

shows, but he assumed, the Attorney-General having adopted the book, that it had been duly executed by Queen Elizabeth, and upon the footing of it decided against us.

“ After the decision of the Master of the Rolls, we had notice that the Crown would not appeal, but upon representing the facts above referred to, to Mr. Reynolds, of the Treasury, and begging that an appeal might be presented, leaving out the book, the Crown finally decided to appeal. We were, however, astonished to observe that on the appeal this very book was again set up, and our efforts to get it struck out have proved of no avail. We are therefore anxious that a case should be prepared, and the most eminent counsel appear on the appeal on our behalf to urge the rights of this important and, we may say, national institution, on behalf of the army, as in the event of the appeal being decided against us, the benevolent object of this institution will be forever lost.

“ We should state that the present income of the Charity is now upwards of £15,000 per annum, yet we are only paid 1s. per day, the same as in the time of Queen Elizabeth, when the income was but £600 per annum. You will therefore at once perceive that it is impossible for us to furnish the necessary funds for the preparation of our case, counsel's fees, and other expenses on the appeal, which will be very considerable. We therefore take the liberty of troubling you with the above statement, and if you will kindly assist us in our efforts to assert the rights of this ancient national institution, we shall feel extremely obliged.

“ We have the honor to be

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