

- Shippey, Simon Waddopp, Christopher Jackey, Thomas Keyes, Henry Leyton, John Copland, Richard Chalfont, Richard Pettifer, Robert Man, Edward Brasier, and Edward Collins, to be the first twelve poor Scholars of the said College.

And I give and grant to the said Thomas Alleyn the Master, Matthias Alleyn the Warden, Samuel Wilson, John Harrison, Martin Simons, Thomas Hopkins, the four Fellows, James Sanders, John Jones, Henry Phillipps, John Colbrane, Walter Boane, Nicholas Kendall, the six poor Brethren, Margaret Chapman, Magdalen Lee, Alice Man, Anne Kirton, Thomasin Stanley, Margaret Barrett, the six poor Sisters, and the said Richard Meridall, Thomas Shippey, Simon Waddop, Christopher Jackey, Thomas Keyes, Henry Leyton, John Copland, Richard Chalfont, Richard Pettifer, Robert Man, Edward Brasier, and Edward Collins, the twelve poor Scholars of the said College the offices and places aforesaid.

To have and to hold the offices and places aforesaid in the said College, to them the said Thomas Alleyn, Mathias Alleyn, Samuel Wilson, John Harrison, Martin Simons, Thomas Hopkins, James Sanders, John Jones, Henry Phillips, John Colebrane, Walter Boane, Nicholas Kendall, Margaret Chapman, Magdalen Lee, Alice Man, Anne Kirton, Thomasin Stanley, Margarett Barrett, Richard Meridall, Thomas Shippey, Simon Waddoppe, Christopher Jackey, Thomas Keyes, Henry Leyton, John Copland, Richard Chalfont, Richard Pettifer, Robert Man, Edwarde Brasier, and Edward Collins, and their successors, in the same offices and places in perpetual succession forever, according to such statutes, ordinances, constitutions and rules, as shall hereafter be made, ordained, constituted, and established by me the said Edward Alleyn, in my life time, or by any other person or persons after my death, such as I shall nominate, depute, or appoint hereunto, under my hand and seal in writing in my life time.

And further I the said Edward Alleyn, by virtue and force of the said Letters Patent, and of the power and authority thereby to me given, do make, found, create, erect and establish, as follows, that is to say, that the said College shall forever be called and named the "College of God's Gift" in Dulwich, in the County of Surrey; and that the said Master, Warden, four Fellows, six poor Brethren, six poor Sisters, and twelve poor Scholars of the said College and their successors, shall be in deed and name one body corporate and political, and one perpetual commonality, and shall have perpetual succession forever to endure.

And that the said Master, Warden, four Fellows, six poor Brethren, six poor Sisters, and twelve poor Scholars of the said College, and their Successors, may sue and be sued, plead and be pleaded, by and under the name of the Master, Warden, four Fellows, six poor Brethren, six poor Sisters, and twelve poor Scholars of the College of God's Gift, in Dulwich, in the county of Surrey, in for and concerning all and all manner of accounts, suits, complaints, debts, demands and causes whatsoever, as well real as personal, and mixed of whatsoever nature, kind, or quality they or any of them may be, before any Judges spiritual or temporal, and other secular justices and persons whatsoever and that the said Master, Warden, four Fellows, six poor Brethren, six poor Sisters, and twelve poor Scholars of the said College and their successors and every of them, shall have a common seal for the sealing, doing, and performing of all deeds, writings, matters, and things touching the said College, which said seal they shall and may lawfully break, alter, change, and new make as they shall think meet from time to time; and that the said Master, Warden, four Fellows, six poor Brethren, six poor Sisters, and twelve poor Scholars of the said College, and their Successors, shall be persons enabled and capable in Law, in right and name of the said College, and for the maintenance, sustenance and relief of them the said Master, Warden, four Fellows, six poor Brethren, six poor Sisters, and twelve poor Scholars of the said College, and their Successors, to get, purchase, receive and take to them and their Successors forever, of and from me the said Edward Alleyn my Heirs and Assigns, all and singular the manors, messuage lands, tenants and hereditaments with the appurtenances as are at large specified, mentioned, recited and contained in the said Letters Patent, or any such and so many, and such part of the said manors, messuages, lands, tenants and hereditaments, as I the said Edward Alleyn shall think meet.

In Witness whereof, and that this my making, foundation erection, creation and establishing of the said College, may the better and more safely be kept contained and be had in perpetual remembrance for all times to come, I the said Edward Alleyn have caused this writing quadripartite, to be made and written, and have subscribed my name and set my Seal to every part thereof, the said 13th day of September in the year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lord King James of England, France and Ireland, the 17th, and of Scotland the 53rd; and one original of this said quadripartite

Deed, I will and do assign by these parts, to remain, and be kept continually in the common chest of the said College, where the other evidences of the said College are to be and remain.

The second part thereof to remain and continually to be kept in the Vestry of the parish Church of St Botolph's without Bishopsgate, London, in such a chest or other convenient place wherein the evidences belonging to the said Church do remain.

The third part thereof, to remain and continually be kept in the vestry of the said parish Church of St Saviours in Southwark, in the said County of Surrey, in the chest, or such other place there, wherein evidences belonging to the said Church and parish do remain and are kept;

and the fourth part to remain and continually be kept in the Vestry of the parish Church of St Giles without Cripplegate, London, in such chest or other place, as is there used for the safe keeping of the evidences and writings of the said Church and parish.

Read, published, sealed and subscribed by the said Edward Alleyn the day and year above written in the presence of Fra Verulam Canc.¹ Arundell.² Edw Cessil.³ John Howland.⁴ Edm. Bowyar.⁵ Tho. Grymes.⁶ Jo Bodley.⁷ Jo. Tunstall.⁸ Inego Jones.⁹ Jo. Finch¹⁰ Ric. Jones¹¹ Ric. Tailboys.¹² Edm. Howes Cronicler¹³ Jo Anthony. Lionell Tichbourne Not. Pub.

Footnotes re witnesses

1 Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, Chancellor. 2 Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundell. Surrey.

3 Sir Edward Cecil, afterwards Viscount Wimbledon Lord Lieutenant of Surrey.

4 Sir John Howland, High Sheriff of Surrey.

5 Sir Edmund Bowyer of Camberwell, J.P. for Surrey. 6 Sir Thomas Grymes of Peckham, J.P. for Surrey.

7 Sir John Bodley of Streatham, J.P. for Surrey. 8 Sir John Tunstall of Carshalton, J.P. for Surrey. 9 Inigo

Jones, the King's surveyor.

10 Jo Finch, afterwards Lord Finch, Lord

Keeper. 11 Richard Jones, secretary to

the Lord Chancellor. 12 Richard

Talboyes, of the Inner Temple.

13 Edmond Howes, author of the Continuation of Stow's Chronicle, 1631.