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EXTRACT  
FROM  
THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT  
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REV. JOHN BAMPTON,  
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— “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 hereinafter mentioned: that is to  
“ say, I will and appoint 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 endowment  
“ of eight Divinity Lecture Sermons, 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 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 commencement 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 preached upon either of the  
“ following Subjects—to confirm and establish the Christ-  
“ ian Faith, and to confute all heretics and schismatics  
“ —upon the divine authority of the holy Scriptures—  
“ upon the authority of the writings of the primitive Fa-  
“ thers, as to the faith and practice of the primitive Church  
“ —upon the Divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
“ Christ—upon the Divinity 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 University, and one copy  
“ to the Head of every College, and one copy to the Mayor  
“ of the city of Oxford, and one copy to be put into the  
“ Bodleian Library; and the expense of printing them shall  
“ be paid out of the revenue of the Land 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, un-  
“ less he hath taken the degree of Master of Arts at least,  
“ in one of the two Universities of Oxford or Cambridge;  
“ and that the same person shall never preach the Divinity  
“ Lecture Sermons twice.”



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