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J. J. Gaydon

Charter of the Queen's Hospital

Whereas - it has been made known to me, that a number of persons, resident in Honolulu, and other parts of the Kingdom, have entered into a voluntary contribution, by subscription, for the purpose of creating a fund, for the erection and establishment of a Hospital at Honolulu, for the relief of indigent, sick, and disabled people of the Hawaiian Kingdom; as well as of such foreigners, and others, as may desire to avail themselves of the same; And whereas, at a meeting of the said subscribers, it was, amongst other matters, resolved, that they should associate themselves together, as a Body Politic and Corporate, for the purpose of carrying into effect, the objects and intentions of the said subscribers: and also, that the said intended Corporation should be known and designated, as "The Queen's Hospital," and Their Majesties, the King and Queen, were declared Royal Patrons thereof: and it was further resolved, that a President, and a Committee, or Board of Trustees, composed of twenty of the said subscribers, should be chosen, and appointed, as in said resolution mentioned and provided, and as hereinafter contained; which said Board of Trustees, should vacate, and go out of office, at the several times, and in the manner therein provided, and hereinafter expressed, and declared; and provision was also made for supplying successors to such vacating trustees, and their successors, from time to time, and His Majesty Kamehameha 4, the Sovereign of this Kingdom, was elected, and declared perpetual President of the said Corporation, by acclamation; and the following ten subscribers were elected by ballot, to act as Trustees, on behalf of the said subscribers, viz: P. F. Snow, S. C. Damon, J. N. Castle, C. B. Bishop, J. W. Austin, E. O. Hall, J. T. Waterhouse, W. A. Aldrich, W. L. Green and H. Hackfield, and on the nomination of the Minister of the Interior, His Majesty then designated the following ten persons, Trustees, on behalf of the Government, viz: His Royal Highness Prince L. Kamehameha, David L. Gregg, Wm. Webster, G. M. Robertson, J. C. Hucks, John Ladd, James Bissett, H. S. H. Holdsworth, A. B. Bates & John Montgomery.

Be it known therefore, to all whom it may concern: That in accordance with a Resolution of the King

in Privy Council, bearing date the 16th day of June A.D. 1859, and by virtue of the Authority in me vested, I have constituted, and by these Presents, do constitute, His Majesty, the Sovereign of the Hawaiian Islands - President, as aforesaid - and also, the said Prince L. Kamehameha, David L. Gregg, Wm Webster, G. W. Robertson, J. C. Keuck, John Ladd, James Bissett, H. J. B. Holdsworth, A. B. Bates, John Montgomery, B. F. Snow, J. C. Damon, J. N. Castle, C. B. Bishop, J. W. Austin, E. O. Hall, J. J. Waterhouse, W. A. Aldrich, W. L. Green, and H. Hackett, their associates and successors, a Body Politic and Corporate, whereof the Sovereign shall be perpetual President, to be known and designated under the name and title of, "The Queen's Hospital"; by which Corporate name and title, the said Corporation shall have perpetual succession: shall sue, and be sued; plead, and be impleaded; shall have a Common Seal; and after the same at its discretion: shall purchase, acquire, and hold, real and personal Estate; and that the several persons above named, and their successors, shall act as a Board of Trustees of said Corporation, for the time being, as herein provided; with power to make, and enact, Bye Laws, for the government, control, and direction of the said Corporation, and its Hospital, contemplated by this Charter; and of the estate, and property, of the same, provided, that such Bye Laws, or any of them, shall not be repugnant to, or inconsistent with, any law, or laws, of the Hawaiian Kingdom; and the same to abrogate, alter, or amend, at their discretion: Provided also, that no such abrogation, alteration, or amendment shall be made, unless the same shall be notified, and proposed, in writing, at a meeting of said Board of Trustees; to be holden, at least, one month previous to the meeting, at which, such proposed abrogation, alteration, or amendment shall be discussed, and voted on; and provided also, that no such abrogation, alteration, or amendment, shall be adopted, or take effect, unless carried by a vote, of at least, two thirds of the Trustees present at such last mentioned meeting; and also, with power to make, and enter into, all Contracts for the uses, and purposes, of the said Corporation; as well as in relation to real, as personal estate; and all other matters and business of said Corporation: also to establish a temporary Dispensary, with suitable Hospital accommodations at Honolulu, until the permanent Hospital, contemplated by this Charter, shall have been established; and for that purpose, to hire, and furnish, a suitable house premises: also to

purchase, or rent, or lease, a suitable site for, and provide for, and proceed with, the erection; furnishing, establishing, and putting into operation, a permanent Hospital at Honolulu, with a Dispensary, and all necessary furniture and appurtenances, for the reception and accommodation, and treatment, of indigent, sick, and disabled, Hawaiians; as well as such foreigners, and others, who may choose to avail themselves of the same: to appoint all requisite sub-committees from the Board of Trustees, for the better and more efficient management of the business of said Corporation, and Board: to appoint an efficient Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, Medical Attendant, or Attendants, and all other requisite officers, and servants, for the due and effectual conduct, and management, of the intended Hospital and Dispensary; and other business of the said Corporation; and, from time to time, to remove the same, on good and sufficient cause shown, for their, or any of their removal; and others to appoint in their stead - Provided always, that the Treasurer for the time being, shall be required to give good and sufficient security, by bond, with sureties for the due and faithful discharge of the duties of his said office, in the discretion of the said Board, for the time being - and generally, to manage the business, and affairs of the said Corporation, in such manner, as best, and (most effectually to secure), and carry out, the ends, intents, and purposes of the said Subscribers; rendering a full account of their management, by a report of the Secretary, and Treasures, for the time being, to a general biennial meeting of said Corporation; to be convened, as hereinafter provided, and also, rendering a semi-annual report to the Minister of the Interior, of all the proceedings of said Board, and the state of the finances, and other affairs of said Corporation, which last-mentioned report, shall be published by said Board, in the several newspapers published at the time, in Honolulu -

Article 2 - The Royal President of the said Corporation is hereby authorised to nominate, and appoint, one Vice President from the members of said Board of Trustees, from time to time; who shall hold office for two years; and shall preside at all meetings of the board, in the absence of the President, provided however, that in case of the absence from any

Meeting of said board, of both the President, and Vice President, as aforesaid, said Board, or a quorum thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall select one of their number to preside at such meeting.

Article 3. At the first meeting of the said Board of Trustees, to be convened under this Charter, the above named members of the said Board shall be arranged by lot, into two classes, consisting each of ten members; each of which classes shall be composed, equally, of members elected by the subscribers, and of members nominated by the Government; the first of which classes shall vacate their office of Trustees at the expiration of two years from the date of this Charter; and the latter of which classes, shall vacate at the end of four years, from the same date; the members of each of which classes, shall be eligible for reelection, and reappointment; and at the biennial meeting of the said Corporation, as hereinafter provided, the successors of such vacating trustees, appointed by the subscribers, shall be elected by ballot, in like manner, as the present ten trustees have been elected. And the Minister of the Interior shall appoint successors to the five vacating nominated trustees, in like manner, as the ten nominated trustees have been chosen, and so on from time to time. Provided however, that if such election shall not be made, as above mentioned, the board of trustees, then in office, shall retain office, till their successors shall have been appointed; in which event, the Secretary of said Corporation shall call a special meeting of said Corporation, by ten days previous notice in Government Gazette, or other Newspaper, then published in Honolulu; at which last named meeting, successors to the said board shall be appointed as above provided.

Article 4 — That, in the event of the death, resignation, absence, or other incapacity, of any member or members, of the Board of Trustees for the time being, elected by the subscribers; the remaining elected members of said board shall, forthwith, fill such vacancy from the remaining subscribers to said fund; and the Minister of the Interior shall, in like manner, appoint a successor, or successors, to fill any such vacancy, or vacancies, in the nominated members of said Board, from the remaining subscribers to the said fund, from time to time, hereafter: such successors, respectively, to hold office, as members of said board, until the then next General Meeting of the Corporation for the election of Trustees, as aforesaid.

Article 5 — Every person who shall have subscribed for two

consecutive years, previous to a general meeting of the Corporation for the election of Officers, and Trustees, a sum, not less than ten dollars, and less than fifty dollars, to the funds of the said Corporation, shall be considered an annual member thereof, and entitled to vote at its meetings: and every person who shall have contributed fifty dollars, or upwards, in any one year, to the said funds, shall be considered a life member thereof, and entitled to vote at its meetings.

Article 6 — At all meetings of the said Board of Trustees, a majority of the entire members thereof, shall be a quorum, competent to transact all the business of the said Trustees.

Article 7 — The Secretary of the said Corporation, for the time being, shall be the public officer thereof, on whom, service of all processes in all actions, and suits, against the said Corporation, shall be made.

Article 8. The Chancellor of the Hawaiian Islands shall be entitled to exercise, without appeal, a general supervision over the said Corporation; and to enforce its uses, and trusts, by summary process, in case of misapplication of its funds, or mismanagement, or misconduct, of its members.

Article 9 — So soon as the Hospital, contemplated by this Charter, shall be established, the Board of Trustees and their successors, for the time being, from time to time, may contract to receive, and provide for, sick, and invalid seamen of other countries; or patients of any description, who shall be fit subjects for medical, or surgical treatment.

Article 10 — At all general, biennial, meetings, the said Corporators, and subscribers, shall be convened by notice from the Secretary, inserted in the several Newspapers, published in Honolulu, for the time being, at least 30 days before such meeting; and at every such meeting, every absent subscriber, entitled to vote by the terms of this Charter, (may vote by duly authorized proxy, as may be hereafter settled by the Board of Trustees.

Article 11 — In case at any time, hereafter, the said Corporation shall have any surplus money, or property, above all its requirements and necessities, for the purpose of said "Queens Hospital" contemplated by this Charter, all such surplus shall be used, applied, and expended, in, and for, the erection and establishment of other Hospitals, or Dispensaries, on some, or one of the Hawaiian Islands, for the same objects and purposes, as the Hospital to be established under this

Charter, and for no other object, or purpose whatever.

Article 12. This Charter, and every future Charter, to be hereafter granted to this Corporation, may be altered, or amended by the Minister of the Interior, for the time being, with the approval of the King, on a requisition of a majority of the subscribers, present at a general, or special meeting, to be called by the Secretary for that purpose: the notice of such special meeting, to be published in the Newspapers of Honolulu, at least 30 days before such meeting, and such notice to specify the purpose for which such meeting has been called.

Given under my hand and seal of the Interior Department, at Honolulu, this 20th day of June
A.D. 1859 -

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L. Kamehameha

At a Privy Council held Oct 12 1878 by Petition of three of the Trustees of the Queens Hospital the following articles were ordered to be endorsed upon the Charter of said Institution

Article 13. All bequests which are now in the hands of Trustees as well as all bequests which may hereafter be made regarding which no directions have been or may be given by the Testators as to the particular use to be made of such bequests, shall constitute a permanent fund which shall be securely invested, and the interest thereof alone shall be used for the purpose of the said Hospital

Article 14. Whenever any person or persons shall give or bequeath any sum of money for the establishment and maintenance of a bed or beds in such hospital such sum of money shall on no account be diverted to any other purpose but shall be invested securely for the purpose of establishing and maintaining such bed or beds over which shall be written for perpetual memory the name of the donor; the date of the donation, and such limitations as such donor may chose to place upon his charity

Samuel Wilcox
Minister of the Interior

In accordance with a Resolution of the
Queens Hospital Corporation passed at a
meeting of the Trustees, held on the 9th day
of March A. D. 1892; it is hereby ordered
that the Charter of said Corporation be
amended by adding thereto an additional
Article as follows:

Article 15. The said Corporation in addi-
tion to the powers and authorities given
to it, shall have power to sell, lease, exchange
or otherwise alienate any Real Estate which
it now holds or may hereafter acquire.

Interior Department,

Honolulu - March 11th 1892.

C. N. Spencer

Minister of the Interior.

We concur:

Sammy Parker

Minister of Foreign Affairs.

J. A. Wideman

Minister of Finance.

W. Austin Whiting

Attorney General.