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## PREFACE.

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THE Council having determined that a record of the Society's work up to the close of the past century should be prepared and published, a sub-committee of the Publication Committee, consisting of Professor G. B. Howes, F.R.S., Dr. A. Smith Woodward, F.R.S., the Secretary, and the Vice-Secretary, was appointed to consider the subject. In conformity with the report of this sub-committee it was agreed by the Council that the proposed volume should be entitled "A Record of the Progress of the Zoological Society of London during the Nineteenth Century," and that it should contain the Charter and By-laws, the List of Fellows in 1901, a list of the Staff on January 1st, 1901, and a short History of the Society.

The present volume has been prepared in conformity with this arrangement.

As regards the "Short History of the Society," I was fortunate enough to find that Mr. Henry Scherren, F.Z.S., was engaged in making researches on the early history of the Society, and, with the approbation of the Council, I was able to avail myself of his services for this part of the work, to which he has devoted great care and attention.

By order of the Council, a copy of the Record of Progress will be placed at the disposal of every Member of the Society.

P. L. SCLATER,  
*Secretary.*



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# I. THE CHARTER

## OF THE

### ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

(INCORPORATED MARCH 27, 1829.)

“GEORGE THE FOURTH by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting: Whereas several of our loving subjects are desirous of forming a Society for the advancement of Zoology and Animal Physiology, and the introduction of new and curious subjects of the Animal Kingdom; and having subscribed and expended considerable sums of money for that purpose, have humbly besought Us to grant unto them, and to such other persons as shall be elected as hereinafter is mentioned, our Royal Charter of Incorporation, for the better carrying on the same: Now therefore know ye, that We, being desirous to encourage so laudable an undertaking, have of our especial grace, given and granted, And We do hereby give and grant, that our right trusty and entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor *Henry Marquis of Lansdowne*, our right trusty and well beloved *George Lord Auckland*, and our trusty and well beloved *Charles Baring Wall*, Esquire, *Joseph Sabine*, Esquire, and *Nicholas Aylward Vigors*, Esquire, and such others as shall from time to time be appointed and elected Fellows of the said Society in manner hereinafter directed, and their Successors, shall for ever hereafter be, by virtue of these presents, One Body Politic and Corporate by the name of ‘THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON,’ for the purposes aforesaid, and

Objects of the Society.

Incorporation.

Corporate Name.

by the name aforesaid, to have perpetual succession, and to have a Common Seal, with power and authority to alter, break and renew the same at their discretion ;

Common Seal. and by the same name to sue, and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, and answer and be answered unto, in every Court or Place of Us, our Heirs and Successors. And we do constitute and appoint, that the persons hereby incorporated, and their successors, shall be for ever able and capable in the law to purchase, receive and possess to them and their Successors any Goods and Chattels whatsoever, and (notwithstanding the statutes of Mortmain) to purchase, hold and enjoy to them and their successors any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever, not exceeding at the time or times of purchasing such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, respectively, the yearly value at a Rack Rent of Two Thousand Pounds in the whole. And We do hereby declare and grant that they the said *Henry Marquis of Lansdowne, George Lord Auckland, Charles Baring Wall, Joseph Sabine, and Nicholas Aylward Vigors*, shall be the first Fellows of the said Society ; and that they or any three or more of them shall, and may, on or before the twenty-ninth day of April One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, under their respective hands in writing, appoint such other persons to be Fellows, Honorary Members, Foreign Members, and Corresponding Members of the said Society, as they may think fit. And We do further declare and grant, that for the better government of the said Society, and for the better management of the Concerns thereof, there shall from the date of these presents, thenceforth and for ever, be a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Council of the said Society ; and that such Council shall consist of twenty-one Fellows of the said Society, whereof the President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be three. And We do further declare, that the said *Henry Marquis of Lansdowne* shall be the first President, the said *Joseph Sabine* the first Treasurer, and the said *Nicholas Aylward Vigors* the first Secretary. And that

To sue and be sued, &c.

Power to purchase Lands, &c., not exceeding at the time of purchase the yearly value at a Rack Rent of £2,000 in the whole.

First five Fellows of the Society named.

Any three or more of them shall, on or before the 29th of April, 1829, appoint other persons to be Members of the Society.

The Council consist of 21 Fellows.

First President, Treasurer and Secretary named.