Livery of this Company such person again makeing oath in writing and producing and leaving it as aforesaid shall be Excused freed And discharged as aforesaid and so as often as the like case shall happen.

8. ITEM It is ordained and established W the authority aforesaid that every year on the first Tuesday in June or within eighteen dayes then next after the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society for the time Being or the greater part of them shal¹ or may Elect or choose three persons being of the Livery of the said company to be Stewards of the same Company to provide at their own proper costs and charges with such allowance out of the Stock of the said Company or otherwise as the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the major part of them shall think fitt and convenient to be allowed in that behalf on the day when the Lord Mayor is presented at Westminster to take Ms oath one Dinner at the Common Hall of the said Company for the whole Livery or Cloatlung thereof And if any person or persons so chosen Steward or Stewards aforesaid shall refuse to serve or hold Steward and to do and perform as aforesaid haveing no reasonable cause to the contrary to be admitted and allowed of by the said Master Wardens and Assistants

for the time being or the major part of them then each and every of them, so refusing shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company upon reasonable demand The sum of twenty pounds to the use of this Company

PROVIDED always that if any person so elected as aforesaid shall within the space of one Calendar month after notice given him of such his election go before one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the City of London or County of Middlesex and make oath in writing that he was not at the time of such Election or at the time of such making Oath as aforesaid worth to the value of three hundred pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain in estate reall or personall of any sort kind or nature whatsoever or to that or the like effect and shall within the time aforesaid produce and leave the said writing with the Master and Wardens of this Company or either of them Then and in such case every such person shall be wholly excused freed and discharged from all payments Fines and Forfeitures incurred by not conforming to this Ordinance and in case any such person should in a subsequent year or years be elected again into the said Office of Steward of this Company such person again making oath in writing and producing and Leaveing it as aforesaid shall he excused freed and discharged as aforesaid and so as often as the like case shall happen.

9. ITEM It is ordained, and established by the authority aforesaid that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the greater part of them for the time being from henceforth yearly in the month of June or on the day that the Master and Wardens for the year ensuing shall be sworn and after they or any of them are sworn shall or may elect and choose four or six Freeman of the

said Company to attend the Master Wardens and Assistants as Servitors or Ushers in any service requisite by them to be performed on the day when the said Lord Mayor taketh his Oath at Westminster and at all other times in the year next after they are or shall be chosen as aforesaid as the Master and Wardens shall reasonably order and appoint for that end and if any person so named and chosen shall refuse or deny to performe the said Service or shall make default at any time or times when he or they shall be assigned so to do by the Master and Wardens of the said Society for the time being or any two of them Then every one so refusing denying or making default having no reasonable or Lawfull cause or Excuse to be allowed by Master Wardens and Assistants aforesaid or the greater part of them for the time being shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company to the generall use of the said Company the sum of forty- shillings.

10. ITEM is ordained and Established by the authority aforesaid that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the greater part of them for the time being when and as often as there shall be occasion shall and may elect and choose one discreet honest and sufficient person to be Clerk to this Company to write enter do and perform all things that shall be requisite and appertaining to the said place or Office upon his taking such Oath as hereinafter is expressed for that end to continue in such place and receive the profitts thereof untill there be Just cause for his removal and that the Major part of the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being shall and may upon or for a Just or reasonable cause from time to time and at any time afterwards displace and discharge any such Clerk so chosen as aforesaid from his said place or

office and choose and appoint one other meet person to be Clark of the said Company for the supply and Execution of the said place and office.

11. ITEM It is ordained and established that the Master Wardens and Assistants or the greater part of them for the time being when and so often as there is occasion and it shall seem unto them meet and expedient shall and may elect and choose one person of good and honest behaviour fitt for that service being a Freeman of the said Company to be their Beadle of the same who shall upon his taking such oath as hereinafter is expressed at all convenient time and times attend upon the said Master Wardens and Assistants whensoever he shall be thereunto commanded or required by them or any of them and also shall from time to time be diligent and faithful in the performance of all services and businesses of or concerning his place of Beadle of the said Company and also that the Major part of the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being shall or may upon or for a Just and reasonable cause from time to time displace or remove any such Beadle so chosen from the said place or office And thereupon in form aforesaid nominate and Elect one other meet person for the supply and Execution of that place and Office.

12. ITEM It is ordained and established that on the first Tuesday or Thursday in the month of July in every year (or before) there be two Wardens and the person aforesaid called by the name of Renter Warden or Rent Gatherer of the said Company who served in those places respectively the year then next before and each and every of them at the Common Hall of the said Company upon notice thereof given Six days before or more by or from the Master and Wardens of the said Society shall severally and respectively then

give and deliver in writing in the presence of the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the greater part of them for the time being whereof the Master and Wardens or any two of them to be two a Just true and plain account to such the Major part of the said Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being assembled together who are hereby ordained to receive Examine and in their discretion to allow of the same accounts as cause shall require for and concerning all and all manner of money plate Lynnen Pewter goods Chattles and things whatsoever of and belonging to the said Company which they or any or them severally and respectively before that time had or received into their or any of their charge or custody and which they or any of them shall be then charged or chargable with and shall then and there in the presence of the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society or such the major part of then so assembled respectively pay and deliverer cause to be paid and delivered unto the said Master and Wardens for the time being all and singular such plate moneys Goods chattles and things whatsoever by them or any of them then before received and not paid and delivered unto such the Master and Wardens for the time being or by the appointment or direction of any two of them (all Just allowances being made and granted) for all necessary disbursements by them or any of them respectively made for the use of the said Company.

13. ITEM It is ordained and established that the Master and Wardens of this Society or any two of them for the time being calling to their assistance and causing to be summoned all or so many as may be of the Assistants of this Company for the time being once in every month or oftner when and as often as the case shall require shall

and may hold and Keep a Court for the hearing ordering and dispatching only of the ordinary affairs and business of and concerning the said Company and in particular for the admission of Housekeepers making free apprentices and binding and turning over Apprentices according to the orders and ordinances of this Company as also for the hearing of Complaints and ending of differences (if so it may be) which concern any person or persons of this Society amongst themselves or in reference to the breach of any of the orders and ordinances of this Company.

14. ITEM It is ordained and established that all persons inhabiting or being within the Limits appointed to be under the Government of this Incorporation aforesaid as well Forreigners and Strangers as others who are capable to be admitted housekeepers and purpose the same before they presume or attempt to keep or open shop as Housekeepers in the use or Exercise of the said trade of a Cooper shall first obtaine Leave of the Master or one of the Wardens of this Company for the time being to make their proof work (as the same is usually called) at the house or Shop of some Member within the Limits appointed to be under the Government of this Incorporation using the said trade and named and appointed for that end by such Master and Wardans and such proofwork being made every such person making the same shall bring it or cause the same to be brought to the Common Hall of this Company before the Master and Wardens of this Society the next Court day after the making thereof And if The Master and Wardens upon view of such proof work by themselves or some or any one the said Assistants whom they shall appoint shall approve of the workmanship of such person therein and adjudge him to be sufficiently skilfull in the said trade of a Cooper Then the Master and Wardens or

either of them or anyone of the Assistants appointed to view and approve as aforesaid and then present at such Court shall or may admitt every such person a Housekeeper to use the said trade of a Cooper and also shall then grant unto such person the form of a Mark drawn with a pen on paper and ink distinct from tha mark of any other person before granted the figure or form of which marie so granted every such person receiving the same shall forthwith after cause to be engraven or made in Iron in a fitting manner to mark or brand Casks and every such person shall then for such his admission pay four shillings three shillings whereof to be to the said Master and Wardens for the use of the said Company and one shilling to the Clerk of the Company for registering the same and at the time of receiving such mark or before every such person shall enter into an Obligation of the penalty of one hundred marks with condition according to the true meaning of this Ordinance and every such person receiving the form of his mark as aforesaid shall the same day carry or cause to be carried from the Common Hall of this Society the said proof work or Vessell to the house of the owner thereof where the same was made upon pain of forfeiture by every one that fails in the performance of any branch of this ordinance the summ of five shillings to be paid to the said Master and Wardens to the use of the said Company.

15. ITEM It is ordained and established that it shall be lawfull to and for the Master and Wardens of the said Society for the time being to appoint by any writeing under their hands one or more person or persons being Freemen of the said Society to be their Deputy or Deputyes for the Examining and sealing of all Casks or Vessells within the Limits of this Incorporation sold or Exposed to sale and

that such Deputy and Deputyes shall at all reasonable times Examine and seal such casks or Vessells haveing no reasonable objection to the same under the penalty of twenty shillings for every refusall to oe paid to the Master and Wardens for the use of the owener whose Cask or Vessell is so refused to be Examined and sealed.

16. ITEM It is ordained and established that every person using the art of mistery of a Cooper within the Limits of this Incorporation shall before he sells or exposes to sale any Cask or Vessell procure or demand the same to be sealed with the Companyes mark or seal And if any such person shall sell or propose to sale or deliver out of his custody any Cask or Vessell which hath not been Company or their Deputy or Deputyes Lawfully authorised and appointed as aforesaid in that behalf Then every such Person shall forfeit any pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of this same Company for every Cask or Vessell so sold proposed to sale or delivered out of his custody as aforesaid not being sealed by the Master and Wardens of this Company or their Deputy or Deputyes aforesaid the summ of three shillings and four pence.

17 ITEM It is ordained and established that every person now using or which at any time hereafter shall use or Exercise the art or mistery of a Cooper within any the Limits or places of this Incorporation shall make or caused to be made all the Vessells and Casks of all sorts which they shall make for sale or sell or Expose to sale in good and worJcnan-like manner and to hold and bear the contents according to the Statute in that behalf provided and shall make the same of good and seasonable wood and Timber and without sapp and such as shall or may be answerable in goodness for the use

and service which such Cask or Yessell are or shall be made of this ordinance that then every person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens or this Company for every such Vessell made or exposed to sale or sold contrary to the true meaning or this ordinance the sum of three shillings and four pence for the use of the said Company.

18. ITEM it is ordained and established that every person now inhabiting or which hereafter shall inhabit and use the said trade of a Cooper within any the Limits of this Incorporation who hath received or had allowed unto him a mark or Brand as is mentioned in the precedent Ordinance shall mark or brand with such brand or mark so Allowed to every of them as aforesaid sll and every the Cask and Vessells of any sort whatsoever which they shall make for sale and if any such person within any the Limits of this Incorporation at any time, or tines hereafter shall sell or propose to sale or deliver out of his or their house or houses shop Warehouse or custody any Vessell or vesse11s whatsoever made for sale not marked with such the proper mark of the Cooper that made the same allowed to be used as aforesaid Then every such person shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for every such Cask or Vessell so sold proposed to sale or delivered out of his custody as aforesaid not being jaaried with the mark or brand as aforesaid the sume of three shillings and four pence for the use of the said Company.

19. ITEM for the better avoiding of deceit which hath bean occasioned by the sale of Soap in old Cask before the same have been trimed by the Cooper and new contents sett upon the same It is ordained and established that

every person now using or exercising or which hereafter shall use or exercise the trade or mystery of a Cooper within the said Limits of this Incorporation at any time hereafter receiving into his custody any old Cast wherein before any Soap hath been filled for sale or any wayes undertaking to stave or set any Staff in any old Cask or Vessell whatsoever shall after mending trimming or staveing any such Cask or Vessall as soon as conveniently may be give notice thereof to the Sealer or Sealers appointed by the Master and Wardens of this Company for the sealing or marking of Casks in order that such Sealer or Sealers may see and try the same and that the new contents be set upon the same by such Sealer or Sealers as there shall be occasion And if any person or persons shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance every person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the same Company three shillings and four pence for every such offence.

20. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that the Sealer or Sealers or one of them upon notice received from any Cooper of any Casks or Vessells mended trimmed or staved as mentioned in the preceding Ordinance and requiring him or them to set the new contents upon the same shall view and try the said Casks and Vessells and set the new contents upon the same as soon as conveniently may be after the time of the said notice And if any such Sealer or Sealers wilfully delay or neglect to do the same contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance every such Sealer so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of the said Company three shillings and four pence for every such offence.

21. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that if any person now using or which hereafter shall use the trade or mistery of a Cooper within the Limits of this Incorporation shall counterfeit the mark of any other Cooper or set or fasten any mark upon his Casks or Vessells of any sort whatsoever which shall be exposed to sale or sold and delivered other than such mark as hath been or shall be allowed to and received by him according as is before expressed Then every such person so offending for every such offence shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of the said Company the sum or thirteen shillings and four pence.

22. ITEM for the further preventing of deceit in the use of the said trade by working in the said trade in undue places It is further ordered and established by the authority aforesaid that no person using or which shall hereafter use or Exercise the trade or mistery of a Cooper within the Limits appointed to be under the Government of this Incorporation shall at any time hereafter by himself his Apprentices or Servants or any of them amend or trim any old soap Cask for sale in the house or houses of any Soap-boiler or any of the rooms or places therein or thereunto belonging whatsoever And if any person or persons shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance Then every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of the same Company the sum of three shillings and four pence for every cask made trimmed or amended in any the places aforesaid contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance.

23. ITEM for the avoiding the great deceit and deceitfull usage in claying of Soap Cashes It is ordered and established by the authority aforesaid that no person

within the Limits of this Incorporation using or Exercising or which shall hereafter use or Exercise the said Trade or mystery of a Cooper at any time hereafter by himself or any of his Servants or Apprentices or any of them shall any wayes clay or cause to be clayed any Soap Cask or Vessell made for sale or shall use dawb or spread any clay Or other such substance in any or the Joints or parts of any such Cask or Vessell whereby to make the same more ponderous or to bear a greater weight then otherwise then or any of the same Cask or Veseells ought to do And if any person or persons shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance Then every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the same Company for every Vessell so clayed dawbd or spread as aforesaid the summ of thirteen shillings and four pence.

24. ITEM It is ordained and established that no person of the said trade or mystery of Coopers within the Limits of this Incorporation shall infom or teach any Person the said trade craft or Mystery in any of the parts thereof except such person so taught he bound Apprentice to the said Trade or be received by some person of this Incorporation capable to receive such Apprentice with intent to bind such person so taught as an Apprentice and that every parson offending contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the same Company for every month so offending after the first month expired and notice given from the said Master and Wardens the summ of tenn shillings.

25. ITEM It is ordained and established that if any Member of this Company at any time hereafter upon any

occasion of meeting or at any other place of meeting of the said Master and Wardens shall drink so much as in the Judgement Of the Master and Wardens for the time being he shall be Adjudged or taken to be drunk he shall forfeit and pay to The Master and Wardens of The said for every such Offence tenn shillings for the use of the poor of the said Company.

26. ITEM It is further ordained and established that if at any Assembly of the Master and Wardens or the Master Wardens and Assistants or the said Society or any of them about or concerning the affairs or business of the said Company any person of the same shall vainly or profanely curse or shall otherwise swear by any of the names or titles of God or any of the persons of The Holy Trinity or any Creature Every such person for every time so offending shall pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being to the use of the poor of the said Company the summ of one shilling in money.

27. ITEM It is ordained and established that no Member of this Company or any other person or persons Freeman Forreigners or Strangers whatsoever now using or which hereafter shall use or Exercise the said trade or mistery or a Cooper within the Limits of this Incorporation shall receive and keep any person whatsoever with intent or under colour or pretence of the haveing or keeping such person to be bound Apprentice longer then the time of one month next after the receiving of such person But that every such person Freemen of this Company or otherwise shall bring to the Common Hall of this Company every such person to present him to the Master and Wardens of this Society or any two of them to be bound there by Indenture

for a term of years (being not less than seven years) agreed on by the Master and Apprentice And it is likewise ordered that the Clerk of the said Company for the time being shall have the making of all Indentures of and for every Apprentice that shall be bound to any Freeman or Women of the said Company and to every other person using the said trade or Mystery within the Limits aforesaid and the same shall not Be made elsewhere by any other person And every such Master presenting such Apprentice aforesaid shall pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for every Apprentice so bound the summ of five shillings whereof three Shillings and two pence to be to the use of the said Company one shilling and eight pence to the Clerk and two pence to the Beadle for the time being And if any person shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance in any of the branches thereof he shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said company for the use of the said Company The summ of forty shillings.

28. ITEM It is ordained and established that every person now using or which hereafter shall use or Exercise the said trade or mystery within the Limits of this Incorporation before such time as he doth dispose or Assign or turn over any Apprentice or Apprentices for the time or term for which any Apprentice is to serve or any part thereof to any person or persons whatsoever shall first make known to the Master and Wardens of this Society for tie time being or any two of them his purpose in that behalf to the intent that such Apprentice may be disposed of and placed with such person of this Society as is capable to receive the same by and with the consent or the Master and Wardens and not otherwise declared by the Entry of the turning over of such Apprentice in some book or Register belonging to the said

Company And it is also ordained that there shall be paid for every Apprentice by then turned over and assigned to any person of this Incorporation the summ of three shillings and eight pence three shillings whereof is to be to the use of the said Company and eight pence to she Clerk of this Company And if any person shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance every person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the sane Company the summ of Forty shillings.

29. ITEM for avoiding the great Inconveniency and damage that in time to come is likely to be to the Commonalty of the said Company if there be no restraint in or to the binding of Apprentices to the said trade by the excessive number of them without any Limitation especially to poor journeymen of the same trade who are lively by means thereof to be deprived of their livelyhood in the way of their trade It is therefore ordained and established that from henceforth no person now using or which hereafter shall use or Exercise the said trade or mistery of a Cooper within the Limits of this Incorporation shall bind or have bound or turned over unto him any Apprentice untill two years be elapsed after the time that every such person hath served as an Apprentice the terms of seven years according to the Laws of this Kingdom and after such two years expired to such person shall have or keep more then one Apprentice at one time untill four years be expired and after such four years no such person shall have or keep more then two Apprentices at one time untill twelve years be expired next after the time or the expiration of such service as afore-said And after such time of twelve years be expired no such person shall be permitted at any time afterwards to have or keep at any one time more then three Apprentices

And it is hereby further ordained that no widow of any such person aforesaid shall have more liberty herein then her deceased husband, might have had had he been liveing Nevertheless it is provided and ordained that the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being my take consideration of poor Widows or other poor housekeepers so as to dispence with any of them herein as in their discretions they shall think fit and nevertheless in regard of the great disbursements of the money by such as are or shall be called to be of the Livery or this Company and thrir trouble and charges in that respect especially being called and serveing in tha Offices of this Company It is therefore ordered provided and permitted that any person being of the Livery of this Company within the first two years after the term Oi Me apprenticeship and due service as an Apprentice as Aforesaid may have and keep at one Apprentice and no more and After the expiration of such two years such person may have And keep at one time two Appenentices and no more untill four Years be expired after the due services of such person as aforesaid and then and afterwards such person may have and keep three Apprentices at one time and not more any thing herein before to the contrary notwithstanding And if any person shall have or obtained to have bound unto him or her more than the number herein before Limited to him or her respectively then every person so offending for every such offence shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the said Company the summ of forty shillings.

30. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that if any parson that hath served the term for which he was bound an Apprentice shall at any time hereafter be minded to be admitted a Freeman of this Company

and for that and shall desire or request his Master or Mistress to whom he was bound Apprentice or turned over Unto to appear before the Master and Wardens of the Company at the Common Hall aforesaid and there to testify the truth concerning the service of such Apprentice and give consent for the making such Apprentice a freeman of the said Company if cause shall require and if such Master or Mistress of such Apprentice upon such desire or request as aforesaid and notice or warning duely given to the Master or Mistress of such Apprentice by the Beadle of this Company upon direction to him given in that behalf according to the direction of the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being or some of them shall not appear accordingly or shall refuse before the Master and Wardens of the said Company or any two of them to give testimony and declare concerning the service of such Apprentice or shall not declare the truth concerning the same Then every such person so offending contrary to the true meaning of these presents shall forfeit and pay to the Mlaster and Wardens of this Company for every default or neglect aforesaid the summ of tenn shillings.

31. ITEM is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that if any Apprentice of any Member of this Incorporation shall presume to marry or contract himself in marryage with any person in the time of his Apprenticeship and before the expiration or his service as an Apprentice for the term of seven years and the same shall come to the knowledge and understanding of the Master or Mistress (whose Apprentice such person so marrying or contracting is) Then and in such case such Master or Mistress shall, forthwith make known the same to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the and that the Information

aforesaid may be registred or had in remembrance as a Barr or Caveat to hinder the admission of such Apprentice to the freedom of this Company And if any person Master or Mistress of such Apprentice offend herein contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance in any of the particulars aforesaid Then every person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Said Master and Wardens of this Company the sumn of five pounds to the use of the said Company.

32. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that if the Apprentice of any Master or Mistress within the Limits of this Incorporation shall in the time or his Apprenticeship depart this life or shall Runn or otherwise depart away and continue from the service of such Master or Mistress Then in any such cases before such person take or bind any other Apprentice (the term of such former Apprentice so dyeing or running away not being expired) he or she shall first bring to the Conmon Hall of the said Company the Indenture of such Apprentice so dyeing running away or departing from his service and there leave

the same with the Clerk of the said Company for the time being And if thereupon afterwards any such Master or Mistress shall have one other Apprentice bound unto him or her and the former Apprentice so gone or run away shall return again and present himself and after his service to his Master or Mistress or aforesaid (from whoa he so departed before the time of his Apprenticeship be expired) if upon the return or such Apprentice aforesaid It shall appear that the Master or Mistress or such Apprentice so returning was the Cause or occasion of the going away of such Apprentice as aforesaid Or that such Master or Mistress in or by the departure or such Apprentice had any Contrivance or purpose subtilly to obtain the Liberty of having bound unto

him or her any Apprentice in the room of him so run or gone away and withall to receive and keep such Apprentice so returning whereby so elude the Ordinances of this Company Limiting the number of Apprentices as aforesaid Then and in every such case every Master or Mistress offending contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of the said Company the sum of five pounds.

33. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that no manner of person or persons of or belonging to this Incorporation shall intice or unduly perswade or counsell any Apprentice or Journeyman of any of the Members of this Society out of or from the service to his or their Master or Mistress with whom such Apprentice or Journeyman is placed or resident during the time of the retainer of such Apprentice or Journeyman or as long as the said Master or Mistress and Apprentice or Journeyman be in covenant together upon pain that every person so offending contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of the same Company Forty shillings.

34. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that if any member or person of this incorporation within the Limits aforesaid (having any Apprentice or Apprentices) shall depart this life or shall be decayd in his estate and not able to follow his trade by means whereof or of any of the causes aforesaid any Apprentice or Apprentices is or are left destitute or unprovided for of maintainance or of instruction in or for learning the trade or occupation which such Master or Mistress did before use Then from time to time in every such case it shall be Lawfull for the Master and Wardens of this Society

for the time being or any two of them upon complaint or request to then jnade thereof by such Apprentice or Apprentices wanting maintainance or left destitute of Instruction as aforesaid and upon Just Information of the truth thereof to assign and turn over every such Apprentice to serve the residue of the term of his Apprenticeship which shall be then to come and unexpired, to such other member of this Society or any other Freeman or the Citty of London using the trade or occupation which the Master or Mistress of such Apprentice had before used as in their discretion they shall think fit.

35. ITEM It is ordained and established that no person inhabiting within the Limits of this Incorporation using the trade or misery aforesaid shall at any time hereafter entertain in his service or sett on work in the said trade or mistery any Forreigner or Stranger or any other person or persons that hath or not been by the Master and Wardens of this Society approved or admitted to work in the said trade as a Housekeeper or Journeyman and if any person shall offend contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance and shall continue so to do for the space of ten days after notice by the direction of the Master and Wardens of this Society or any of them given in that behalf he shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of the same Company the summ of Forty shillings.

36. ITEM It is ordained and provided that ii any person inhabiting within the said places appointed to be under the Government of this Incorporation now using or which hereafter shall use or Exercise the said trade or mistery of a Cooper as a Master or Mistress or Housekeeper shall entertain in his or her service to he employed in the trade any Journeyman by contract or agreement for any

time or time longer then one month then every such Master or Mistress shall at the time of such contract indent or agree with such Journeyman so retained that his Quarteridge accrewing due and payable at the time he shall be in the service of such Master or Mistress shall he paid by such Master or Mistress out of the wages of such Journeyman or Journeyman and if any person Master or Mistress aforesaid shall not observe this Ordinance in every point thereof Then every such person failing so to do shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the use of the same Company such Quarteridge of such Journeyman becoming due dureing the time that he is in such service.

37. ITEM It is ordained and provided that the Master and Wardens of this Company or any two of them for the time being at all convenient time and times hereafter when and as often as there shall be occasion for the same shall and may cause to be summoned all or so many as may be of the Assistants of this Company for the time being to appear at the Common Hall or this Company for the holding there and keeping of a Court of Assistants at which Court the Master Wardens and Assistants for the tine being or the greater part of them assembled together shall or may order adjudge and determine of and concerning the speciall affairs and business of this Company and in particular such as concern or may concern the Kings most excellent Majesty the Citty of London and the Generall Common good profitt or concernment of the said Commonalty and receiving of and parting from any person or persons by means of translation or Redemption and the contracting for granting or demising of any house or houses or any Lands of or belonging to the said Company according to the best directions of such the major part of the said Master Wardens and Assistants for

the time being assembled together.

38. ITEM is ordained and established that if any Assistant of the said Society upon due summons shall refuse or neglect to make his appearance at any Court usually called a Court of Assistants or any Court called a quarter Court or any other Court or Assembly appointed by the Master and Wardens of the said Company or any two of them for the time being about the speciall affaires of the said Society or shall come too late thereunto and not at the time appointed and shall not comethereunto in comely and decent apparall and sit in such Court and meetings aforesaid in a comely Gown or shall depart from any of the Courts or meetings aforesaid without Leave first had of the Master and Wardens for the time being or any two of them every such Assistant failing in or neglecting the matters aforesaid for every time of such failure or neglect shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the use of the same Company the summ of three shillings and four pence except such person so failing or neglecting can show some reasonable cause to the contrary to be allowed and approved of by such the Master Wardens and Assistants sitting in Court as aforesaid or the greater part of them.

39. ITEM is ordained and established that four times yearly and every year from henceforth within twenty dayes next after the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Saint Michael the Archangell the Birth of our Lord Christ and the annunciation of Saint Mary the Virgin The said Master Wardens and Assistants or the major part of Them for the time being shall and may hold and keep a Court of Assistants called a Quarter Court at the Common Hall of the said Company unto which Court the Beadle or some other person or persons which the Master or Wardens of the said

Company for the time being or any two of them shall appoint shall sumon or warn to appear before such the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company all the persons Free of this Company and all persons Housekeepers and Journeymen using the said trade within the precincts of This Incorporation (if conveniently they can be warned for that end) at every of which quarter Courts the Orders and Ordinances of this Company shall be openly and distinctly read And that if any person of the Livery of the said Company not being of the Assistants or any other person or persons of or belonging to the said Incorporation being duly summoned for that end by ticketts or notes in writing given unto or left with any such person or persons aforesaid or left at their respective house or houses or usuall place of abode six dayes at least before the time appointed for such appearance shall make default or such Appearance at any such Quarter Courts before the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or so many as shall be then present at the time and place appointed as aforesaid having no lawfull Or Just excuse for his or their absence to be allowed of by the Master and Wardens or any two of them Then every person making such default shall forfeit and pay for every default in appearance as aforesaid to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the use of the same Company the summ of one shilling And that if any one of the persons aforesaid upon such summons as aforesaid shall not then or at any other time upon like or other due summons appear before the Master and Wardens or the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being in decent and comely apparrell suitable to the condition of every such person respectively Then every such person shall forfeit and pay to the said Master and Wardens for the use of the said Company Six pence.

40. ITEM It is likewise ordained and established that every person being free of this company and all and which are under the Government of the Incorporation aforesaid upon every Quarter Court day that shall be held and kept at the Common Hall of this Company having due warning or summons as is before herein mentioned in that behalf shall pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company or the time being to and for the generall use and supportation of the said Company by the name of Quarterage yearly as followeth (viz.) every person oi the said Incorporation that liveth in the way of a Housekeeper ten pence to wit three shillings and four pence of lawfull money of Great Britain every year and every person of the said incorporation that hath been admitted a freeman of the same eight pence (that is say) two shillings eight pence every years of like lawfull money of Great Britain and if any one of the persons aforesaid respectively upon due summons given as aforesaid shall then or at any other time afterwards upon reasonable demand wilfully refuse or delay to make payment of the Quarteridge by such person oweing or payable he shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the generall use of the said Company for every such refusall or delay the summ of six shillings and eight pence.

41. ITEM It is ordained that every person that now is or hereafter shall be of the Livery or Cloathing of the said Society upon every due Summons given in pursuance of the direction of the said Master and Wardens or any two of them for the time being as well upon any precept of the Lord Mayor of London directed to the Master and Wardens of this Company and for the Election of Master and Wardens of

this Company as also upon all other occasions whatsoever that shall or may concern the business or credit of this Company shall accordingly appear and attend the Master and Wardens or this Society for the time being at the time and place appointed by such summons in decent habit and apparel and in a Livery Gown and hood as such summons shall import and direct And if any person of the said Livery thereupon make default and neglect to appear at the time and place in that behalf appointed in manner and form aforesaid or come too late after the hour appointed or depart such meeting or leave such attendance before the service occasioning such attendance be ended without leave first obtained from the Master and Wardens of the said Society or any two of them for the time being unless such Persons so offending hath a reasonable and lawfull excuse to be approved of by Master and Wardens or any two of them for the time being and such of the Assistants of the said Company as shall be present with them He shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the said Company for every such default or neglect the sum of three shillings and four pence.

42. ITEM It is ordained and established that if any person or persons freemen or others of or belonging to the said Company shall be duly summoned to appear before the said Master and Wardens or Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being at any time or times to answer or make his or their defence before them upon complaint for the breach of any of the ordinances of this Company or any Just cause or occasion and shall not appear accordingly or show unto the Master and Wardens some reasonable cause by then to be allowed of That then in every such case the Master and Wardens of the said Company

together with such of the Assistants of the same as shall be present with them (if there be any) shall order and impose as a fine on every person for every time so summoned and failing to appear the sum of six shillings and eight pence.

43. ITEM It is ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that the Wardens of the said Society for the time being taking with them an officer of the Lord Mayor and accompanied with some or the said Assistants or Livery of the said Company (that is to say) so many of the same Assistant or Livery as with said Wardens shall be in number four persons at the least at any place or places at convenient time and times within the Cittyes of London and Westminster and the Libertyes and Suburbs thereof and within two miles compass of the same when and so often as they shall think fit and shall and may peaceably and without force and violence enter into all or any Houses Shops Warehouses Cellars rooms Yards and places where any defective unmarked or unsealed casks or Vessells made by any Cooper for sale shall be or remain or shall be suspected to be or remain to search view and see all such Vessells and Casks there found and being made for sale or sold And if the Wardens Assistants and Livery of the number aforesaid shall find sold or exposed to sell or sent to any any Cooper for sale shall be or remain or shall be suspected to be or remain to search view and see all such Vessells and Casks there found and being made for sale or sold And if the Wardens Assistants and Livery of the number aforesaid shall find sold or exposed to sale or sent to any place or places any defective Cask or Vessells made by any Cooper that is to say any Cask or Vessells not of a capacity to hold or bear their due contents or not well or workmanlike made or not made of good and seasonable wood and Timber or otherwise not sealed or marked by the Officer or Deputy of the said Master and Wardens duely authorized to that end or not sealed or branded with the proper mark granted to the Cooper who made the same and is or was Owener thereof

then in every of the cases aforesaid the party offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company for the generall use of the same Company for every cask so found defective or not sealed or not marked as aforesaid the summ of three shillings and four pence and that the persons aforesaid so making the said Search shall or may cause every such cask that shall be found defective to be shaken or broken to pieces.

44. ITEM It is further ordered and established by the authority aforesaid that if any parson or persons using or exercising or which shall hereafter use or exercise the trade of a Cooper within the Limits of this Incorporation by shutting or not opening of any door or doors to them or any of them belonging where any Cask or Vessell made by any Cooper for sale or supposed to be shall any way obstruct or hinder any search to be made as is mentioned in the next precedent Ordinance or shall not permit or suffer the said Wardens and Assistants or such and such number of them as is Limited by the next precedent Ordinance peaceably to perform the ease or shall not then or at any other time or times permit or suffer the Deputy or Deputyes of the Master and Wardens of the said Company to seale mark or gauge any Vessell or Vessells to their place or office belonging to Be sealed or gauged as the Deputy or Deputyes of the said Master and Wardens such search or sealing marking or gauging by them, or either of them being required at a reasonable time of the day Then and in every such case every person for every time so offending in any of the matters aforesaid shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the generall use of the said Company the summ of twenty shillings.

45. ITEM It is ordained and established that if at

any time hereafter at any Court Assembly or meeting of the said Master Wardens and Assistants or any of them any matter or thing in Debate or Question concerning the said Company be putt to the vote or question for the determination thereof by the majority of voices or votes of the persons there present and it shall fall out thereupon that the voices or votes be or shall be equall in number Than in every such case the Master of this Company for the time being shall or may have a double voice or vote by him then to be given which shall determine the matter in question as he in his discretion and conscience upon mature consideration shall think fitt.

46. ITEM It is ordained for the avoiding of confusion in any Court or Assembly of the Master Wardens and Assistants of this Society or any of them concerning any of the affairs of this Society that all the Assistants there present shall keep silence at the word or intimation of the Master and Wardens of this Company for the time being or any of them And that when any matter or thing shall be moved in any Court of this Company there shall but one speak at a time to the matter in question to the end that Every mans opinion sitting in Court may be delivered without Interruption and that no Assistant aforesaid being by the Master and Wardens or any of them desire or required silence shall speak the second time without Leave to the matter or thing in Question and whosoever shall offend in doing or speaking contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the Company for every such offence one shilling.

47. ITEM It is ordained and established that if the Master Wardens and Assistants or any of them for the time being or any other the Members of the said Society whatso-

ever shall at any time thereafter unduely declare or make known to any person or persons whatsoever any of the Lawfull conferences consultations or orders whatsoever of the said Company tending to the discredit hurt or detriment of the said Master Wardens and Assistants or of any of them or of any of the officers or menbers or the same or of the Common Weal of the said Company then he or they so offending in any of the wayes aforesaid the same being made to appear at any Court or meeting of Assistants before the Master and Wardens or any two of them and the Assistants or the greater Part of them for the time being then present shall be removed or sett by or withdrawn from all place or office or government in the said Company (if he or they have any) and so shall continue untill he or they upon his or their submission shall be restored to the same place or office again and every person so offending shall pay for such his offence to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the use of the said Company the summ of five pounds.

48. ITEM It is further ordained and established by the authority aforesaid that every person and persons as well Forreigners and Strangers as others that are free of this Incorporation now inhabiting or which hereafter shall Inhabit or reside in any place or places within the Cittyes of London and Westminster and the Libertyes and Suburbs thereof and within two miles compass of the same whether priviledged or not priviledged places before such time as any of them use or exercise the trade or mistery of a Cooper or any the parts or works thereunto belonging as Housekeeper or Journeyman in any the places aforesaid shall first come to the Common Hall of the said Company before the Master and Wardens thereof and manifest and make appear unto them that He and every such person by service as an Apprentice for

Seven years at the trade of a Cooper or otherwise by the Custom of the City of London is a person capable to be admitted to the use of the said Trade of a Cooper as a Journeyman or Housekeeper And if any person do or shall offend on contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance and shall continue to use the said trade of a Cooper in any parts or tills Incorporation and Limits aforesaid as a Housekeeper or Journeyman in any Brewhouse or elsewhere being not admitted to use the same according as herein is Expressed by the space of thirty dayes next after notice or summons to such person given to appear before the said Master and Wardens He shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of this Company to the generall use of the said Company the summ of five pounds and shall likewise forfeit and pay for every month afterwards so continuing to use the said trade or any of the parts thereof being not admitted thereunto as aforesaid the summ of forty shillings to the use and benefit of the said Company And that every person that shall be by the Master and Wardens of the said Company admitted a Freeman thereof shall pay unto them for the use of the said Company four shillings and to the Clerk one shilling and to the Beadle four pence and shall take his Oath before them for that purpose ordained.

49. ITEM It is ordained and established that the Master and Wardens for the time being alone or with so many of the Assistants of this Company as shall be present with them at any Courts or Assemblyes of the said Company at the Common Hall of the same shall have power at all times hereafter to mitigate and Lessen any Fines paines and Forfeitures as shall be incurred for or by reason of any Offence or Offences done or committed in the breach of any of the ordinances herein contained according to their

Wisdom discretion and conscience.

50. THE oaths mentioned in the above Ordinances to be administered to the Severall persons therein appointed to take the same.

FREEMAN. YOU shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King and to His Heirs and Successors Kings and Queens of Great Britain you shall in all honest and Lawfull matters be obedient to the Master and Wardens of the Fellowship of Coopers within the City of London for the time being and obedient and ready to come to the Lawfull warnings given to you on behalf of the said Master and Wardens except you have a reasonable excuse without feigning or delay and you shall observe and keep and to the best of your power cause to be observed and kept all the Lawfull ordinances and Statutes made for the good rule and politick guiding of the same fellowship You shall also keep all the lawfull secrets of the same fellowship and all such Lawfull things as by way of Counsell in communication at any day of Assembly amongst the said fellowship shall be holden amongst the said Master and Wardens and fellowship and not to disclose the same to any person of the same fellowship and especially to any such person whom the same matter doth or in any wayes may touch so help you God.

MASTER YOU shall swear to be true and faithfull to our
AND

WARDENS. Sovereign Lord the King and to his Heires and Successors Kings and Queens of Great Britain and (you and each of) you well and truly shall do your endeavour to execute and as much as in you is cause to be executed indifferently and Justify all the good ordinances and Laudable acts made for the conservation of the said fellowship of Coopers without spareing or favouring any person for affection

reward dread or fear of any person as long as you shall be and continue in the Office of Master (and Wardens) And of all and every such summ or sums of money as by Reason of your Office of Master (or Wardens) shall come to your hands (or to the hands of any of you) by means of fines forfeitures amerciaments or penaltyes you shall give a due true and plain account at such time and to such persons as by your ordinances be assigned to take the same accounts of you (and every of you:) you shall not for malice or hate amerce any person of the same fellowship in any more or larger summ than according to your ordinances or after the quality or quantitye of his or their trespass and default: So help you God.

THE ASSIST-ANTS. YOU (and every of you) shall be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King and to his Heirs and Successors Kings and Queens of Great Britain And you and every of you shall after the best manner you can Justify and indifferently execute or cause to be executed your Office and place of an Assistant to the Master and Wardens of this Company and all the good rules orders and ordinances of the Company without sparing any person or persons for favour affection reward or promise of during the time you shall execute and continue in the place or office of an Assistant according to the best of your understanding and ability you shall truly and faithfully endeavour to observe and keep and as much as in you lyeth cause to be observed and kept all the lawfull counsells consultations and orders of this Company meet to be concealed you shall so long as you continue an Assistant of this Society keep without disclosing the same or any part thereof to any person or persons to the hurt or damage of this Society.

So help you God.

THE
CLERK. YOU shall be true and faithfull to our Sovereign
 Lord the King and to his Heirs and Successors Kings and
 Queens of Great Britain you shall be obedient to the master
 Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time
 being in all their or any of their Just and Lawfull demands
 which concern the said Company and as you are Clerk in
 relation thereunto and you shall attend upon them at their
 meeting and Assemblies as you shall be thereunto required
 and also you shall make true Entries of all such matters
 and things which they command to be entred indifferently
 without respect to the person or persons of any for favour
 malice dread or reward you shall not deliver out copies of
 any of the orders or Ordinances of this Company nor show to
 any person or persons the entrys made in any books belongs-
 ing to the said Company meet to be kept private without the
 consent of the Master and Wardens for the time being where-
 by the said Company may be prejudiced you shall in all
 things incident and belonging to the said place or Office
 of Clerk to this Company justly and faithfully perform and
 demean yourself according to your best endeavour so help
 you God.

THE
BEADLE. You shall be true and faithfull to our Sovereign
 Lord the King and to his Heirs and Successors Kings and
 Queens of Great Britain you shall be obedient to the Master
 Wardens and Assistants of this Company for the time being
 In all their Just and Lawfull commands and you shall accordi
 ng to the direction of the Master and Wardens of this
 Society or of some of them so far as you are able summon all
 The freemen of this Company and all others using the trade
 or mystery of a Cooper within the Citys of London and
 Westminster and the Libertyes and Suburbs or the same and
 within two miles Compass of any part thereof to come and

appear before the Master and Wardens for the time being at the Common Hall of the said Company on all Quarter Court days and other Court dayes and times appointed and in all things incident and belonging to the place or Office of Beadle of the said Company you shall well faithfully and justly do perform demean and behave yourself to the best of your power so help you God.

IN WITNESS whereof We the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company of Coopers have hereunto subscribed our names and given our Assents hereto the Third day of March In the fourteenth, year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty.

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| 1. Garth Clark, Master | 11. Geo. Read |
| 2. Daniel Lambert, Warden | 12. James Adams |
| 3. John Harcourt, Warden | 13. Tho. Nicholls |
| 4. A Teddington | 14. Fran Cooper |
| 5. John Grosvenor | 15. Wm. Homer |
| 6. Richard Grew | 16. Giles Fitchman |
| 7. Tho. Bodiceate | 17. Thomas Middleton. |
| 8. Allen Neale | 18. John Hope |
| 9. John Warner | 19. Pel. Sharpe. |
| 10. T. Smith | 20. Wm. Tayler. |

We PHILIP LORD HARDWICKS Baron of Hardwicke
Lord high Chancellor of Great Britain Sir WILLIAM LEE
KNIGHT Lord Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Kings
Bench and Sir JOHN WILLES Knight Lord Chief justice of
his Majesties Court of Common Pleas in pursuance of an Act
of Parliament made in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of
King Henry the Seventh INTITULED “for making of Statutes
by Bodies Incorporate” and at the humble Request of the
Master Wardens and Assistants of the Company of Coopers
have examined the foregoing By Laws and do approve of the
same IN WITNESS whereof We have hereunto Subscribed our
Names this third Day of June in the Year of our Lord One
thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One.

HARDWICKE C.

W. LEE.

J. WHILES.