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George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the State (then the Colony) of Tasmania passed in the fifty-third year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, numbered forty-one, intituled "An Act to establish a University in Tasmania," a University consisting of a Council and Senate was established at Hobart in the said State and made a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession, by the name of The University of Tasmania, with power to confer on persons of both sexes the several Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Doctor of Science, Bachelor of Laws, Doctor of Laws, Bachelor of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Music, Doctor of Music, and such Degrees and Certificates in the nature of Degrees as it should think fit in all branches of knowledge, except Theology or Divinity:

And Whereas the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Council of the said University, by their humble Petition under the Common Seal of the University, have prayed Us to the effect following (that is to say):—

To grant Our Letters Patent, declaring that the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Doctor of Science, Bachelor of Mining Engineering, Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws, Doctor of Laws, already conferred or hereafter to be conferred by the University of Tasmania shall be recognized as academic distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Our Empire of India, and Dominions, Colonies, and Possessions throughout the World, as fully as if the said Degrees had been granted by any University in Our said United Kingdom; and that such recognition may extend to Degrees conferred on women:

And Whereas it hath been represented to Us that, as regards the Degree of Bachelor of Mining Engineering above mentioned, no such position as is desired is accorded in the United Kingdom to any such Degree, and that it is inadvisable to recognize, in the way suggested, a Degree which is no longer granted, for the benefit of graduates who obtained it under an obsolete curriculum and scheme of examination:

Now know ye that We, having taken the said Petition into Our Royal consideration, do, by virtue of Our prerogative and of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, by these Presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will and ordain as follows:—

I. **The** Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, Doctor of Science, Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws, and Doctor of Laws, heretofore granted or conferred, and hereafter to be granted

or conferred, by the said University of Tasmania on any person, male or female, shall be recognized as academic distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in Our United Kingdom, in Our Empire of India, and in Our Dominions, Colonies, and Possessions throughout the World, as fully as if the said Degrees had been granted by any University of Our said United Kingdom.

II. No variation of the constitution of the said University which may at any time, or from time to time, be made by any Act of the Legislature of Tasmania shall in any manner annul, abrogate, circumscribe, or diminish the privileges conferred on the said University by these Our Letters Patent, nor the rank, rights, privileges, and considerations conferred by such Degrees, so long as the standard of knowledge now established, or a like standard, be preserved as a necessary condition for obtaining the aforesaid Degrees.

III. Any such standard shall be held sufficient for the purposes of these Our Letters Patent if so declared in any Proclamation issued by Our Governor of Tasmania for the time being.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the *thirtieth* day of *August*, 1915, in the Sixth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

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