

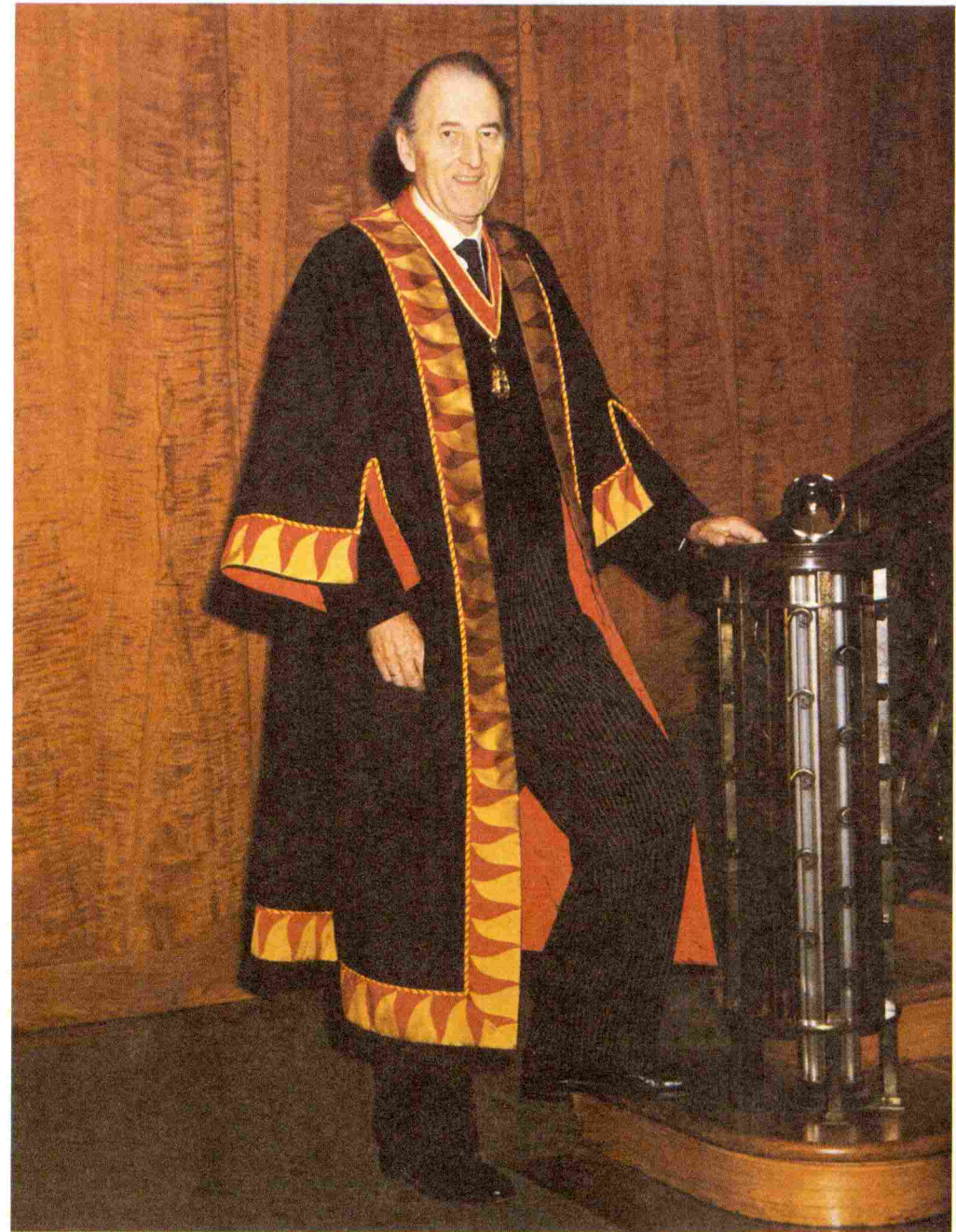
The Worshipful Company of Fuellers



Presentation of the
Grant of Letters Patent
17th October 1984

The Mansion House
London

Commemorative Booklet



Charles St. G. Stephenson Clarke
Founder Master

THE PETITION
TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR AND COURT OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONDON

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE MASTER, WARDENS AND
COURT OF ASSISTANTS OF THE COMPANY OF FUELLERS

SHEWETH:

THAT on the 13th day of October 1981 your Honourable Court was pleased to Order that the Prayer of your Petitioners' Petition dated the 25th day of June 1981 for recognition as a City Company without a Grant of Livery be complied with and that the Company's Ordinances be enrolled among the Records of the City. A copy of the Company's present Ordinances is annexed to this Petition.

THAT since such recognition the company has flourished and that the number of Freemen now exceeds 100.

THAT on the 10th day of October 1983 the Company established a charitable and educational trust which was registered with the Charity Commission as Charity No. 288157 on the 9th day of November 1983.

THAT having regard to the special circumstances represented by the historical connection during the period 1376 to 1746 between your Petitioners' antecedents and the Livery and City Companies of the City of London your Petitioners believe that your Honourable Court would in the special circumstances aforesaid be prepared to consider on its merits their humble Petition for a Grant of Livery notwithstanding that the customary period of five years since your Petitioners were recognised as a City Company without a Livery has not fully run its course.

THAT a list of the Freemen on your Petitioner's Company is annexed hereto.

THAT in the light of the circumstances set out herein your Petitioners would regard the grant of livery to their Company as a further encouragement to the coal distributive industry which provides a vital service to the whole community and also as an opportunity for their Company to serve the City of London and support its ancient customs and traditions.

THAT your Petitioners have resolved by a resolution passed on the 20th day of October 1983 to apply to your Honourable Court for a Grant of Livery.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY that your Honourable Court will be pleased to constitute their company a Livery Company of the City of London, subject to such conditions as to your Honourable Court shall seem meet, and to indicate to your Petitioners whether the proposed constitutions and ordinances, which are attached hereto and which your Petitioners are in a position to adopt, conform to the Law and Custom of the City of London and would prove acceptable to your Honourable Court.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS WILL EVER PRAY, &c.,

Dated this 28th day of February 1984

Signed by the Master, Wardens and the Clerk of the Company of Fuellers in accordance with a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Court of Assistants held on the 20th day of October 1983.

Master
[Signature]
Senior Warden
[Signature]
Junior Warden
[Signature]
Clerk
[Signature]
Sponsoring Alderman
[Signature]

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COURT OF ALDERMEN
ON 15th MAY 1984 APPROVING PETITION OF
THE COMPANY OF FUELLERS



DONALDSON, Mayor

COURT OF ALDERMEN

TUESDAY, 15th MAY, 1984

PRESENT

Dame Mary Donaldson, G.B.E.,
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Bt.,
LL.D., M.A.
Sir Edward Howard, Bt., G.B.E.,
D.Sc.
Sir Lindsay Ring, G.B.E., D.Sc.,
D.Litt.
Cdr. Sir Robin Gillett, Bt.,
G.B.E., R.D., D.Sc., R.N.R.

Col. Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe,
G.B.E., T.D., D.C.L., D.H.
Sir Christopher Leaver, G.B.E.,
D.Mus.
Mr. Alderman Davis
Mr. Alderman Rowe-Ham
Col. and Ald. Spratt, T.D.
Mr. Alderman Collett, M.A.
Mr. Alderman Bidwell
Mr. Alderman Graham

Mr. Alderman McWilliams,
B.Sc.(Eng.), C.Eng.
Mr. Alderman Newall, T.D.,
M.A., D.L.
Mr. Alderman Walford, M.A.
Mr. Alderman Young, M.A.
Mr. Alderman Cork
Mr. Alderman Toye
Mr. Alderman and Sheriff
Charvet, R.D.

(A) On the reference of the 20th March 1984, to examine and report on a Petition of the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Company of Fuellers to be constituted a Livery Company of the City of London, recommending:—

(a) that the Prayer of the Petition be complied with on the following conditions:

- (i) that the number of the Livery should not exceed 250;
- (ii) that the fine for admission to the Livery should be set at £150;
- (iii) that no person shall be admitted to the Livery unless he first produces his copy of Freedom of the City of London;

(b) that, as the proposed constitutions and ordinances conform to the law and custom of the City, the Company of Fuellers be constituted a Livery Company of the City of London, that the formal grant be embodied in Letters Patent under the Mayoralty Seal and that the proposed constitutions and ordinances be approved and enrolled among the records of the Court of Aldermen.
Read and agreed to.

(B) Recommending that Cdr. and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, Bt., G.B.E., R.D., D.Sc., R.N.R., and Mr. Alderman Davis be nominated to serve on the Livery Committee for the year commencing the 25th June, 1984.

Read and agreed to.

ROWLEY.

AT THE
MANSION HOUSE

SPECIAL

COURT OF



ALDERMEN

SIR/MADAM,

YOUR Worship is desired to be at a Court of Aldermen at the
Mansion House, on Wednesday, the 17th day of October, 1984
in your **Scarlet Gown**.

The Senior Aldermen will wear their Chains.
(If unable to attend please inform the Town Clerk at once.)

**The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at 12.30 of the Clock in
the afternoon precisely.**

PETER MILO,
Swordbearer.

*Swordbearer's Office, Mansion House,
Wednesday, 3rd October, 1984.*

N.B. It is intended at this Court to present to the Company of Fuellers the Grant
of Livery agreeably to the Order of the Court of 15th May, 1984.



COURT OF ALDERMEN
MANSION HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1984
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF LETTERS PATENT
CONFIRMING THE GRANT OF LIVERY TO THE COMPANY OF
FUELLERS

The Aldermen are asked to assemble not later than 12.20 p.m. in the Old Ball Room where Scarlet Gowns will be available. Lounge Suits will be worn.

After robing, the Aldermen, accompanied by the Officers, will at 12.25 p.m. go in procession (Juniors first) to the Long Parlour where the Court of Aldermen will be held.

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor will take the chair at 12.30 p.m.

The Master of the Company, the Wardens and the Clerk having been brought in and announced by the Common Cryer, will take their seats inside the Bar of the Court, the Beadle, with his Mace, standing behind them. The other representatives of the Company will take up position at the Bar of the Court.

The Town Clerk will announce the occasion of the meeting and read the Order of the Court for the grant of Livery to the Company.

The Chamberlain of London will read the Letters Patent confirming the grant of Livery to the Company.

The Master will advance to the Table and the Lord Mayor will then address the Masters and Wardens, and will present to the Master the Letters Patent confirming the grant of Livery to the Company.

To receive the document the Master will advance to the Lord Mayor and will then return to the end of the table before replying on behalf of the Company.

At the conclusion of the Court of Aldermen the Lord Mayor will escort the Master of the Company from the Long Parlour, followed by the Beadle, the Wardens and the Clerk.

The Aldermen and the Officers will leave the Long Parlour in procession (Seniors first) and proceed to the Old Ball Room.

After the Company has unrobed, Luncheon will be served in the Salon at 1.15 p.m.

*Town Clerk's Office,
Guildhall, E.C.2.
October, 1984*



The Fueller's Procession to the Court of Aldermen 17th October 1984
Procession to the Court Room-Mansion House

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COURT OF ALDERMEN



DONALDSON, Mayor

COURT OF ALDERMEN

WEDNESDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1984

PRESENT

Dame Mary Donaldson, G.B.E.,
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
Sir Edward Howard, Bt., G.B.E.,
D.Sc.

Sir Peter Gadsden, G.B.E., M.A.,
D.Sc., F. Eng.

Colonel Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe,
G.B.E., T.D., D.C.L., D.H.

Sir Christopher Leaver, G.B.E.,
D. MUS.

Mr. Alderman Charvet, R.D.

Mr. Alderman Collett, M.A.

Mr. Alderman Bidwell

Mr. Alderman Graham

Mr. Alderman Jenkins, M.A.

Mr. Alderman McWilliams,
B.Sc. (Eng.) C. Eng.

Mr. Alderman Newall, T.D.,
M.A., D.L.

Mr. Alderman Cork

Mr. Alderman Bull

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff

Rowe-Ham

Col. Alderman and Sheriff
Spratt, T.D.

Grant of
Livery
to the
Company of
Fuellers

This day the Court met at Mansion House to present to the Company of Fuellers, Letters Patent confirming the grant of Livery to the Company agreeably to the Order of the Court of the 17th July, 1984.

Resolved — That the Master, the Wardens and the Clerk of the Company be received within the Bar of the Court.

The Master, Wardens and Clerk having taken their seats the Town Clerk read the Order of the Court of the 17th July, 1984 for the grant of Livery to the Company.

The Chamberlain read the Letters Patent confirming the grant of Livery to the Company.

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor addressed the Master and presented the grant of Livery to him.

The Master of the Company replied.

ROWLEY.

SPEECH BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR

**DAME MARY DONALDSON G.B.E.,
PRESENTING THE LETTERS PATENT TO THE
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS**

MASTER, It is with considerable pleasure that I present you with the Letters Patent which signify the birth of our youngest Livery Company.

You are the 95th in a very distinguished and honorable roll to which I am sure you will add even more lustre.

With this solemn ceremony we all become part of the living history of our City, forging another link in the chain that stretches back through the centuries.

Impressive and Moving as the ceremony is, our principal concern must be with the future.

The paramount position that our City holds today owes much to the Livery.

It must continue as a potent force for good if our future is to match the glories of the past.

I am confident, Master, that in passing this Document into your care I am placing it in safe hands and that the Worshipful Company of Fuellers will bring added strength and vitality and, above all, allegiance to the City for which we all care so passionately.



The Rt.Hon. The Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson GBE, presenting the Letters Patent to The Master, Mr Charles St. G. Stephenson Clarke.

**REPLY BY THE MASTER
MR. CHARLES ST. G. STEPHENSON CLARKE**

My Lord Mayor, Aldermen,

Thank you my Lord Mayor for presenting the Letters Patent confirming the Grant of Livery to the Worshipful Company of Fuellers — the 95th Livery Company of the City of London.

For our motto, we have taken “Our Strength is in Coal”. Coal is no stranger to the City of London. The existence of a Sea Coal Lane is recorded in 1228 and over the centuries, continuous reference has been made to our founder bodies of Coal Factors, Coal Meters and Coal Merchants. I welcome this opportunity for our new Livery Company to participate in the activities of the City and to uphold its ancient customs and traditions.

My Lord Mayor, Aldermen, on behalf of the Wardens, Court of Assistants and Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, I thank you for complying with the Company’s Petition, and you My Lord Mayor for presenting the Letters Patent.



The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson GBE
and Mr Charles St. G. Stephenson Clarke, The Master,
leaving the Court of Aldermen after the Ceremony.



Presentation of the Letters Patent: Mr Martyn R. Wakefield, The Senior Warden, Dame Mary Donaldson GBE, The Lord Mayor, Mr Charles St. G. Stephenson Clarke, THE MASTER, Mr Peter E. Brewis CBE, The Junior Warden, Mr. Arthur R. Puttock, The Clerk.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS

LUNCHEON TO THE COURT OF ALDERMEN

following

THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE GRANT OF LIVERY TO THE COMPANY

WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 1984
at

The Mansion House, London

(by kind permission of the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor)

MENU

Petit Chablis
Domaine des Valery

Roulades of Smoked Salmon
and Potted Shrimps

— . . . —

Chateau Portet
Cotes de Bourg 1976

Room Carved:
Roast Ribs of Scotch Beef
Horseradish Sauce
Yorkshire Pudding
Button Brussels Sprouts
Roast Potatoes

— . . . —

Creme Brulee
Orange Segments in Liqueur

— . . . —

Port
Taylors' LBV

Coffee

Grace

prepared by

The Reverend Basil Watson OBE, MA, R.N.

Vicar: St. Lawrence Jewry, Next Guildhall, London

Hon. Chaplain to the

Worshipful Company of Fuellers

*Bless, O Lord, these gifts to our use and
ourselves to thy service, and ever keep in peace
and concord the Church, the Queen, and this
Worshipful Company of Fuellers*

Grace said by

Arthur R. Puttock

Clerk

THE MASTER
Mr. Charles St. G. Stephenson Clarke

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
DAME MARY DONALDSON G.B.E.

Alderman Sir EDWARD HOWARD,
Bt., G.B.E., D.Sc.

Mr. MARTYN R. WAKEFIELD
The Senior Warden

Mr. PETER. E. BREWIS, C.B.E.,
The Junior Warden

Alderman Sir PETER GADSDEN,
G.B.E., D.Sc.F.Eng.

Colonel and Alderman Sir. RONALD GARDNER-THORPE
Bt., G.B.E., D.Sc.,

Mr. R.N. HORNE., J.P.
Assistant

Mr. JOHN BICKFORD SMITH *Senior Master of the
Queen's Bench Division and Queens Remembrancer*

Sir BERNARD WALEY-COHEN Bt., LL.D., M.A.

Mr. B.P. HARTY I.P.F.A., M.B.C.S.
The Chamberlain

Mr. G.A. McGECHAN
Assistant

Alderman Sir CHRISTOPHER LEAVER, G.B.E. D.Mus.

Mr. G.B. PUGH
Assistant

Lieut. Commander P. ANGELL, D.S.C. R.N.
Master Clothworkers' Company

Mr. LEIGHTON L. IRWIN, J.P.
Coal Factors Society

Colonel Alderman and Sheriff G.D. SPRATT, T.D.

Mr. J.C. BRANNAGAN
Assistant

Mr. C.M. MOWLL
Clerk, Clothworkers' Company

Mr. A.D. HOWLETT, R.D., M.A., LLb.
Remembrancer

Mr. C.E. NEEDHAM
Coalite Group

Mr. Alderman C. COLLETT, M.A.

Mr. Alderman A.M. GRAHAM

Mr. Alderman H.C.P. BIDWELL

Mr. Alderman R.C.L. CHARVET R.D.,

Rear-Admiral P.G. HAMMERSLEY C.B., O.B.E.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. FENHALLS

Mr. Alderman B.G. JENKINS

Rear-Admiral E. MACLEAN
Director General Fleet Support Policy & Services

Rear-Admiral A.J. COOKE, C.B.
Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor

Mr. Alderman F. McWILLIAMS B.Sc(Eng)

Mr. Alderman R.W. CORK

Mr. S.J.G. HUTCHINSON
Assistant

Mr. J.B. PUGH
Assistant

Mr. Alderman P.H. NEWALL T.D.M.A. D.L.

Mr. Alderman P.A. BULL

Lieutenant-Colonel St. JOHN C. BROOKE JOHNSON
The Common Cryer and Serjeant at Arms

Lieutenant-Colonel P.M. MILO
The Sword Bearer

Colonel J.R.L. HOWARD
The City Marshal

Mr. A. Page
The Committee Clerk, Town Clerk's Office

Mr. T. MORRIS
Chamberlain's Court

Mr. J.L. PLOWMAN
Extel - Public Relations

Mr. J. R. Sewell, M.A.F.S.A.,
Deputy Keeper of the Records

Mr. A.R. PUTTOCK
The Clerk

Mrs. M. CHANDLER
Assistant Clerk

TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

— — —

QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER
THE PRINCE PHILIP DUKE OF EDINBURGH
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

— — —

THE LORD MAYOR AND
THE COURT OF ALDERMEN
Proposed by The Senior Warden
MARTYN R. WAKEFIELD Esq.,

— — —

Reply and Toast to
THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS

By the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
Dame MARY DONALDSON G.B.E.

— — —

Reply by The Master
CHARLES St. G. STEPHENSON CLARKE Esq.,

TOAST TO THE LORD MAYOR AND THE COURT OF ALDERMEN PROPOSED BY THE SENIOR WARDEN, MR. MARTYN R. WAKEFIELD

Master, my Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriff, Lady and Gentlemen:

In recent times this is only the second formal function to be undertaken by our Company and it is a particular pleasure and privilege for me to have been entrusted with the task of proposing this toast.

I said 'in recent times' because although the presentation of Livery is always a unique occasion we have reason to believe that, in our case there is a precedent. One of our originating bodies is the Society of Coal Merchants and although it is known that historical references to the import and use of coal in the City of London are to be found as early as 1253 the Society is first recorded in 1539 in association with the Woodmongers (also known as the Fuellers) to which Company was made a grant of Arms 379 years ago this month in recognition of the award of a Charter of Incorporation by James I. The Charter had been given for 'the regulation of the Trade and for its better order and government'. Regrettably such good intentions did not always survive unscathed in those days any more than they do now and after 64 years, as a result of repeated complaints about the price of coal — even though the high price was probably the result of the sinking of our colliers along the East coast during their voyage from the Tyne by the Dutch, with whom we happened to be at war at the time — in December 1667 the Lord Chancellor was ordered to seize all fuel for distribution to the poor and the Charter was surrendered.

Even then the close connection with the City was not ended. In 1330 a body of officials, known as Coal Meters, had been appointed to collect the tax which was levied on all coal entering London and at that time the tax amounted to 4d per chaldron — the measure by which coal was then traded. By 1667 the tax had risen to 1/- and by 1704 to no less than 7/- so perhaps the Coal Trade were not alone in the responsibility for the rising price. Very large sums of money were raised by this tax and much of it was used for the rebuilding and improvement of the City after the Great Fire. It was all collected through the meters. The London Gazette in 1724 records that fifteen Coal Meters were in office for the City and it was also noted that the sum of £1,000 was paid to the Lord Mayor.

It was with some of this historical background in mind that ten years ago it occurred to the committee of the Society of Coal Merchants that, after 300 years, they might be considered to have served due penance and that a proper approach to the City for a pardon might be favourably received. To our very great delight our petition was not only favourably received but the necessary procedures were very much expedited and we express sincere gratitude to you, my Lord Mayor and the Court of Aldermen, for your courtesy and for the honour you have granted to the Fuellers in presenting Letters Patent to us today.

I referred earlier to a previous formal function which was held in the Egyptian Hall of this great House by the kindness of one of your distinguished predecessors and which celebrated the recognition of the fuellers — in their refuelled form — as a City Company without Livery. On that occasion, my Lord Mayor you were kind enough to support our celebration when you occupied the office of Sheriff. Since then you have also achieved a notably unique distinction in being the first lady to attain the high office you have filled during the past year with such eminence. It gives us all the greater pleasure, therefore, that we have been so honoured by the City during the year of your Mayoralty.

Throughout this past ten years we have been greatly assisted in our endeavours by the high officers of the City and their respective staffs and we tender our sincere thanks to them. I think it is opportune also to record our thanks to the College of Arms and in particular to Sir Colin Cole who has taken such a keen interest in us throughout that time.

We have now to accustom ourselves to the thought that at this point we have reached only the end of the beginning and, as we buckle down to the tasks before us we shall continue to remember with gratitude and humility the great honour awarded us today.

And so now I ask all members of the Company and other guests to rise and drink with me a toast to The Lord Mayor and the Court of Aldermen.

**REPLY BY THE RT. HON. THE LORD MAYOR
DAME MARY DONALDSON G.B.E.
AND
TOAST TO THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS**

Masters, Wardens, Brother Aldermen, Sheriff, Lady and Gentlemen

Senior warden, I listened with intense interest to your fascinating historical account of the coal industry and as you spoke I could not help the thought 'Plus ça change...' entering my mind. The old company of fuellers with which your predecessors were associated died three hundred years ago when coal was the centre of controversy, The new compnay is born in similar circumstances. Yet that is not so suprising. Coal has been central to our national existence and development. It powered the industrial revolution which created a great manufacturing nation and, in consequence, elevated this City to a leading world centre of trade and finance. This is not the occasion to dwell on the problems of the mining industry except to say that I am sure every sensible person in this country yearns for a just settlement of the long and acrimonious dispute.

Master. I must pause for a moment to get back to the preamble to my address which mentioned the lone lady. She is, I believe, the assistant to your clerk. I would like to offer a word of comfort in case she is feeling slightly outnumbered. When I joined the corporation eighteen years ago I was introduced to another new member — a man, of course — with the words, 'Don't worry, we're still 186 to one.' We had reduced our local number and the batting average has come down a bit since then. A few maiden overs have been bowled and although I would not claim, nor want to, that I was one of the boys, I very quickly became accepted as a member of the team.

That is what we are in this City, Master. A team, a partnership between Livery, Corporation and the business elements that secure our leading position in the world of finance and trade. Each of the partners has his own course to follow, yet they are bound by a unity of purpose — a respect for our enviable tradition and a determination that our future shall do honour to our past.

We are, of course, unique. A self-governing entity unhampered by politics. That independence is vital to our success for it enables us to co-operate with national government, whoever may be in office. Yet because we are different we attract attention, even provoke enmity. We do not conform and that does not sit well with those whom life must be reduced to a drab selection of labels and political slogans. That is why this new compnay must not only support our city, as it so clearly does by its very existence, but must also be seen to support our way of life. I urge you most strongly to exercise the vote your status gives you; to attend those meetings you are entitled to attend, and to take an active interest in the affairs of the Corporation and the Court of Aldermen.

Our city is changing, as it always has done, to adapt to the economic and social environment in which it exists. You do not have to look very hard to see some of that change. I am part of it as the first woman Lord Mayor; you are part of it as a new and vital force in our livery, and we all know of the contortions currently taking place in the business city as it adjusts to meet changing business methods and increasing competition. Change for good is essential to survival, but it must be evolution, not revolution.

Master, one of the prime duties of the Lord Mayor is to be an ambassador for the City. I have travelled 39,000 miles in my year of office trying to explain our City, how it works and what it has to offer in financial and trading services. The Livery always has a significant part in that explanation. How companies like the Armourers and Brasiers, Bowyers and Fletchers and Fan Makers are a modern force despite the quaint titles they proudly retain. They have formed links with present day industry to support research, education and training and to encourage excellence in craftsmanship. Regrettably, I cannot record 100 per cent success for my explanations. Operating under some difficulty as I tried to transport a fish egg from plate to mouth with chopsticks, I endeavoured to explain the Livery to my Japanese host in Tokyo. It must have lost something in translation. The interpreter cheerfully informed me that my host understood perfectly, although he still persisted in calling it the Lie-very. He wanted me to know that they used to have a similar system in Tokyo where hotels issued guests with distinctive kimonos so that when they went out everyone knew which hotel was enjoying their custom. Language, master, is not always a problem. After

all, President Reagan and I speak the same language — almost. Yet when he visited Guildhall during the Economic Summit this summer I felt I was not really getting through to him as I took him round a photographic display of various aspects of the business city at work. Then, aother interpreter appeared on the scene and said briskly while pointing to the photographs: 'Here's where you buy your currency, Mr. President, and there is where you hedge your bets'. I was suitably impressed, and when I had a chance I asked, 'Who was that man? He was rather good', and someone whispered in my ear, 'He should be, Lord Mayor, he's the financial secretary to the United States Treasury'.

Senior warden, I thank you for the kind words with which you proposed the toast to the Lord Mayor and the Court of Aldermen, and may I thank you also on behalf of the officers of the City for the Tribute you paid to them. This lunch, and the ceremony that preceeded it, are both solemn and joyful events and I shall remember the occasion on which I was privileged to play a part in the birth of a new Livery Company as one of the highlights of my year of office.

I shall watch with keen interest the progress of this infant company because, after a suitable interval following my departure from the Mansion House, I shall be back to play an active part in our City for as long as I have something to offer and the ability to give it. Master, confident that the progress will be both noteworthy and that its contribution to the Livery and our City will be considerable, I offer you the toast: The Worshipful Company of Fuellers.

REPLY BY THE MASTER
MR. CHARLES ST. G. STEPHENSON CLARKE

My Lord Mayor, Wardens, Aldermen, Sheriff, Lady and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, I thank you my Lord Mayor for proposing the health of the 95th Livery Company of the City of London.

I have said earlier that Coal is no stranger to the City and our Senior Warden has outlined something of our past history. Wisely he did not mention Coal's early unpopularity, due to the smoke which was thought (rightly it now seems) to be unhealthy. As early as 1825 the Patent Rolls record complaints of annoyance by Lime Kilns using sea-coal as fuel whereby "the air is infected and corrupted". Three hundred years later the Company of Brewers, understanding that Her Majesty "findeth herself greatly grieved and annoyed with the taste and smoke of the sea-coals they use" offered to burn no more coal but wood only, in those brewhouses nearest to the Palace of Westminster. Stows Annals record in 1616, "within 30 years last, the nice dames of London would not come into any house or room when sea-coals were burned, nor willingly eat of the meat that was roasted with sea-coal fire". By then, however, it was too late as sea-coal had already become the general fuel since timber had been exhausted by the manifold uses to which it was put and the neglect of re-afforestation.

Sea-coal was shipped from the North East Coast in Colliers which by the 17th century averaged a cargo of 70 tons and made 7 or 8 round trips a year. The winter months were avoided due to the dangers of the East Coast — in those days there being no lighthouses, uncertain Charts, and even worse, bad weather. It was a hazardous trade.

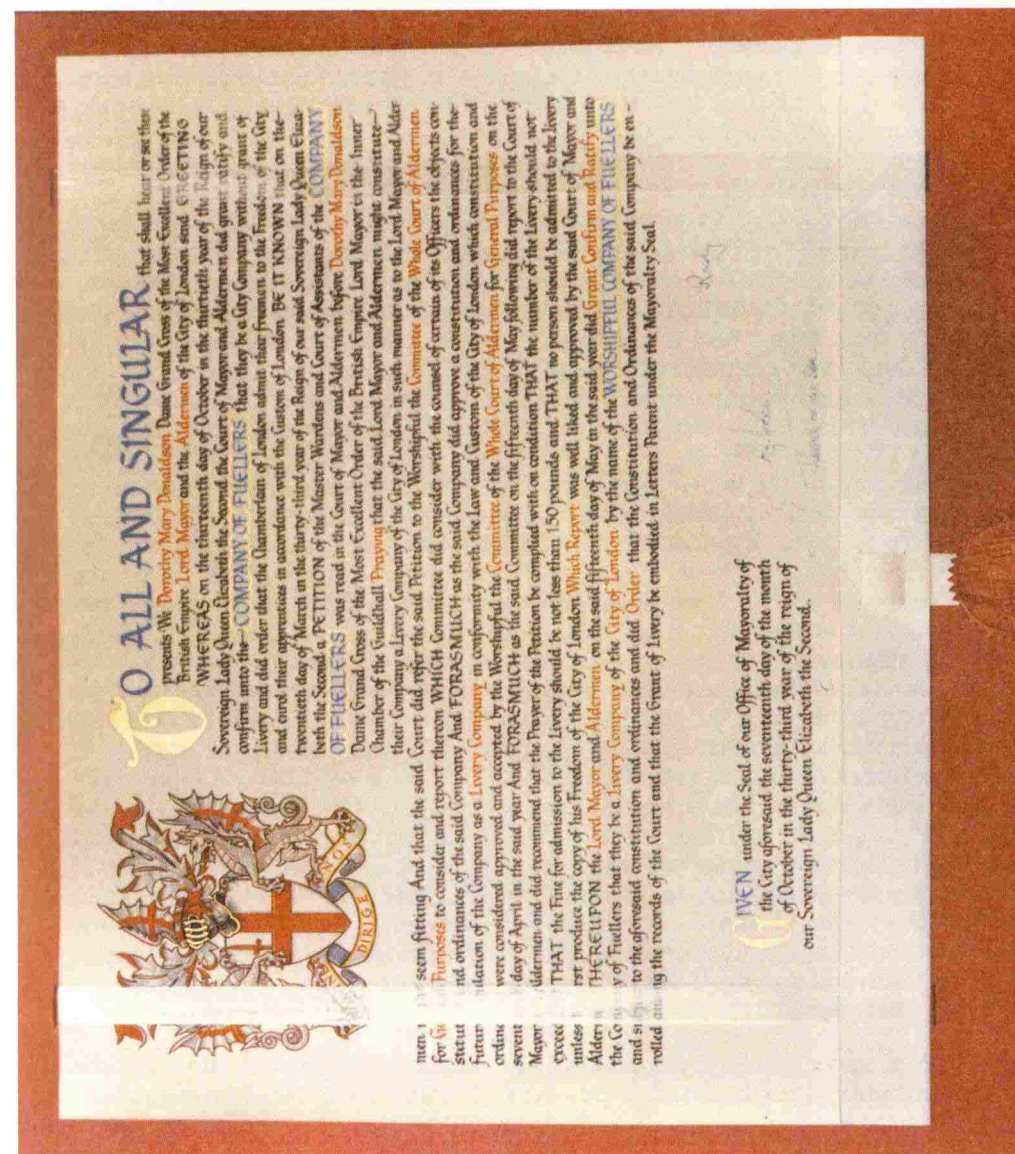
The Senior Warden has mentioned taxes, particularly after the Fire of London. In May 1670 a special extra duty of 2/- per ton was allowed, three quarters of which was for the rebuilding and repairing of the City Churches, including of course, St. Paul's. Quite a hefty contribution when coal was sold in the streets at less than 20/- per ton. Curiously, from 1700 to 1750 a special levy of 4 pence was raised on coal for the relief of orphans — the orphans being those of Freemen of the City!

Over the centuries, clearly, Coal and the City had their differences, but, without it Industry could not have prospered and without the revenue derived from taxes much of the City might not have been rebuilt and our forebears could not have relished the comforts of a coal fire!

My Lord Mayor, the Worshipful Company of Fuellers has formed an association with the Royal Navy and I am delighted to welcome here Admiral E. Maclean, Director General, Fleet Support Policy and Services and Admiral P.G. Hammersley, a former Chief Naval Engineer Officer. Unfortunately, the present Chief Naval Engineer Officer, Rear Admiral J.S. Grove (an Honorary Liveryman) cannot be with us today due to commitments in the United States. The Royal Navy was for many years fuelled by Coal and it is most appropriate that the Worshipful Company of Fuellers should be allied to the Engineering Branch. Liaison was of course established centuries earlier since the Collier fleets provided a supply of small bulk cargo vessels for the Royal Navy in time of war — my own family lost 2 at the sack of Havana! The Navy also provided convoy escorts to the Colliers on the East Coast — not only in the last 2 wars, but much earlier when we were at war, with, amongst others, the French and the Dutch. The voyage account of the Cleveland, one of our colliers, dated May 12th 1779 refers to an item "To three men of war when assisting us from the Nore: 15/-".

My Lord Mayor, I should also like to add my personal thanks to Officers of the Corporation of London for all their advice and assistance. The Worshipful Company of Fuellers looks forward to playing an active part in the Civic Life of this Great City, and will uphold its ancient customs and traditions. On behalf of the Wardens and Court of Assistants, may I thank you, my Lord Mayor, for allowing the Worshipful Company of Fuellers to entertain you, Aldermen and our other guests in the Mansion House today.

As a reminder of this historic occasion, may I present you with this portable radio which I have been assured is suitable for use in small boats. Regrettably, the miracle of the micro-chip has not been able to produce a set small enough to fit into this model of the "Richard", one of my family's Colliers.



THE GRANT OF LIVERY

TO ALL AND SINGULAR that shall hear or see these presents
We DOROTHY MARY DONALDSON Dame Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire LORD MAYOR and the ALDERMEN of the City of London send GREETING.

WHEREAS on the thirteenth day of October in the thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second the Court of Mayor and Aldermen did grant ratify and confirm unto the COMPANY OF FUELLERS that they be a City Company without grant of Livery and did order that the Chamberlain of London admit their freemen to the Freedom of the City and enrol their apprentices in accordance with the Custom of London BE IT KNOWN that on the twentieth day of March in the thirty-third year of the Reign of our said Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second a PETITION of the Master Wardens and Court of Assistants of the COMPANY OF FUELLERS was read in the Court of Mayor and Aldermen before Dorothy Mary Donaldson Dame Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Lord Mayor in the Inner Chamber of the Guildhall Praying that the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen might constitute their Company a Livery Company of the City of London in such manner as to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen might seem fitting And that the said Court did refer the said Petition to the Worshipful the Committee of the Whole Court of Aldermen for General Purposes to consider and report thereon WHICH Committee did consider with the counsel of certain of its Officers the objects constitution and ordinances of the said Company And FORASMUCH as the said Company did approve a constitution and ordinances for the future regulation of the Company as a Livery Company in conformity with the Law and Custom of the city of London which constitution and ordinances were considered approved and accepted by the Worshipful the Committee of the Whole Court of Aldermen for General Purposes on the seventeenth day of April in the said year And FORASMUCH as the said Committee on the fifteenth day of May following did report to the Court of Mayor and Aldermen and did recommend that the Prayer of the Petition be compiled with on condition THAT the number of the Livery should not exceed 250 THAT the Fine for admission to the Livery should be not less than 150 pound and THAT no person should be admitted to the Livery unless he first produce the copy of his Freedom of the City of London WHICH REPORT was well liked and approved by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen THEREUPON the Lord Mayor and Aldermen on the said fifteenth day of May in the said year did Grant Confirm and Ratify unto the Company of Fuellers that they be a Livery Company of the City of London by the name of the WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS and subject to the aforesaid constitution and ordinances and did Order that the Constitution and Ordinances of the said Company be enrolled among the records of the Court and that the Grant of Livery be embodied in Letters Patent under the Mayoralty Seal.

Given under the Seal of our Office of Mayoralty of the City aforesaid the seventeenth day of the month of October in the thirty-third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second.

Clerk of the Seal

The Worshipful Company of Fuellers

Master

Charles St. G. Stephenson Clarke Esq.,

Senior Warden

Martyn R. Wakefield Esq.,

Junior Warden

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Clerk

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Assistant Clerk

Mary Chandler

Chaplain

The Revd. Basil A. Watson OBE, MA, RN.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS

The City of London has never been actively engaged in the business of the winning of fuel such as coal and wood but, from very early times, industry in the Capital has used these commodities in large quantities.

It is not surprising, therefore, that like other trades, the demands and interests of the vendors of fuel led, in the course of time, to the incorporation of a central representative body known as The Company of Woodmongers and Coal Sellers. Mention of the Company, sometimes known as 'The Fuellers', is to be found in the records of the City of London as long ago as 1376. The Company was granted a Royal Charter by King James 1st in 1605 and, in the same year, it applied for and obtained from the College of Heralds a Grant of Arms.

In the year 1442 and again in 1532, the Misterie of the Woodmongers is recorded as 48th. in the order of precedence among the Crafts of the City of London and, half a century later, the Court of Aldermen placed the Company of Carmen under the control of the Woodmongers and Coal Sellers. This was, in due course, confirmed by the Royal Charter. However, with the surrender of the Woodmongers' Charter in 1667, the Carmens' connection was severed for good.

The Company of Woodmongers and Coal Sellers was responsible to the City of London for the collection of coal Dues and Taxes which were the main source of revenue for the rebuilding of the City after the Great Fire of 1666. Almost the whole of the cost of rebuilding and refurbishing St. Paul's Cathedral, for example, was met from coal Taxes which passed through the Company of Woodmongers and Coal Sellers.

The Records contain no reference to the Company of Woodmongers and Coal Sellers after the year 1746 and the Company seems literally to have died of inanition. Many members joined the Watermen's Company whose main interests were not however, the vending of Coal or Wood fuel. This state of affairs led to the development of a kind of industrial osmosis resulting in the formation about 1730 of The Society of Owners of Coal Craft, which Society assumed the functions of the Woodmongers' Company, although occasional unofficial references to the older name persisted for another 100 years.

Throughout the second half of the 17th century, the Company of Woodmongers and Coal Sellers had gradually been losing control of the Coal import trade, and the Coal Factors of London had so far successfully consolidated their interests that, by 1761, they had formed The Society of Coal Factors.

Because of the lack of independent weighers of coal (Coal Meters), which proved extremely inconvenient, The Society of Coal Factors and The Society of Owners of Coal Craft together formed The Coal Meters' Committee. In 1836, The Society of Owners of Coal Craft altered its name to The Society of Coal Merchants (of London).

The representative bodies of coal merchants, factors and meters operated from and administered The London Coal Exchange which, when it was terminated and the building was demolished in 1959, provided the funds for the formation of The City Educational Trust Fund.

In 1981, members of The Society of Coal Merchants, The Society of Coal Factors and The Coal Meters' Committee, formed a Company under the old style of The Company of Woodmongers and Coal Sellers, basing the Company's Ordinances upon those typical of a Company of the City of London. A little later on, the name was changed to The Company of Fuellers and it was decided to Petition the Court of Aldermen for recognition as a City Company without Livery.

On the 13th. October, 1981, the Petition was granted and, in due process of time, the Company applied by further Petition for Livery Status which the Court of Aldermen was pleased to grant on the 15th. May, 1984.

There are present at today's luncheon which marks the Presentation of the Grant of Letters Patent to the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, senior Officers of the Royal Navy.

Ever since the advent of steam engines as the motive power for Her Majesty's Warships, coal has been of vital importance to the Royal Navy although less today, perhaps, than in former years. The Worshipful Company of Fuellers looks forward to a continuous and close association with the Senior Service.

THE ARMORIAL BEARINGS and SUPPORTERS of THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS

THE SHIELD

The Shield of Arms resembles that of the Coal Merchants' Society but has added to it, the Sable Lozenges, or black diamonds, which are a feature of the Armorial Bearings of the Society of Coal Factors.

THE CREST

The Society of Coal Factors is also commemorated heraldically in the Crest, where the wings of the Dragon have been charged with the Arms of the Coal Factors. The Dragon has been chosen as the Crest Creature that is suitable, because the Society of Coal Merchants in its Crest was granted a Dragon, so that the said Dragon holding up the Collier Brig, also deriving from the Armorial Bearings of the Coal Factors, can be said to stand for the way in which the two Societies have united to form the Company of Fuellers.

The Dragon emerges from a "Crown rayonny", that is to say, a Crown or Coronet the finials of which are in the form of rays, this type of Crown thereby suggesting heat and energy. The Crown is tinctured Gules, red, as it is in the Arms of the Society of Coal Merchants and it can also be interpreted as standing for the Coal Meters Committee which has joined with the two other Societies in the founding of the Fuellers and which, not having any arms of its own would not be otherwise represented heraldically.

THE SUPPORTERS

The Supporters are heraldic Monsters, and certainly can be said to have a carboniferous quality in that they are depicted Sable, Black, the colour of coal and are in other respects suitable emblematically to represent Fuellers.

The Dexter Supporter is a "Caretyne", an heraldic Monster, the very name of which "Care Tyne", pronounced in this way, suggests that the Tyne or the area of the Tyne where coal is produced should be safeguarded which in a notional sense can be said to be one of the objects of the Company such as the Fuellers, concerned as it is about one of the substances which is used as fuel. The Caretyne is always depicted in heraldry with flames coming from its ears and jaws, like the Panther in the Arms of the Fuellers, and thus like the latter by reason of this characteristic, can be regarded as typifying suitably the interest that Fuellers have in the production of heat, energy and light.

The Sinister Supporter, a "Cockatrice" has the wings of a Dragon and a Dragon's head at its tail end, and in heraldic mythology is linked with such a creature of the earth as the Dragon. Its name of "Cockatrice" by its first syllable provides a play upon another kind of fuel, Coke, so for this reason also it can be regarded as allusive of the Fuellers objects and in particular as both Supporters are shown with their heads "regardant", that is to say, looking watchfully over their shoulders, they can be said to symbolize the care which it is the purpose of the Company of Fuellers to provide in the case of necessitous persons engaged in the Coal Trade.

Each Supporter is shown collared and pendant from each such collar there is a chain of three links. This has a significance also, symbolizing the union of the three groups who have come together in the formation of the Company of Fuellers, namely the Society of Coal Merchants, the Society of Coal Factors and the Coal Meters' Committee.

THE MOTTO

The Motto "IN CARBONE ROBUR NOSTRUM" is translated thus "OUR STRENGTH IS IN COAL".

The City Recorder
October 25th 1984

Letters Patent for Fuellers'

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Triple alliance

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The Daily Telegraph

Thursday, October 18, 1984

LUNCHEONS

Company of Fuellers

The Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson, accompanied by the Sheriffs, yesterday presented Letters Patent confirming the Grant of Livery to the Company of Fuellers to the Master, Mr Charles St G. Stephenson Clarke, at a ceremony at the Mansion House. A luncheon was held afterwards at which the speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Senior Warden, Mr Martyn R. Wakefield, and the Master.

CONSTITUTIONS AND ORDINANCES OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FUELLERS

CONSTITUTIONS

1. (a) The Company shall consist of a Master, Wardens, Assistants, Liverymen and Freemen.

(b) The Master, Wardens, Assistants, Trustees and Officers of the Company of Fuellers at the date on which these Constitutions and Ordinances come into force shall continue in their respective offices until another Master and other Wardens, Assistants, Trustees and Officers have been elected and admitted in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances unless they or any of them sooner die, resign, or are removed.

2. Every Member of the Court of Assistants of the Company at the date on which these Constitutions and Ordinances come into force shall, upon being admitted to the Freedom of the City of London and paying the prescribed livery fine, be deemed to have been duly admitted into the Livery of the Company, but any Member of the Court of Assistants of the Company who at the expiration of three months from the date on which these Constitutions and Ordinances come into force is not a Liveryman of the Company shall be disqualified from executing the duties of his office until such time as he is a Liveryman of the Company.

OBJECTS

The object and intention of the Company is to foster the business of persons involved in the retail and distributive sector of the coal industry and to provide social intercourse and mutual information between members of that business and in particular members of or those eligible for membership of the Society of Coal Merchants ("the Merchants"), the Society of Coal Factors ("the Factors") and the Coal Meters Society ("the Meters") and in furtherance of the said object and intention but not in any way in limitation thereof:—

- (a) to further interest within the Livery in the history, traditions and customs of the City of London and to support the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Corporation of the City of London in all matters relevant to the life and dignity of the City of London;
- (b) to purchase, take on lease, hire or otherwise acquire and maintain a hall, institute, library or other building or premises, and any real or personal property within a radius of one mile from the Bank of England in the City of London;
- (c) To create and accumulate funds for the benefit of members of the Company and the application of the same for the purposes of advancement of the interest of the Company and its members, the relief of existing members, retired members or members suffering hardship, and the wives, widows, children, orphans and any others depending upon them, and for education in matters relating to the retail and distributive side of the coal industry and scholarships, prizes and research in connection therewith, and for any charitable objects;
- (d) to accept any securities or trusts for the above purposes;
- (e) to aid and assist the Merchants, Factors, Meters and any other Societies connected with the retail and distributive side of the coal industry whether professional, benevolent, social or otherwise;
- (f) to support and encourage standards of honourable practice as set by the Merchants, Factors and Meters and encourage courtesy and ethical behaviour in the conducting of business in the retail and distributive side of the coal industry;
- (g) to apply, when to the Court of Assistants the time shall seem meet, to Her Majesty in Council for a charter of incorporation;
- (h) to do all things incidental or conducive to the objects aforesaid or any of them.

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ORDINANCES

The Ordinances set forth in the Schedule hereto shall be the Ordinances of the Company until the same shall be replaced or altered in manner therein provided.

THE SCHEDULE above referred to

1. FREEDOM OF THE COMPANY

(a) The Freedom of the Company shall be by Patrimony, Servitude, or Redemption as hereinafter provided and shall be limited to persons who are engaged in or connected with the coal distributive trade.
(b) Subject as hereinafter mentioned, the Court shall have power to elect and admit Freemen of the Company. Every candidate for the Freedom of the Company otherwise than by patrimony or apprenticeship must be proposed and seconded in manner prescribed by the Court from time to time and notice thereof given to the Clerk. The Clerk shall give notice of each proposal to every Member of the Court at least fourteen days before the meeting of the Court at which the election is to take place. A simple majority of those Members of the Court present and voting will be necessary to elect such a Freeman. The result of the ballot shall be reported to the meeting by the Master, and due notice given by the Clerk to the elected candidate. Any such Freeman shall be liable to pay such dues as the Court shall from time to time decide.

(c) When it shall happen that the son or daughter of a Freeman of the Company and of the City of London born after such Freeman shall have obtained his Freedom of the City, shall have arrived at the age of not less than 21 years and be desirous of taking up his or her Freedom of the Company and of the City of London, the Court shall admit him or her to the Freedom of the Company and present him or her to the Chamberlain of London to be made a Freeman by patrimony and such Freedom so obtained shall be and be deemed to be Freedom by Patrimony according to the Customs of London. Any such Freeman shall be liable to pay such dues as the Court shall from time to time decide.

(d) When it shall happen that a student is also apprenticed to a Freeman of the Company and a Freeman of the City of London, the Company shall cause a record of the Indenture of such apprentice to be entered in the books of the Company and the Master of such apprentice shall cause the Indenture to be entered in the books of the Chamberlain of London to the intent that such apprentice having served the term of his apprenticeship shall on proof of faithful service, be admitted to the Freedom of the Company and be presented to the Chamberlain of London to be made a Freeman of the City of London and any such Freedom so obtained shall be and be deemed to be Freedom by Servitude according to the Customs of London. Any such Freedom shall be liable to pay such dues as the Court shall from time to time decide.

(e) If the conduct or circumstances of a Freeman shall in the opinion of the Court or of any twenty Freemen of the Company (who shall certify the same in writing) be injurious to the character and interest of the Company, the Court shall have power without assigning any reason to exclude him or her from active participation in the affairs benefits and amenities of the Company either generally or for any specified period.

The powers given to the Court by this Clause shall only be exercised at a Meeting of the Court in respect of which not less than fourteen days' notice was given to every Member of the Court of the intention to bring under consideration at that Meeting the conduct of the person concerned. Before exercising any such power the person concerned shall be given the opportunity of being heard either by the Court itself or by a Committee thereof.

2. ADMISSION OF FREEMEN TO LIVERY

(a) The Court shall and may (subject to the Order of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen dated the 15th day of May One thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and to such other Orders of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen as may hereafter be made) call, nominate, choose, elect and admit into the Livery of the Company such and so many persons being Freeman of the Company and of the City of London as it shall think meet and able to be of the same Livery.

(b) In exceptional circumstances the Court shall have the power to elect to honorary Livery Status suitable persons who, in the opinion of the Court:—

- (i) have made a notable contribution to the coal distributive trade; and
- (ii) would by their election add distinction to the Company and thus enhance the reputation and standing of one of the craft guilds of the City of London; and such persons so elected shall be honorary Liveryman of the Company.

3. GOVERNING BODY

(a) The affairs of the Company shall be managed by a Court which shall consist of a Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden and not less than six nor more than twenty Assistants all such Members of the Court being Liverymen of the Company.

(b) Upon the death, resignation or removal of any Member of the Court or whensoever the Court shall decide to increase the number of Assistants within or up to the limit prescribed, the Court shall elect a fit and proper person or persons who shall be a Liveryman of the Company and willing to serve in the office of Assistant, in the room and stead of the person or persons so dying, resigning or being removed or to increase the number of Assistants as aforesaid.

(c) Masters of the Company shall on vacating the office of Master remain Members of the Court for a period of four years thereafter whereupon they shall retire from the Court but still be eligible for re-election.

(d) Every Member of the Court shall on election pay the Fine and satisfy the Court that he is prepared to serve in the office of Warden and Master in due course and shall on admission make the prescribed declaration and sign the Roll.

(e) The Court shall meet at Least quarterly and one of such Meetings, to be known as the Election Court, shall be held in the month April every year.

(f) The Master or in his absence the Senior Warden shall preside at Meetings of the Court. In the absence of both the Master and the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall preside.

(g) Four Members of the Court shall constitute a quorum but no meeting shall be held unless either the Master or a Warden be present.

(h) The decision of the Master, or the Senior or Junior Warden if either be Chairman, shall be conclusive on all points or order.

(i) At elections, any two Members may demand a ballot and in case of equality of voting, the Chairman shall exercise a casting vote.

4. ELECTION OF MASTER AND WARDENS

The Master, the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden shall be elected out of the Members of the Court at the Election Court held in April every year and shall be admitted to office at a Meeting of the Court to be held in the month of October every year.

5. ELECTION OF CLERK AND BEADLE

The Court shall, at the Election Court, elect one fit person to be its Clerk and if it shall think meet, one fit person or persons to be its Assistant Clerk or Clerks and shall elect one fit person to be its Beadle or Beadles.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk or Clerks shall always be guaranteed with reputable insurers under a Fidelity Guarantee Bond for such sum as the court may require, the Company paying the premiums.

6. CASUAL VACANCIES

In the event of the death, retirement or removal of a Master, Warden, Clerk or other Officer, the Court shall have power to make a temporary appointment for the remainder of the term of office of the person so dying, retiring or being removed.

7. DUTIES OF THE CLERK

- (a) The Minutes of all Meetings and the Financial Accounts of the Company shall be kept by the Clerk.
- (b) The Clerk shall issue Summonses to all Meetings subject to the direction of the Master.