

30<sup>th</sup> October 1915

My Lord Mayor,

It has come to the knowledge of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Musicians through our colleagues who are also Officers of the City of London National Guard that that distinguished Regiment of citizen volunteers is desirous of establishing a Flute Band, and would be glad of assistance in accomplishing that object.

The Charter of King James I. granted to this guild on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1604 gave to the "Master Wardens and Commonalty of the Art or Science of Musicians of London the survey, search, correction and government of all and singular musicians and minstrels within our City of London": and although this power can no longer be exercised, the Company is wishful to do all in its power to encourage music and musicians in the City and elsewhere.

The Court understands that the City of London National Guard already possesses an efficient Drum and Bugle Band of uniformed musicians with a skilled instructor, that there are adequate opportunities for combined practice, and that what is desired is that these musicians should also act as a Flute Band.

In these circumstances the Court, after taking expert advice on the subject, has decided to defray the cost of purchasing from the well-known Instrument makers Messrs Hawkes & Son (the principal of which is a Member of this Guild) a complete set of 25 Flutes, with Piccolo and Cymbals. Leather cases and other appurtenances of the same high quality as a similar set of instruments recently supplied by that firm to H. M. Welsh Guards.

These Instruments I have now the pleasure, in the name and on behalf of the Musicians Company, of offering to your Lordship as the Head of the City and as Honorary Commandant of the City of London National Guard for