

Mary, by the grace of God, Queen of Scots, to all good men of her whole land, cleric and lay, greeting: KNOW that WE, earnestly considering our duty towards the service of God and on account of the ardent zeal we have for preserving set policy and right order among our subjects, especially within the city of St Andrews, further considering that by our office which ought to include a duty towards God, we are entrusted by His providence in the guiding of this kingdom and further considering it is incumbent upon us by all honest means to provide for the ministers of the word of God that hospitals for poor, maimed and wretched persons, destitute orphans and infants within the said city be maintained, ON reaching our full age with the advise of the lords of our secret council, HAVE GIVEN, CONCEDED and DISPONED and for us and our successors in perpetuity HAVE CONFIRMED and by the tenor of these presents, give, concede and dispone and for us and our successors in perpetuity confirm to the Provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said city of St Andrews and their successors in perpetuity ALL and INDIVIDUALLY the lands, tenements, houses, buildings, churches, chapels, orchards, gardens, acres, crofts, annual rents, fruits, service dues, profits, emoluments, fixed payments, dail silver, common rights of all the churches situated within the said city, obits and anniversary dues whatsoever in whatever place they pertained or are discerned to have pertained to whatsoever chaplaincies, altarages or prebends in whatsoever church or chapel founded within the liberty, jurisdiction and parish of the said city or under whatsoever patron were their chaplains or prebendaries, wheresoever the foresaid houses, tenements, buildings, orchards, gardens, acres, crofts, annual rents, common rights, anniversary dues, fruits profits and emoluments lie or had been formerly levied respectively with the places, bounds, orchards, acres of land, annual rents, emoluments and service dues whatsoever which formerly pertained to the Dominican or Preaching and to the Minor or Franciscan brothers of the said city along with all and individual lands, houses and tenements lying within the said city and its liberty and with all annual rents from whatsoever house, lands and tenement within the said city being levied, given, endowed and founded and for whatsoever chaplaincies, altarages, churches, mortuary or anniversary dues wherever they may be within our kingdom and also with all and individual chapels, lands, tenements, buildings, annual rents, tofts, crofts, anniversary dues, gardens and other pertinents to the chapels, lands and tenements within the said city or to its parish church especially with those pertaining to the chapels of Saint Anne, Saint Nicholas and to the chapels of Kinglassye, Kynrynmont, the collegiate church of Kirkhill called the Lady College of Kirkhill, their gardens and their prebends with all annual rents, lands and other service dues regarding them and with whatsoever easements and products and also with all other and individual annual rents and other service dues paid and which can be demanded for whatsoever church outside the said city either by its provost and baillies from its common revenue and pertinents or by the archbishop of Saint Andrews or his commendator within the same or by his archdeacon TO HOLD and TO HAVE all and whole the foresaid lands, tenements, houses, buildings, gardens, orchards, acres, crofts, annual rents, fruits, service dues, profits, emoluments, fixed payments, alms, dail silver, common rights, obits, anniversary dues, churches,

chapels of the brothers, places and gardens with their said pertinents to the provost, baillies, councillors and community and their successors from us and our successors in perpetuity by all their right and ancient boundaries and divisions as far as they lie in length and breadth in houses, buildings, moors, timbers, trees, stone and lime with free entrance and exit and with all other and individual liberties, products, profits, easements and their rightful pertinents whatsoever, both not named and named to the foresaid lands, tenements, houses, buildings and others abovementioned with their pertinents or which shall in any way happen to belong justly to them in the future, freely, quietly, fully, wholly, honourably, well and in peace without any revocation or contradiction whatsoever With power to the said provost, baillies, councillors and community and their successors by themselves or by their collectors whom they may appoint of levying the said annual rents, fruits, service dues and emoluments whatsoever and wheresoever they had been formerly levied and of taking possession of the foresaid lands, gardens and tenements, of disposing of and removing ruined places and of building and repairing them and of restoring and applying them for the benefit of the hospitals or for such other legitimate purposes as will seem expedient with the advise of the ministers and elders of the said city, as freely and completely as the foresaid prebendaries, chaplains or abovementioned brothers enjoyed or had possessed them but the provosts [sic], baillies, councillors and the community and their successors will be held and have been bound to sustain the ministers, readers, the expenses for celebrating the Lord's Supper and for administering the allocation of the church as it shall appear annually and other burdens of the church from the said annual rents, profits, common rights and service dues according to their value and extent and to apply them to places and buildings requiring to be repaired for the benefit of the hospital [sic] and the abovementioned other purposes Further Considering how fraudulently a great number fo the said prebendaries, chaplains, and abovementioned brothers who, before the Change of Religion dispooned and alienated lands, annual rents and their tenements with chaplaincies, prebends and other places respectively which had been formerly mortified and gave them into the hands of certain particular men, and also because very many of our subjects whose predecessors mortified the lands, tenements and annual rents, have sought legal remedy by briefes of our chancery or otherwise regained sasine as heirs of their predecessors who formerly endowed them to the church. Because it is certain that this happened partly by the negligence of the officials of the said city and partly by the collusion of the said prebendaries, chaplains and abovementioned brothers, We have, therefore, with the advise abovementioned, by these presents rescinded and annuled all and every one of these alienations, dispositions and sasines by which the first purpose and intention of the founders is infringed, altered or varied, by diverting and turning them into particular uses whereby they can be converted into the abovementioned purposes. We wish, indeed, that this our declaration be of such force and effect that if any persons who have obtained these dispositions are especially cited, their infestments without any further precess will be rescinded, and also with the

advise abovescribed, We Unite and Incorporate all and every one of the foresaid lands, tenements, houses, buildings, churches, gardens, chapels, orchards, acres, crofts, annual rents, fruits, service dues, profits, emoluments, fixed payments, dail silver, common rights, obits, anniversary dues of the brothers' places and their gardens with their pertinents into one body, our Foundation of the Guild and Hospital of the said city of Saint Andrews. Finally we wish it to be known that a single sasine by the foresaid provost and baillies or any one of them by name, of the said city at the townhouse of the said city, will be accepted as sufficient sasine perpetually in the future, albeit it will be assumed to cover particular parts pertaining to the said chaplains, prebendaries or brothers or to them in the foresaid annual rents, anniversary dues, fixed payments and service dues and forewritten debts, notwithstanding the remoteness of the places. However, by these presents we are unwilling that the chaplains, prebendaries and brothers who had been provided for should be prejudiced to any extent by this our present infestment, therefore we reserve to them the use of the said fruits and service dues for their lifetime only, therefore we order the keepers of our accounts, present and future, and their collectors, factors and others, generally and specifically, that none of them should levy the said fruits nor impede the provost, baillies, councillors, community nor their successors in their possession. Also requiring and ordaining that the lords of our session may intervene to the extent of a Letter of Four Forms at the instance of the said provost, baillies, councillors, community and their successors to achieve the abovescribed purpose [the text here becomes difficult to read] and ordering all intromitters with the fruits to make payment. Providing, nevertheless that this our present infestment will in no way prejudice nor is extended to the lands, annual rents nor to whatsoever products or profits which formerly pertained, pertain or in whatsoever way pertain to the colleges of Saint Salvator, the New College and Saint Leonard within the said city nor to the monastery, its commendatorship or convent but that their possessors enjoy them as freely in the future as they had them before. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we order our great seal to be attached to this our present charter before these witnesses, the most reverend father in Christ, John, archbishop of Saint Andrews, our beloved cousins, George, Earl of Huntly, Lord of Gordon and Badenach, our chancellor James, Earl of Bothwell, Lord of Halis and Liddisdale, Lord High Admiral of our realm, our beloved privy councillors Richard Maitland of Lethington, Keeper of our Secret Seal, James Balfoure of Pettindrith, Clerk of our Rolls of Register and Council and John Bellenden of Auchnoule, our Justice Clerk, knights, At Edinburgh the Seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Seven and of our reign the Twenty fifth.

*At that date Mary Queen of Scots, Abducted in
Favour of her Infants son, James VI of Scotland & I. of England*