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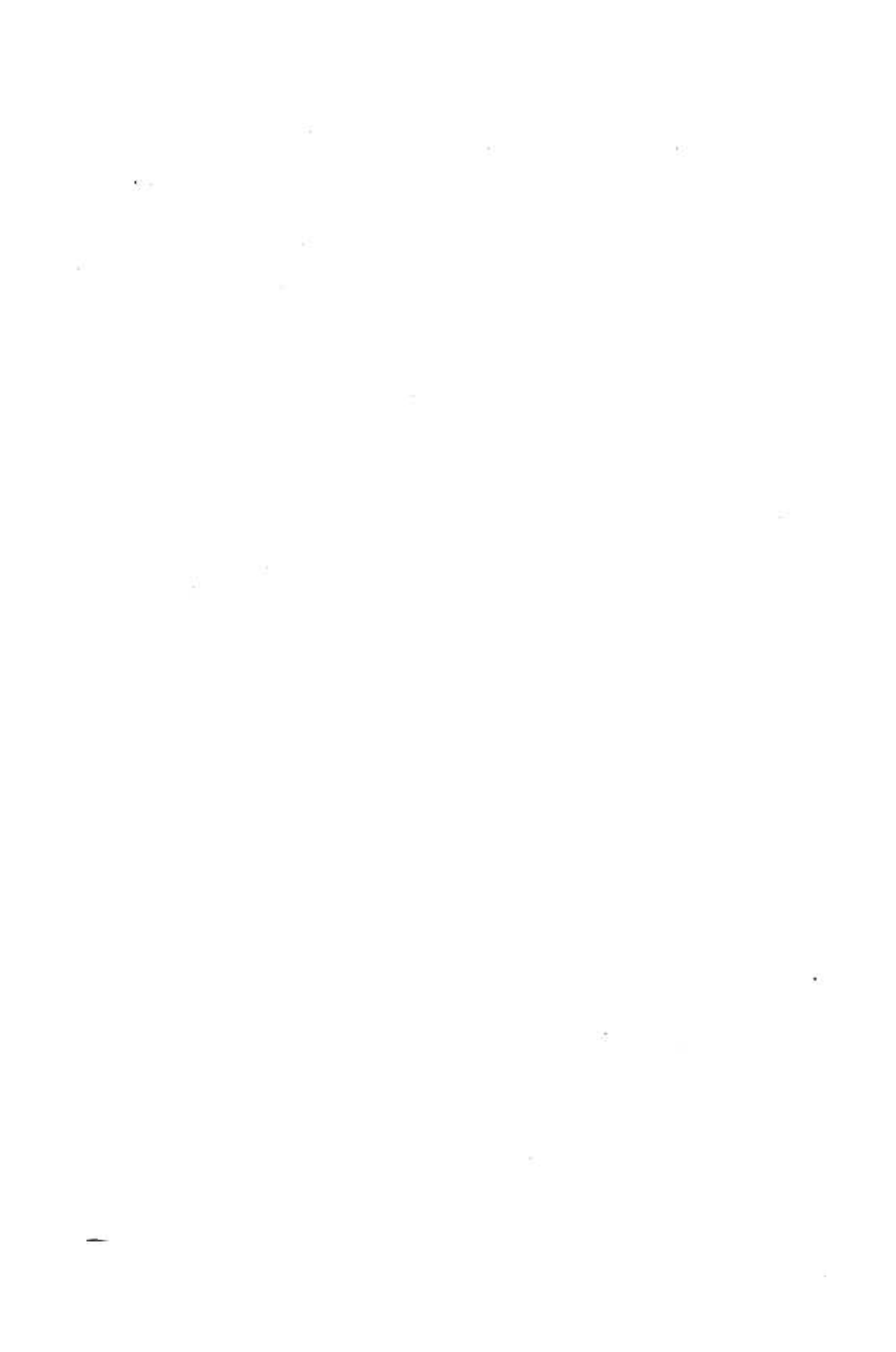
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GEORGE THE FOURTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith: To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS THOMAS TELFORD, of Abingdon Street, in our city of Westminster, Esquire, a Fellow of the Royal Societies of London and Edinburgh, and others of our loving subjects, have formed themselves into a Society for the general advancement of Mechanical Science, and more particularly for promoting the acquisition of that species of knowledge which constitutes the profession of a Civil Engineer, being the art of directing the Great Sources of Power in Nature for the use and convenience of man, as the means of production and of traffic in states both for external and internal trade, as applied in the construction of roads, bridges, aqueducts, canals, river navigation and docks, for internal intercourse and exchange, and in the construction of ports, harbours, moles, breakwaters and lighthouses, and in the art of navigation by artificial power for the purposes of commerce, and in the construction and adaptation of machinery, and in the drainage of cities and towns: And have subscribed and collected considerable sums of money for those purposes: And We have been besought to grant to them, and to those who shall hereafter become members of the same Society, our Royal Charter of Incorporation, for the purposes aforesaid: Now KNOW YE, that We, being desirous of encouraging a design so laudable

The nature and object of the Society.

Name of the  
Society.

and salutary, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, granted, and declared: And do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, will, grant, and declare, that the said THOMAS TELFORD, and such others of our loving subjects as have formed themselves into, and are now members of the said Society, or who shall at any time hereafter become members thereof, according to such regulations or by-laws as shall be hereafter framed or enacted, shall, by virtue of these presents, be the members of, and form one Body Politic and Corporate, for the purposes aforesaid, by the name of "THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS;" by which name they shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal, with full power and authority to alter, vary, break, and renew the same, at their discretion: and by the same name to sue, and be sued, implead, and be impleaded, answer, and be answered unto, in every court of us, our heirs and successors; and be for ever able and capable in the law, to purchase, receive, possess, and enjoy to them and their successors, any goods and chattels whatsoever, and also be able and capable in the law (notwithstanding the statutes of mortmain) to take, purchase, possess, hold and enjoy to them and their successors, a Hall, and any messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments whatsoever, the yearly value of which, including the site of the said Hall, shall not exceed in the whole the sum of one thousand pounds, computing the same respectively at the rack-rent which might have been had or gotten for the same respectively at the time of the purchase or acquisition thereof; and to act in all the concerns of the said body politic and corporate for the purposes aforesaid, as fully and effectually to all intents, effects, constructions, and purposes whatsoever, as any other of our liege subjects, or any other body politic or corporate in our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, not being under any disability, might do in their respective concerns. And We do hereby grant our especial licence and authority unto all and every person and persons, bodies politic and corporate (otherwise competent), to grant, sell, alien, and convey in mortmain, unto and to the use of the said Society, and their successors, any messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, not exceeding such annual value as aforesaid