

Dated 5th June 1916.

The School of Oriental Studies
London Institution).

Charter of Incorporation.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

The 13th day of June, 1917.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Governing Body of The School of Oriental Studies, London Institution, did, by Resolution in that behalf passed at a Meeting held on the 19th March, 1917, and confirmed at a Meeting held on the 4th May, 1917, make certain alterations in Article IV. of the Charter of the said School:

AND WHEREAS the requirements of Article X. of the said Charter in respect of the making of the said alterations by the said Governing Body have been complied with, and the said alterations have been submitted to His Majesty in Council for allowance:

NOW, THEREFORE, His Majesty, having taken the said alterations in the said Charter into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to allow the same to the extent set forth in the Schedule hereto.

Almeric Tytler

SCHEDULE.

ALTERATIONS IN THE CHARTER OF THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES,
LONDON INSTITUTION.

Article IV. of the Charter to be altered as follows:—

1. By the addition of the words "One Member appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies" after the words "One Member appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs."
2. By the substitution of the words "Two Members appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for India" for the words "One Member appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for India."

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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.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

WHEREAS the Most Honourable Robert Offley Ashburton, Marquess of Crewe, K.G., lately one of Our Principal Secretaries of State has presented to Us in Our Council a humble Petition setting forth :

THAT by the London Institution (Transfer) Act, 1912, the premises and property (except as therein mentioned) of the London Institution for the Advancement of Literature and the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge were vested in Our Commissioners of Works with a view to the use thereof for the purposes of and in connection with a School of Oriental Studies, and it was provided that the said Commissioners of Works might transfer any property, other than real property, vested in them by that Act, on such conditions as they might think fit, to the Governing Body of the School of Oriental Studies upon the establishment of such a School.

THAT the said Commissioners of Works propose to place at the disposal of the Governing Body of the School of Oriental Studies when constituted the premises and property so transferred.

THAT Our Government have signified their intention to apply to Parliament for a grant of money in aid of the adaptation of the premises for the purposes of a School of Oriental Studies in connection with the University of London and in aid of the maintenance of the School when constituted.

THAT the Petitioner is advised and believes that the incorporation of the said School under Our Royal Charter pending the reorganisation of the University of London in general accordance with the Report of Our Commissioners on University Education in London would be for the public advantage.

AND most humbly praying Us in Our Council to grant Our Royal Charter for incorporating the Members for the time being of the Governing Body of the proposed School of Oriental Studies, with the name and title of "The School of Oriental Studies, London Institution," and with such powers and privileges and in such manner in all respects as to Us in Our Council may seem fit.

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal consideration and are minded to accede thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, know ye that We by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf do of Our special Grace certain Knowledge and mere Motion by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors grant will direct and ordain as follows :—

ARTICLE I.

Establishment Name and Incorporation of the School of Oriental Studies.

There shall be, and there is, hereby established with its principal seat at the premises formerly occupied by the London Institution for the Advancement of Literature and the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge in the City of London a School with the name of "The School of Oriental Studies, London Institution," by which name the members for the time being of the Governing Body hereinafter constituted shall be and are hereby created one body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, with full power and capacity by and in such name to sue and be sued and to take and hold and, subject to such consent as may by law be required, to grant demise exchange or otherwise dispose of real or personal property : and notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain without any further or other license, by virtue of this Our Charter, to take and hold land to the annual value of £20,000 according to the annual value thereof at the time or times when the same shall be taken in addition to the value of the land for the time being occupied by or on behalf of the said Corporation for the transaction of its business and the actual carrying out of its purposes ; and to do all other lawful acts whatsoever : which School shall have the constitution and powers and be subject to the regulations in this Our Charter prescribed and contained, and which School is in this Our Charter referred to as "The School."

ARTICLE II.

Purposes of the School.

The purposes of the School are to be a School of Oriental Studies in the University of London to give instruction in the Languages of Eastern and African peoples, Ancient and Modern, and in the Literature, History, Religion, and Customs of those peoples, especially with a view to the needs of persons about to proceed to the East or to Africa for the pursuit of study and research, commerce or a profession, and to do all or any of such other things as the Governing Body of the School consider conducive or incidental thereto, having regard to the provision for those purposes which already exists elsewhere and in particular to the co-ordination of the work of the School with that of similar institutions both in this Country and in Our Eastern and African Dominions and with the work of the University of London and its other schools.

ARTICLE III.

Visitor.

We reserve to Ourselves to be the Visitor of the School through the President of the Board of Education.

ARTICLE IV.

Constitution of Governing Body.

The Governing Body of the School (herein-after referred to as "The Governing Body") shall be constituted as follows :—

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, *ex-officio*.

The Principal of the University of London, *ex-officio*, or if and while there is no Principal, such officer of the University as may be designated by the Senate as the Chief Executive Officer for this purpose.

The Director of the School when appointed, *ex-officio*.

Two members appointed by Ourselves under Our Sign Manual.

Three Members appointed by Ourselves under Our Sign Manual with special regard to the representation on the Governing Body of Universities (other than the University of London) in the United Kingdom.

One Member appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

One Member appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for War.

One Member appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for India.

Three Members appointed by the Senate of the University of London.

One Member appointed by the Corporation of the City of London.

Two Members appointed by the County Council of the Administrative County of London.

One Member appointed by the Council of the Royal Asiatic Society.

One Member appointed by the British Academy.

One Member appointed by the London Chamber of Commerce.

Three Members co-opted by the Governing Body with special regard to the interests of Commerce.

Two Members appointed by the Academic Board constituted by this Our Charter and being Members of that Board.

One Member appointed by each of the Bodies who may be declared in accordance with provisions herein-after contained to be Contributing Bodies.

Provided that the following (in addition to the *ex-officio* Members) shall be first Members of the Governing Body :—

(1) Sir John Prescott Hewett, G.C.S.I., C.I.E.,

(2) Philip Joseph Hartog, Esquire, M.A.,
appointed by Ourselves.

(3) Arthur Berriedale Keith, Esquire, D.C.L., D.Litt., Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology in the University of Edinburgh,

(4) Edward James Rapson, Esquire, M.A., Professor of Sanskrit in the University of Cambridge,

(5) David George Hogarth, Esquire, M.A., F.R.G.S.,
appointed by Ourselves with special regard to the representation on the Governing Body of Universities (other than the University of London) in the United Kingdom.

(6) John Anthony Cecil Tilley, Esquire, C.B., M.A.,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

(7) The Officer for the time being in charge of the India Sub-Section of the
Military Operations' Directorate, War Office,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for War.

(8) Sir Charles James Lyall, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., M.A., LL.D., Ph.D.,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by Our Principal Secretary of State for India.

(9) Thomas Gregory Foster, Esquire, B.A., Ph.D.,

(10) Ronald Montagu Burrows, Esquire, M.A., D.Litt., Ph.D.,

(11) The Honourable William Pember Reeves, Ph.D.,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by the Senate of the University of London.

(12) Sir Marcus Samuel, Baronet,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by the Corporation of the City of London.

(13) Harry Evan Auguste Cotton, Esquire,

(14) Henry Cubitt Gooch, Esquire,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by the County Council of the Administrative County of London.

(15) The Right Honourable Donald James, Lord Reay, K.T., G.C.S.I.,
G.C.I.E.,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by the Council of the Royal Asiatic Society.

(16) Thomas William Rhys Davids, Esquire, LL.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., Professor
of Comparative Religion in the Victoria University of Manchester,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by the British Academy.

(17) Sir Albert Kaye Rollit, Knight, LL.D., D.C.L., D.Litt.,
who shall be deemed to be appointed by the London Chamber of Commerce.

The Governing Body may by resolution declare that any Body whether incorporated or not (not being a Body whether incorporated or not which is entitled to appoint a Member of the Governing Body and not being conducted for private profit) which has contributed a capital sum of £10,000 or which contributes an annual sum of not less than £500 to the funds of the School or for any special purpose approved by the Governing Body in connection with the School is a Contributing Body for the purposes of this Our Charter but in the case of a Body contributing such an annual sum as aforesaid only so long as the contribution is continued. A Member appointed by a Contributing Body shall hold office for five years from the date of his appointment but shall vacate office if the Contributing Body by whom he is appointed discontinues the contribution in respect of which it has been declared to be a Contributing Body.

Every Governor to be appointed by the London County Council shall be appointed for a term of office ending on the date of the appointment of his successor, which may be made at any time after the ordinary day of retirement of County Councillors next after his appointment.

The first Members appointed by the Academic Board shall be appointed as soon as that Board has been established and shall vacate office on the 31st day of August, 1917. Future Members appointed by the Academic Board (other than Members appointed to fill casual vacancies) shall hold office for one year from the date when their predecessors vacated office.

The first co-optative members shall be appointed at the first or second meeting of the Governing Body, and shall be deemed to have been appointed on the 1st day of September, 1915.

A casual vacancy in the Governing Body by death resignation or otherwise shall be filled up as soon as conveniently may be in the case of any Member appointed by Ourselves by Ourselves and in any other case by the person or Body who appointed the Member whose place has become vacant and the person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall be so appointed for the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose place he is appointed.

Except as herein provided Members of the Governing Body shall hold office for five years and the first Members shall be deemed to have been appointed on the 1st day of September, 1915.

Except as herein provided, persons appointed to be Members of the Governing Body need not be Members of the Body by whom they are appointed. A person appointed to be a Member of the Governing Body shall be eligible for reappointment at any time.

The acts or proceedings of the Governing Body shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in their number.

The first Chairman of the Governing Body shall be Sir John Prescott Hewett, G.C.S.I., C.I.E., and he shall hold office till the 31st day of August, 1920, or until he resigns or ceases to be a Member of the Governing Body. Any future Chairman shall be appointed by the Governing Body from among their Members for such term and subject to such conditions as the Governing Body by Standing Order determine.

The Governing Body shall make Standing Orders determining who shall act as Chairman at meetings at which the Chairman is not present or during a vacancy in the office of Chairman.

There shall be a quorum when eight (or such larger number as the Governing Body shall by Standing Order determine) Governors are present at a meeting and (except as herein provided) every matter shall be determined by the majority of the Members of the Governing Body present and voting on the question. In case of equality of votes the Chairman or person acting as Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The President of the Board of Education shall summon the first meeting of the Governing Body and shall make such arrangements for the purposes of that meeting as he thinks necessary and the Governing Body shall be deemed to be duly constituted on the occasion of that meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Powers and Functions of the Governing Body.

Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter the Governing Body shall have such powers of general supervision, direction and control over the School, and the courses of education or any parts thereof followed therein, as they consider necessary for the purposes of the School; and shall appoint and may dismiss the Director of the School and such staff (whether teaching examining administrative or otherwise) and make appointments to such offices or employments (whether permanent temporary or occasional) of for or in connection with the School as they think fit upon such terms, remuneration, and conditions as they determine.

The Governing Body may, if they consent, be constituted trustees of any endowment the trusts of which are consistent with the provisions of this Our Charter.

The Governing Body may also enter into an agreement with the Secretary of State for India for the housing of the India Office Library or any portion thereof, and may make any such arrangements with reference to the custody and use thereof, or otherwise in relation thereto, as may be mutually agreed.

The Governing Body may award such diplomas or other certificates of distinction or proficiency to students of the School and subject to such regulations and conditions as they determine.

The Governing Body shall have power to establish or adopt or participate in any scheme for providing pensions for the Staff of the School.

The Governing Body may found and endow Professorships, Readerships, Fellowships, Exhibitions, Scholarships and Prizes, but, without the consent of the Governing Body and the University of London, no member of the teaching staff shall, by virtue of his office at the School, be called a Professor or Reader, and no endowment conferring the title of Professor or Reader in the School shall be founded without such consent.

The Governing Body shall hold at least four ordinary meetings in each year and shall publish annually a report of their proceedings and a statement of their accounts.

The Governing Body, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, may make Rules, Regulations or Standing Orders with respect to the carrying into effect of all or any of the purposes or provisions of this Our Charter.

The Governing Body may appoint such Committees consisting either wholly, or partly, of Members of their own Body as they think necessary and may delegate to any such Committee such of their powers or functions (except the appointment and dismissal of the Director and of Heads of Departments) subject to such conditions as they think fit.

ARTICLE VI.

The Academic Board.

(1) There shall be an Academic Board in the School consisting of the Director, who shall be Chairman thereof, the Heads of Departments of the School and such other members of the teaching staff as the Governing Body,

having regard to the importance of their work in the College, may appoint after report by the Academic Board.

(2) The Academic Board shall be established by the Governing Body within eighteen months after the date of this Our Charter ; and the provisions of this Our Charter which provide for consultation with, reports from, or appointments by, the Academic Board shall not take effect until the Academic Board has been established.

(3) The Academic Board, subject to the approval of the Governing Body, shall have power to make regulations for the conduct of its business and shall deal with such business as the Governing Body shall by resolution assign to it and may submit for the consideration of the Governing Body resolutions, representations, memorials or reports dealing with the academic work and management of the School generally and with matters referred to it by the Governing Body for an expression of opinion.

(4) The Governing Body shall consider any reports, resolutions, representations or memorials submitted to them by the Academic Board under the provisions of this Our Charter.

(5) The Governing Body shall invite a report from the Academic Board on any proposal to establish or abolish any Department in the School ; and on any proposal to alter the organisation of a Department or the conditions of tenure of a Head of Department.

(6) If the Governing Body establish a Committee to deal with discipline they shall provide for the appointment of a majority of that Committee by the Academic Board.

ARTICLE VII.

The Director.

The Director of the School shall, under the Governing Body, be responsible for the general discipline of the School and have such powers and duties as the Governing Body may determine.

ARTICLE VIII.

Appointment and Removal of Heads of Departments.

(a) For the purpose of appointing Heads of Departments a Special Appointment Committee shall be appointed in each case by the Governing Body to recommend a candidate, or candidates, for the post. The Special Appointment Committee shall include at least two out of the following Members of the Governing Body :—

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of London ;

The Principal of the University of London or such other officer of the University as aforesaid ;

The three Members appointed by the Senate of the University of London ;

And it shall also include two members of the Academic Board appointed by the Academic Board.

Before recommending the appointment of any person as Head of a Department the Special Appointment Committee shall furnish to the Academic Board

the names of the candidates for the post and shall invite and consider a report from that Board. The Special Appointment Committee shall transmit together with their recommendations a copy of the report of the Academic Board to the Governing Body.

(b) If the Governing Body, at any time, desire to remove any Head of a Department from his office, such removal shall be subject to the following provisions as well as to the terms of his engagement :—

- (i) The Governing Body shall give the Head of the Department an opportunity of being heard, and if required by him give him notice in writing of the grounds upon which it is proposed to remove him.
- (ii) The Governing Body shall also notify the Academic Board that they have under consideration the question of such removal and give the Board the opportunity of expressing their opinion upon the matter.
- (iii) The Governing Body, immediately upon removing any Head of a Department, shall give him a copy of the resolution removing him. The removal will not take effect unless the resolution shall have been carried by a majority of the whole Governing Body for the time being at a meeting of which seven days' notice has been given, with full particulars in such notice of the name and status of the person proposed to be removed.
- (iv) In the case of any charge being brought against the Head of a Department, which, if proved, might be considered a sufficient ground for his removal, the Governing Body, or in cases of emergency, the Chairman of the Governing Body and the Principal of the University of London or such other officer of the University as aforesaid, acting together, subject to the approval of the Governing Body at their next meeting, shall have power to suspend him from his office for such time as may be necessary for the investigation of the charge.

(c) Nothing in this Article shall apply to the appointment or removal of Heads of Departments who, by agreement between the University of London and the Governing Body, are appointed by the University of London to a University Professorship or Readership under University Regulations carrying with it the headship of a Department in the School. In those cases the appointment or removal of the Head of the Department concerned shall be governed by the terms of the agreement in question.

ARTICLE IX.

Relations of the School to the University of London.

Subject to compliance with the Statutes of the University of London the School shall be established in the first instance as a School of the University.

Before making the first appointments of the teaching staff in subjects now taught in University of London University College, University of London King's College, and the London School of Economics and Political Science, and before the establishment of any Department of instruction other than in

Oriental Languages, the Governing Body shall enter into communication with the University of London with regard to the co-ordination of the work of the School with the work of the University and its other Schools and for the purpose of carrying out or facilitating such co-ordination may from time to time enter into such arrangements either by way of transferring or exchanging Departments of instruction or otherwise and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the Governing Body and the University.

ARTICLE X.

Further Provisions.

Neither sex nor opinions upon any religious subjects shall qualify, or disqualify, any person for membership of the Governing Body or for appointment to any office or employment or for admittance to any course of instruction or for any Fellowship Diploma or other certificate of distinction or for any emolument in or in connection with the School.

Unless the context otherwise requires the Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Our Charter as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament so, however, that this Our Charter shall always be construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the School and the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter as well in all Our Courts as elsewhere any non-recital, mis-recital, uncertainty or imperfection herein notwithstanding.

The Governing Body may, by resolution in that behalf, passed at any meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting (being an absolute majority of the whole Governing Body), and confirmed at a meeting held not less than one month nor more than four months afterwards by a like majority, alter, amend, or add to this Our Charter and such alteration amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to this Our Charter, as altered, amended, or added to in manner aforesaid.

Moreover, We reserve to Ourselves power from time to time to alter, amend, or add to these Presents by Supplemental Charter.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourself at Westminster the *fifth* day of *June* in the Year of our Lord 1916, and in the 7th Year of Our Reign.

— **By Warrant** under the King's Sign Manual. —

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