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Vice-Can. O x o n.

April 25. 1785.

TO THE REVEREND  
THE HEADS OF COLLEGES,  
THE FOLLOWING SERMONS,  
PREACHED  
BY THEIR APPOINTMENT,  
ARE,  
WITH MUCH RESPECT  
AND GRATITUDE,  
INSCRIBED.





*Extract from the last Will and Testa-  
ment of the late Reverend JOHN  
BAMPTON, Canon of Salisbury.*

—— “ I give and bequeath my Lands  
“ and Estates to the Chancellor, Masters,  
“ and Scholars of the Univerſity of Oxford  
“ for ever, to have and to hold all and ſin-  
“ gular the ſaid Lands or Eſtates upon truſt,  
“ and to the intents and purpoſes herein after  
“ mentioned ; that is to ſay, I will and ap-  
“ point, that the Vice-Chancellor of the  
“ Univerſity of Oxford for the time being  
“ ſhall take and receive all the rents, iſſues,  
“ and profits thereof, and (after all taxes,  
“ reparations, and neceſſary deductions made)  
“ that he pay all the remainder to the en-  
“ dowment of eight Divinity Lecture Ser-  
“ mons, to be eſtabliſhed for ever in the ſaid  
“ Univerſity, and to be performed in the  
“ manner following :

“ I direct and appoint, that, upon the firſt  
“ Tueſday in Eaſter Term, a Lecturer be  
“ yearly choſen by the Heads of Colleges  
“ only, and by no others, in the room ad-  
“ joining to the Printing-Houſe, between  
“ the

“ the hours of ten in the morning and two  
“ in the afternoon, to preach eight Divinity  
“ Lecture Sermons, the year following, at  
“ St. Mary’s in Oxford, between the com-  
“ mencement of the last month in Lent  
“ Term, and the end of the third week in  
“ Act Term.

“ Also I direct and appoint, that the eight  
“ Divinity Lecture Sermons shall be preach-  
“ ed upon either of the following subjects  
“ — to confirm and establish the Christian  
“ Faith, and to confute all heretics and schif-  
“ matics—upon the divine authority of the  
“ Holy Scriptures — upon the authority of  
“ the writings of the primitive Fathers, as  
“ to the faith and practice of the primitive  
“ Church — upon the Divinity of our Lord  
“ and Saviour Jesus Christ—upon the Divi-  
“ nity of the Holy Ghost—upon the Articles  
“ of the Christian Faith, as comprehended  
“ in the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds.

“ Also I direct, that thirty copies of the  
“ eight Divinity Lecture Sermons shall be  
“ always printed, within two months after  
“ they are preached, and one copy shall be  
“ given to the Chancellor of the Univerfity,  
“ and one copy to the Head of every Col-  
“ lege,

“ lege, and one copy to the Mayor of the  
“ City of Oxford, and one copy to be put  
“ into the Bodleian Library; and the ex-  
“ pence of printing them shall be paid out  
“ of the revenue of the Lands or Estates  
“ given for establishing the Divinity Lecture  
“ Sermons; and the Preacher shall not be  
“ paid, nor be entitled to the revenue, before  
“ they are printed.

“ Also I direct and appoint, that no person  
“ shall be qualified to preach the Divinity  
“ Lecture Sermons, unless he hath taken the  
“ Degree of Master of Arts at least, in one  
“ of the two Universities of Oxford or Cam-  
“ bridge; and that the same person shall  
“ never preach the Divinity Lecture Sermons  
“ twice.”