

**GEORGE the FIFTH** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India;

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING!

**WHEREAS** in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty-one an unincorporated Association known as The Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland was formed for the promotion and cultivation of science in relation to mental disorder and the care and treatment of the insane:

AND WHEREAS on the Ninth day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five we were pleased to grant to the said Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland permission to use the prefix 'Royal' and we commanded that the said Association should thenceforth be known as 'The Royal Medico-Psychological Association':

AND WHEREAS the said Voluntary Association now existing and known as The Royal Medico-Psychological Association hath petitioned us for a Charter of Incorporation such as is in and by these presents granted:

AND WHEREAS we are minded to comply with the Prayer of such Petitioner:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf, and of all other powers enabling Us so to do of our Special Grace, certain knowledge and mere motion do hereby, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, will, grant, direct, appoint, and declare to the said Voluntary Association as follows:

1. The persons now Members of the said Voluntary Association known as The Royal Medico-Psychological Association, and all such persons as may hereafter become Members of the Body Corporate hereby constituted pursuant to or by virtue of the powers granted by these Presents, and their Successors, shall for ever hereafter (so long as they continue to be such Members) be by virtue of these Presents one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of 'The Royal Medico-Psychological Association' and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter, and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure, and by the same name shall and may implead and be impleaded in all Courts, and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate.

2. We do also hereby, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, license, authorize, and for ever hereafter enable The Royal Medico-Psychological Association hereby incorporated, or any person on its behalf, to acquire for the purposes of the Association any lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever within our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, not exceeding in the whole the annual value of five hundred pounds (to be determined according to the value thereof at the time when the same are respectively acquired) and to hold the same in perpetuity and from time to time to grant, demise, alienate or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

3. And We do hereby also, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, give and grant Our Licence to any person or persons and any Body Politic or Corporate to assure in perpetuity, or to demise to or for the benefit of The Royal Medico-Psychological Association (hereinafter called 'the Association') any lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, so as the same do not exceed at any one time the annual value aforesaid.

4. The objects and purposes for which the Association is hereby constituted are for the promotion and cultivation of science in relation to mental disease and the improvement in the treatment of persons suffering from mental disorder and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on those subjects amongst the members of the Association and otherwise and for that purpose –

(A) To hold periodical and other Meetings of the Association and conferences with other Associations whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

(B) To publish such information as may be thought desirable in the form of a periodical journal.

(C) To print, publish, translate, sell, lend, and distribute any books, pamphlets, or treatises on or connected with science in relation to mental disease, or with the treatment of persons suffering from mental disorder, or with allied sciences, and to cause translations into any language to be made of any such books, pamphlets, or treatises, and to print, publish, sell, lend, and distribute the same in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

(D) To make any expenditure which the Association may think fit for sending and maintaining in any part of the United Kingdom or elsewhere any person or persons chosen by the Association for the investigation of science in relation to mental disease, or of the treatment of all persons suffering from mental disorder, or of allied subjects, the convening of Meetings, and inviting thereto any person or persons

desired by the Association, for discussing and promoting the objects of the Association, and for sending and defraying the expenses of representatives of the Association to any Meetings convened for similar objects in any part of the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and for making researches and observations on subjects connected with psychological medicine.

(E) The consideration of all questions affecting the interests of the Association and of the medical profession generally in its relation to mental disease, the treatment of persons suffering from mental disorder and allied subjects, the petitioning of Parliament, or the promotion of deputations in regard to measures affecting the objects for which the Association is established, and the promotion of improvements in the principles or administration of the law relating to mental disease, the treatment of persons suffering from mental disorder, and allied subjects.

(F) To grant sums of money out of the funds of the Association for the promotion of the objects of the Association in such manner as may be from time to time determined on.

(G) To promote and encourage the study of science in relation to mental disease, of the scientific treatment of persons suffering from mental disorder, and of allied subjects: -

(1) By the provision, institution, and maintenance of lectures, classes, examinations and other means of instruction therein upon such terms and conditions, and upon payment of such fees as the Association may from time to time determine by regulations or otherwise: provided always that the surplus of such payments over the expenditure necessary for the provision, institution and maintenance of such means of instruction shall be devoted to such of the objects of the Association as may be deemed expedient; and

(2) By the institution, maintenance, and grant of scholarships, prizes, certificates, or other awards, or distinctions, on such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by regulation or otherwise.

(H) To establish, or promote branches or local divisions of the Association, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

(I) To provide, if the Association think fit, legal assistance to members of the Association in enforcing or defending their legal rights, whether under the Lunacy Acts or otherwise, if and so far as such assistance may be lawfully afforded, having regard to the laws against maintenance.

(J) To borrow and raise money for the purposes of the Association and to secure the repayment thereof by bonds, debentures, mortgages, or other securities, or in such other manner as may be determined, and for this purpose to mortgage or charge all or any of the property of the Association.

5. The Association shall not carry on any trade or business or engage in any transaction with a view to the pecuniary gain or profit of the members thereof. No Member shall have any personal claim on any property of the Association or make any profit out of his membership, except in the case of and as a salaried Officer of the Association.

6. There shall be a Council of the Association consisting of the Officers of the Association and of such number of Members with such qualifications and to be elected or constituted as such Members of Council in such manner and to hold office for such period, and on such terms as to re-election, and otherwise, as the Bye-laws for the time being of the Association shall direct.

7. The Association shall have such Officers, with such functions, tenure, and terms of office, as the Bye-laws of the Association may prescribe and such other Officers and Servants as the Council of the Association may from time to time appoint.

8. Among the Officers of the Association there shall be a President, a President-elect, an Ex-President, a Treasurer and a General Secretary. The said Officers shall be nominated and elected in such manner, and shall hold office for such period, and on such terms as to re-election and otherwise, as the Bye-laws for the time being of the Association shall direct.

9. The Council shall have the management and control of the Association and its affairs subject to the provisions of these presents and to the Bye-laws of the Association, and may subject as aforesaid do all such things as appear to the Council to be necessary or expedient for giving effect to the objects of the Association. The business of the Council shall be conducted in such manner as the Council may prescribe.

10. Unless and until the Bye-laws of the Association shall otherwise provide there shall be three classes of Members of the Association, namely: (A) Ordinary Members, (B) Honorary members, and (C) Corresponding Members. The Members of the said Voluntary Association, the Royal Medico-Psychological Association who by virtue of these Presents become Members of the Association shall be deemed to have entered the Association as Members of the same class as that to which they belonged in the said Voluntary Association.

11. The qualifications, method and terms of admission, privileges, and obligations, including liability for expulsion or suspension of Members of each of the said classes respectively, shall be such as the Bye-laws for the time being of the Association shall direct.

12. A General Meeting of the members of the Association entitled under the Bye-laws to be present and vote thereat shall have power from time to time to make such Byelaws of the Association as to them shall seem requisite and convenient for the regulation, government, and advantage of the Association, its Members and property, and for the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Association, and from time to time to revoke, alter or amend any Bye-law theretofore made so that the same be not repugnant to those Presents or to the Laws and Statutes of this our Realm: Provided that no such Bye-law, revocation, alteration, or amendment shall take effect until the same shall have been allowed by the Lords of Our Privy Council of which allowance a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

13. The first Bye-laws to be made under these Presents shall be made by a General Meeting of the Members of the Association entitled to be present and vote thereat within the period of six months from the date of these Presents, unless the Lords of Our Privy Council shall see fit to extend such period, of which extension the Certificate of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

14. Pending the making and approval of the Bye-laws to be made under these Presents but no longer the Articles of Association of the existing Voluntary Association known as The Royal Medico-Psychological Association and the Bye-laws made thereunder shall be the Bye-laws of the Association, and shall have effect as though the Association, its Officers and Members, had therein been referred to throughout in lieu of the said Voluntary Association, its Officers and Members.

15. The property and moneys of the Voluntary Association known as The Royal Medico-Psychological Association shall from the date of these Presents become and be deemed to be the property and moneys of the Association and shall as soon as may be formally transferred to the Association or such person or persons on its behalf as the Bye-laws may prescribe.

16. And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Grant and Declare that these Our Letters Patent or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in all things good, firm, valid and effectual according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in all Our Courts or elsewhere in the

most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the said Association, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the 13th day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER the King's Sign Manual