

and the Gold mine, have discovered and acquired other islands, under similar grant and concession made to them by the Apostolic See; we, desiring to bestow, as is worthy and becoming, also upon you and your heirs and successors aforesaid gifts, prerogatives and favours to a not less extent, of our like motion, not at your instance or that of any other person on your behalf by petition made to us about this matter, but of our own simple liberality and with the same knowledge and fulness of apostolic power grant, by apostolic authority according to the tenor of these presents, by a gift of especial grace, to you and your heirs and successors aforesaid, that, in the islands and lands up to the present time discovered by you or in your name and in future to be discovered, you may use, hold and freely enjoy all and singular the gifts, privileges, exemptions, liberties, faculties, immunities, letters and indults as granted to the Kings of Portugal, the purport of all which grants we ordain shall be held expressed and inserted herein, as sufficiently as if they were recited word by word in these presents, and that you may and should lawfully, in all things and in all respects, so hold them as if they had all been specially conceded to you and your heirs and successors aforesaid; and we extend and enlarge them, in all things and all respects, equally to you and your heirs and successors aforesaid, and we grant them, in the same manner and form, in perpetuity; notwithstanding apostolic constitutions and ordinances and all those things which, in the letters granted to the Kings of Portugal, have been so conceded; and notwithstanding all other things to the contrary.

But, since it would be difficult for these letters to be carried to all places which may be expedient, we will and, with like motion and knowledge, decree that to copies of them, signed by the hand of a public notary employed for that purpose and authenticated by the seal of some official person of ecclesiastical dignity or of an ecclesiastical court, the same entire faith shall be given, in courts of justice and outside them and in all other places, which would be given to these presents if they were exhibited or shown.

Therefore, let no man whomsoever infringe this charter of our exhortation, requisition, donation, assignment, investiture, deed, constitution, allotment, concession, will and decree, or, with rash audacity, contravene it. But if anyone should presume to make the attempt, be it known to him that he will incur the indignation of Almighty God and of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, in the year of the incarnation of Our Lord, 1493, on the third day of May, in the first year of our pontificate.