

# Second Virginia Charter

James, by the grace of God [King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc.] To all [to whom these presents shall come, greeting.]

Whereas, at the humble suite and request of sondrie oure lovinge and well disposed subjects intendinge to deduce a colonie and to make habitacion and plantacion of sondrie of oure people in that parte of America comonlie called Virginia, and other part and territories in America either apperteyninge unto us or which are not actually possessed of anie Christian prince or people within certaine bound and regions, wee have formerly, by oure lettres patents bearinge date the tenth of Aprill in the fourth yeare of oure raigne of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, and the nine and thirtieth of Scotland, graunted to Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers and others, for the more speedie accomplishment of the said plantacion and habitacion, that they shoulde devide themselves into twoe colloniesthe one consistinge of divers Knights, gentlemen, merchaunts and others of our cittie of London, called the First Collonie; and the other of sondrie Knights, gentlemen and others of the citties of Bristoll, Exeter, the towne of Plymouth, and other places, called the Second Collonieand have yielded and graunted maine and sondrie priviledges and liberties to each Collonie for their quiet setlinge and good government therein, as by the said lettres patents more at large appeareth.

Nowe, forasmuch as divers and sondrie of oure lovinge subjects, as well adventurers as planters, of the said First Collonie (which have already engaged them selves in furtheringe the businesse of the said plantacion and doe further intende by the assistance of Almightye God to

prosecute the same to a happie ende) have of late ben humble suiters unto us that, in respect of their great chardeges and the adventure of manie of their lives which they have hazarded in the said discoverie and plantacion of the said countrie, wee woulde be pleased to graunt them a further enlargement and explanacion of the said graunte, priviledge and liberties, and that suche counsellors and other officers maie be appointed amonngest them to manage and direct their affaires [as] are willinge and readie to adventure with them; as also whose dwellings are not so farr remote from the cittye of London but that they maie at convenient tymes be readie at hande to give advice and assistance upon all occacions requisite.

We, greatlie affectinge the effectual prosecucion and happie successe of the said plantacion and comendinge their good desires theirin, for their further encouragement in accomplishinge so excellent a worke, much pleasinge to God and profitable to oure Kingdomes, doe, of oure speciall grace and certeine knowledge and meere motion, for us, oure heires and successors, give, graunt and confirme to oure trustie and welbeloved subjects,

Robert, Earle of Salisbury [Salisbury]

Thomas, Earle of Suffolke [Suffolk]

Henrie, Earle of Southampton

William. Earle of Pembroke [Henrie]

[Henrie] Earle of Lincolne [Lincoln]

Henrie, Earle of Dorsett [Dorset]

Thomas, Earle of Exeter

Phillipp, Earle of Mountgommerie

Robert, Lord Vicount Lisle

Theophilus, Lord Howard of Walden

James Mountague, Lord Bishopp of Bathe and Wells

Edward, Lord Zouche

Thomas, Lord Lawarr	Sir Richard Williamson, Knight
Wiliam, Lord Mouteagle	Sir Ferdinando Weynman, Knight
Raphe, Lord Ewre	Sir William St. John, Knight
Edmond, Lord Sheffeld [Sheffield]	Sir Thomas Holcrofte, Knight [Holcroft]
Grey, Lord Shandis [Chandois]	Sir John Mallory, Knight
[Grey], Lord Compton	Sir Roger Ashton, Knight
John, Lord Petre	Sir Walter Cope, Knight
John, Lord Stanhope	Sir Richard Wigmore, Knight
George, Lord Carew	Sir William Cooke, Knight [Coke]
Sir Humfrey Welde, Lord Mayor of London [Weld]	Sir Herberte Crofte, Knight
George Pertie, Esquire [Percie]	Sir Henrie Faushawe, Knight [Fanshaw]
Sir Edward Cecill, Knight [Cecil]	Sir John Smith, Knight
Sir George Wharton, Knight	Sir Francis Wolley, Knight
Frauncis West, Esquire	Sir Edward Waterhouse, Knight
Sir William Waade, Knight [Wade]	Sir Henrie Sekeford, Knight [Seekford]
Sir Henrie Nevill, Knight [Nevil]	Sir Edward Saudes, Knights [Edwin Sandys]
Sir Thomas Smithe, Knight [Smith]	Sir Thomas Wayneman, Knight [Waynam]
Sir Oliver Cromwell, Knight	Sir John Trevor, Knight
Sir Peter Manwood, Knight	Sir Warrwick Heale, Knight [Heele]
Sir Dru Drurie, Knight [Drury]	Sir Robert Wroth, Knight
Sir John Scott, Knight [Scot]	Sir John Townnesende, Knight [Townsend]
Sir Thomas Challouer, Knight [Challoner]	Sir Christopher Perkins, Knight
Sir Robert Drurie, Knight [Drury]	Sir Daniell Dun, Knight
Sir Anthonye Cope, Knight	Sir Henrie Hobarte, Knight [Hobart]
Sir Horatio Veere, Knight [Vere]	Sir Franncis Bacon, Knight
Sir Edward Conwaie, Knight [Conway]	Sir Henrie Mountague, Knight [Montague]
Sir William Browne [Brown]	Sir Georg Coppin, Knight
Sir Maurice Barkeley, Knight [Berkeley]	Sir Samuell Sandes, Knight [Sandys]
Sir Roberte Maunsell, Knight [Mansel]	Sir Thomas Roe, Knight
Sir Amias Presou, Knight [Preston]	Sir George Somers, Knight
Sir Thomas Gates, Knight	Sir Thomas Freake, Knight
Sir Anthonie Ashley, Knight [Ashly]	Sir Thomas Horwell, Knight [Harwell]
Sir Michael Sandes, Knight [Sandys]	Sir Charles Kelke, Knight
Sir Henrie Carew, Knight [Carey]	Sir Baptist Hucks, Knight [Hicks]
Sir Stephen Soame, Knight	Sir John Watts, Knight
Sir Calisthenes Brooke, Knight	Sir Roberte Carey, Knight
Sir Edward Michelborne, Knight [Michelborn]	Sir William Romney, Knight
Sir John Racliffe, Knight [Ratcliffe]	Sir Thomas Middleton, Knight
Sir Charles Willmott, Knight [Wilmot]	Sir Hatton Cheeke, Knight
Sir George Moore, Knight [Moor]	Sir John Ogle, Knighte
Sir Hugh Wirral, Knight [Wirral]	Sir Cavallero Meycot, Knight
Sir Thomas Dennys, Knight [Dennis]	Sir Stephen Riddlesden, Knight [Riddleson]
Sir John Hollis, Knight [Holles]	Sir Thomas Bludder, Knight
Sir William Godolphin, Knight	Sir Anthonie Aucher, Knight
Sir Thomas Monnson, Knight [Monson]	Sir Robert Johnson, Knight
Sir Thomas Ridgwaie, Knight [Ridgwine]	Sir Thomas Panton, Knight
Sir John Brooke, Knight	Sir Charles Morgan, Knight
Sir Roberte Killigrew, Knight	Sir Stephen Powle, Knight [Pole]
Sir Henrie Peyton, Knight	Sir John Burlacie, Knight

Sir Christofer Cleane, Knight [Cleave]  
 Sir George Hayward, Knight  
 Sir Thomas Dane, Knight [Davis]  
 Sir Thomas Dutton, Knight [Sutton]  
 Sir Anthonie Forrest, Knight [Forest]  
 Sir Robert Payne, Knight  
 Sir John Digby, Knight  
 Sir Dudley Diggs, Knight [Digges]  
 Sir Rowland Cotton, Knight  
 Doctour Mathewe Rutcliffe [Sutcliffe]  
 Doctor Meddowes [Meadows]  
 Doctor Tumer  
 Doctor Poe  
 Captaine Pagnam  
 Captaine Jeffrey Holcrofte  
 Captaine Raunne [Romney]  
 Captaine Henrie Spry  
 Captaine Shelpton [Shelton]  
 Captaine Spark [Sparks]  
 [Captain] Thomas Wyatt [Wyat]  
 Captaine Brinsley  
 Captaine William Courtney  
 Captaine Herbert  
 Captaine Clarke  
 Captaine Dewhurst  
 Captaine John Blundell  
 Captaine Frier [Fryer]  
 Captaine Lewis Orwell  
 Captaine Edward Lloyd [Lloyd]  
 Captaine Slingsby  
 Captaine Huntley [Hawley]  
 Captaine Orme  
 Captaine Woodhouse  
 Captaine Mason  
 Captaine Thomas Holcroft  
 Captaine John Cooke [Coke]  
 Captaine Hollis [Holles]  
 Captaine William Proude  
 Captaine Henrie Woodhouse  
 Captaine Richard Lindeley [Lindeseley]  
 Captaine Dexter  
 Captaine William Winter  
 Captaine Herle [Pearsel]  
 Captain John Bingham  
 Captaine Burray  
 Captaine Thomas Conwey [Conwey]  
 Captaine Rookwood  
 Captaine William Lovelace  
 Captaine John Ashley  
 Captaine Thomas Wynne  
 Captaine Thomas Mewtis  
 Captaine Edward Harwood  
 Captaine Michael Evered [Everard]  
 Captaine Connoth [Comock]  
 Captaine Miles [Mills]  
 Captaine Pigott [Pigot]  
 Captaine Edward Maria Wingfeild [Wingfield]  
 Captaine ChristopherNewporte [Newport]  
 Captaine John Siclemore, alias Ratcliffe [Sicklemore]  
 Captaine John Smith  
 Captyn John Martyn [Martin]  
 Captaine Peter Wynne  
 Captaine Waldoe [Waldo]  
 Captyn Thomas Wood  
 Captaine Thomas Button  
 George Bolles, Esquire, Sheriffe of London  
 William Crashawe, [Clerk], Bachelor of Divinite  
 William Seabright, Esquire  
 Christopher Brook, Esquire  
 John Bingley, Esquire  
 Thomas Watson, Esquire  
 Richard Percivall, Esquire [Percival]  
 John Moore, Esquire  
 Hugh Brooker, Esquire  
 David Waterhouse, Esquire [Woodhouse]  
 Anthonie Auther, Esquier [Aucher]  
 Roberte Bowyer, Esquire [Boyer]  
 Raphe Ewens, Esquire  
 Zacharie Jones, Esquire  
 George Calvert, Esquire  
 William Dobson, Esquire  
 Henry Reynold, Esquire [Reynolds]  
 Thomas Walker, Esquire  
 Anthonie Barnars, Esquire  
 Thomas Sandes, Esquire [Sandys]  
 Henrie Sand, Esquire [Sandys]  
 Richard Sand [Sandys], Sonne of Sir Edwin Sandes  
 [Sandys]  
 William Oxenbridge, Esquire  
 John Moore, Esquire  
 Thomas Wilson, Esquire  
 John Bullocke, Esquire [Bullock]  
 John Waller, [Esquire]  
 Thomas Webb  
 Jehughe Robinson  
 William Brewster  
 Robert Evelyn  
 Henrie Dabenie [Danby]

Richard Hacklewte, minister [Hackluit]	Griffith Hinton
John Eldred, marchaunt [Eldrid]	Richard Ironside
William Russell, marchaunt	Richard Deane [Dean]
John Merrick, marchaunt	Richard Turner
Richard Bannester, merchant [Banister]	William Leveson, mercer [Lawson]
Charles Anthonie, goldsmith [Anthony]	James Chatfeilde [Chatfield]
John Banck [Banks]	Edward Allen [Edward Allen Tedder]
William Evans	Tedder Roberts
Richard Humble	Heldebrand Sprinson [Robert Hildebrand Sprinson]
Robert Chamberleyne, marchaunt [Richard Chamberlayne]	Arthur Mouse
Thomas Barber, marchaunt	John Gardener [Gardiner]
Richard Pevyrell, merchaunt [Pomet]	James Russell [Russel]
John Fletcher, merchant	Richard Casewell [Caswell]
Thomas Nicholls, merchant	Richard Evanns [Evans]
John Stoak, merchaunt [Stoke]	John Hawkins
Gabriell Archer	Richard Kerrill [Kerril]
Francis Covell [Covel]	Richard Brooke
William Bouham [Bonham]	Mathewe Scrivener, gentleman [Screvener]
Edward Harrison	William Stallenge, gentleman [Stallenge]
John Wolstenholme	Arthure Venn, gentleman
Nicholas Salter	Saund Webb, gentleman [Sandys Webbe]
Hugh Evans	Michael Phettiplace, gentleman
William Barners [Barnes]	William Phetiplace, gentleman [Phettiplace]
Otho Mawdett [Mawdet]	Ambrose Brusey, gentleman [Prusey]
Richard Staper, marchant	John Taverner, gentleman
John Elkin, marchaunt	George Pretty, gentleman
William Cayse [Coyse]	Peter Latham, gentleman
Thomas Perkin, cooper	Thomas Monnford, gentleman [Montford]
Humfrey Ramell, cooper [Humphrey James]	William Cautrell, gentleman [Cantrel]
Henry Jackson	Richard Wiffine, gentleman [Wilfin]
Roberte Shingleton [Singleton]	Raphe Mooreton, gentleman [Moreton]
Christopher Nicholls	John Cornellis [Comelius]
John Harper	Martyn Freeman
Abraham Chamberlaine [Chamberlayne]	Raphe Freeman
Thomas Shipton	Andreau Moore
Thomas Carpenter	Thomas White
Anthoine Crewe [Crew]	Edward Perkin
George Holman	Robert Osey
Robert Hill	Thomas Whitley
Cleophas Smithe [Smith]	George Pitt [Pit]
Raphe Harrison	Roberte Parkehurste [Parkhurst]
John Farmer	Thomas Morris
James Brearley	Peter Vaulore [Harloe]
William Crosley [Crosby]	Jeffrey Duppa
Richard Cocks [Cox]	John Gilbert
John Gearinge [Gearing]	William Hancock
Richard Strough, iremonnger [Strongarm]	Mathew Bromrigg [Brown]
Thomas Langton	Francis Tirrell [Tyrrel]
	Randall Carter

Othowell Smithe [Smith]	Nicholas Grice [Gryce]
Thomas Honnyman [Hamond]	James Monnger [Monger]
Marten Bonde, haberdasher [Bond]	Nicholas Andrewes [Andrews]
Joan Mousloe [John Moulsoe]	Jerome Haydon, iremonnger [Jeremy Haydon]
Roberte Johnson	Phillipp Durrant [Philip Durette]
William Younge [Young]	John Quales [Quarles]
John Woddall [Woodal]	John West
William Felgate	Madlew Springeham [Springham]
Humfrey Westwood	John Johnson
Richard Champion	Christopher Hore
Henrie Robinson	George Barkeley
Franncis Mapes	Thomas Sued [Snead]
William Sambatch [Sambach]	George Barkeley [Berkeley]
Rauley Crashawe [Raleigh Crashaw]	Ardhure Pett [Pet]
Daruellliacker	Thomas Careles
Thomas Grave	William Barkley [Berkley]
Hugh Willestone	Thomas Johnson
Thomas Culpepper, of Wigsell, Esquire	Alexander Bent [Bents]
John Culpepper, gentleman	Captaine William Kinge [King]
Henrie Lee	George Sandes, gentleman [Sandys]
Josias Kirton, gentleman [Kerton]	James White, gentleman
John Porie, gentleman [Pory]	Edmond Wynn [Wynne]
Henrie Collins	Charles Towler
George Burton	Richard Reynold
William Atkinson	Edward Webb
Thomas Forrest [Forest]	Richard Maplesden
John Russell [Russel]	Thomas Levers [Lever]
John Houlte [Holt]	David Bourne
Harman Harrison	Thomas Wood
Gabriell Beedell [Beedel]	Raphe Hamer
John Beedell [Beedel]	Edward Barnes, mercer
Henrie Dankes [Dawkes]	John Wright, mercer
George Scott [Scot]	Robert Middleton
Edward Fleetewood, gentleman [Fleetwood]	Edward Litsfeild [Littlefield]
Richard Rogers, gentleman	Katherine West
Arthure Robinson	Thomas Webb [Web]
Robert Robinson	Raphe Kinge [King]
John Huntley	Roberte Coppine [Coppin]
John Grey [Gray]	James Askewe
William Payne	Christopher Nicholls [Christopher Holt]
William Feilde [Field]	William Bardwell
William Wattey	Alexander Childe [Chiles]
William Webster	Lewes Tate
John Dingley	Edward Ditchfeilde [Ditchfield]
Thomas Draper	James Swifte
Richard Glanvile [Glanvil]	Richard Widdowes, goldsmith
Arnolde Lulls [Hulls]	Edmonde Brundells [Brudenell]
Henrie Rowe [Roe]	John Hanford [Hansford]
William Moore [More]	Edward Wooller

William Palmer, haberdasher	John Bree, gentleman
John Badger	William Hampson
John Hodgson	Christopher Pickford
Peter Monnsill [Mounsel]	Thomas Hunt
Jahn Carrill [Carril]	Thomas Truston
John Busbridge [Bushridge]	Christopher Lanman [Salmon]
William Dunn [Dun]	John Haward, clerke [Howard]
Thomas Johnson	Richarde Partridge
Nicholas Benson	Allen Cotton [Cassen]
Thomas Shipton	Felix Wilson
Nathaniell Wade	Thomas Colethurst [Bathurst]
Randoll Wettwood [Wetwood]	George Wilmer
Mathew Dequester	Andrew Wilmer
Charles Hawkins	Morrice Lewellin
Hugh Hamersley	Thomas Jedwin [Godwin]
Abraham Cartwright	Peter Burgoyne
George Bennett [Bennet]	Thomas Burgoyne
William Cattor [Cater]	Roberte Burgoyne
Richard Goddart	Roberte Smithe, merchauntaylor [Smith]
Henrie Cromwell	Edward Cage, grocer
Phinees Pett [Pet]	Thomas Canon, gentleman [Cannon]
Roberte Cooper	William Welby, stacioner
Henrie Neite [Newce]	Clement Wilmer, gentleman
Edward Wilks [Wilkes]	John Clapham, gentleman
Roberte Bateman	Giles Fraunces, gentleman [Francis]
Nicholas Farrar	George Walker, sadler
John Newhouse	John Swinehowe, stacioner [Swinhow]
John Cason	Edward Bushoppe, stacioner [Bishop]
Thomas Harris, gentleman	Leonard White, gentleman
George Etheridge, gentleman	Christopher Barron [Baron]
Thomas Mayle, gentleman	Peter Benson
Richard Stratford [Stafford]	Richard Smyth [Smith]
Thomas	George Prockter, minister [Proctor]
Richard Cooper	Millicent Ramesden, widowe [Ramsdent]
John Westrowe [Westrow]	Joseph Soane
Edward Welshe [Welch]	Thomas Hinshawe [Hinshaw]
Thomas Brittanie [Britain]	John Baker
Thomas Knowls [Knowles]	Robert Thorneton [Thomton]
Octavian Thome	John Davies [Davis]
Edmonde Smyth [Smith]	Edward Facett [Facetl]
John March	George Nuce, gentleman [Newce]
Edward Carew	John Robinson
Thomas Pleydall	Captaine Thomas Wood
Richard Lea [Let]	William Browne, shoemaker [Brown]
Miles Palmer	Roberte Barker, shoemaker
Henrie Price	Roberte Penington [Pennington]
John Josua, gentleman [Joshua]	Francis Burley, minister
William Clawday [Clauday]	William Quick, grocer
Jerome Pearsye	Edward Lewes, grocer [Lewis]

Laurence Campe, draper  
 Aden Perkins, grocer  
 Richard Shepparde, preacher [Shepherd]  
 William Sheckley, haberdasher [Sherley]  
 William Tayler, haberdasher [Taylor]  
 Edward Lukyn, gentleman [Edwin Lukin]  
 John Francklyn, haberdasher [Franklyn]  
 John Southicke [Southwick]  
 Peter Peate  
 George Johan, iremonnger  
 George Yardley, gentleman [Yeadley]  
 Henrie Shelly [Shelley]  
 John Pratt [Prat]  
 Thomas Church, draper  
 William Powell, gentleman [Powel]  
 Richard Frithe, gentleman [Frith]  
 Thomas Wheeler, draper  
 Francisc Hasilerigg, gentleman [Haselrig]  
 Hughe Shippley, gentleman [Shipley]  
 John Andrewes, thelder, [doctor], of Cambridge  
 [Andrews]  
 Francisc Whistley, gentleman [Whistler]  
 John Vassall, gentleman  
 Richard Howle  
 Edward Barkeley, gentleman [Berkeley]  
 Richard Knerisborough, gentleman [Keneridgburg]  
 Nicholas Exton, draper  
 William Bennett, fishmonger [Bennet]  
 James Hawood, marchaunt [Haywood]  
 Nicholas Isaak, merchaunt [Isaac]  
 William Gibbs, merchannt  
 [William] Bushopp [Bishop]  
 Barnard Michell [Mitchel]  
 Isaake Michell [Isaac Mitchel]  
 John Streat [Streate]  
 Edward Gall  
 John Marten, gentleman [Martin]  
 Thomas Fox  
 Luke Lodge  
 John Woodleefe, gentleman [Woodliffel]  
 Rice Webb [Piichard]  
 Vincent Lowe [Low]  
 Samuell Burnam [Burnham]  
 Edmonde Pears, haberdasher  
 Josua Goudge [John Googe]  
 John St. John  
 Edwarde Vaughan  
 William Dunn  
 Thomas Alcock [Alcocke]

John Andrewes, the younger, of Cambridge [Andrews]  
 Samuell Smithe [Smith]  
 Thomas Jerrard [Gerrard]  
 Thomas Whittingham  
 William Cannyng [Canning]  
 Paule Caminge [Canning]  
 George Chaudler [Chandler]  
 Henrye Vincent  
 Thomas Ketley  
 James Skelton  
 James Montain [Mountaine]  
 George Webb, gentleman  
 Josephe Newbroughesmith [Joseph Newbridge, smith]  
 Josias Mande [Mand]  
 Raphe Haman, the younger [Hamer]  
 Edward Brewster, the sonne of William Brewster  
 Leonard Harwood, mercer  
 Phillipp Druerdent  
 William Carpenter  
 Tristram Hill  
 Roberte Cock, grocer  
 Laurence Grene, grocer [Greene]  
 Daniell Winche, grocer [Samuel Winch]  
 Humfrey Stile, grocer  
 Averie Dransfeild, grocer [Dransfield]  
 Edwarde Hodges, grocer  
 Edward Beale, grocer  
 Raphe Busby, grocer  
 John Whittingham, grocer  
 John Hide, grocer  
 Mathew Shipperd, grocer [Shepherd]  
 Thomas Allen, grocer  
 Richard Hooker, grocer  
 Laurence Munckas, grocer [Munks]  
 John Tanner, grocer  
 Peter Gate, grocer  
 John Blunt, grocer  
 Roberte Berrisford, grocer  
 Thomas Wells, gentleman  
 John Ellis, grocer  
 Henrie Colthurst, grocer  
 John Cranage, grocer [Cavady]  
 Thomas Jenings, grocer [Jennings]  
 Edmond Peshall, grocer [Pashall]  
 Timothie Bathurst, grocer  
 Gyles Parslowe, grocer [Parslow]  
 Roberte Johnson, grocer [Richard]  
 William Janson, vintener [Johnson]  
 Ezechiell Smith

Richard Murrettone [Martin]	The companie of tallowe chaundlers
William Sharpe	The companie of armorers
Roberte Ritche [Rich]	The companie of girdlers
William Stannerd, inholder [Stannard]	The companie of butchers
John Stocken	The companie of sadlers
William Strachey, gentleman	The companie of carpenters
George Farmer, gentleman	The companie of cordwayners
Thomas Gypes, clothworker	The companie of barbor chirurgions
Abraham Dawes, gentleman [Davies]	The companie of painter stayners
Thomas Brockett, gentleman [Brocket]	The companie of curriers
George Bathe, fishmonger [Bache]	The companie of masons
John Dike, fishmonger	The companie of plumbers
Henrie Spranger	The companie of inholders
Richard Farringdon [Farrington]	The companie of founders
Chistopher Vertue, vintener	The companie of poulterers
Thomas Baley, vintener [Bayley]	The companie of cookes
George Robins, vintener	The companie of coopers
Tobias Hinson, grocer	The companie of tylers and bncklayers
Urian Spencer [Vrian]	The companie of bowyers
Clement Chachelley [Chicheley]	The companie of Retchers
John Searpe, gentleman [Scarpe]	The companie of blacksmithes
James Cambell, iremonnger [Campbell]	The companie of joyners
Christopher Clitherowe, iremonnger [Clitheroe]	The companie of weavers
Phillipp Jacobson	The companie of wollmen
Peter Jacobson, of Andwarpe	The companie of wood monnvers
William Barckley [Berkeley]	The companie of scrivenors
Miles Banck, cutler [Banks]	The companie of fruterers
Peter Highley, grocer [Higgons]	The companie of plasterers
Henrie John, gentleman	The companie of brownebakers
John Stoakley, merchauntaylor [Stokeley]	The companie of stacioners
The companie of mercers	The companie of imbroderers
The companie of grocers	The companie of upholsters
The companie of drapers	The companie of musicions
The company of fishmongers	The companie of turners
The companie of gouldsmithes	The companie of basketmakers
The companie of skynners	The companie of glasiers
The companie merchauntailors	John Levett, merchaunt [Levet]
The companie of haberdashers	Thomas Nomicott, clothworker [Nomicot]
The companie of salters	Richard Venn, haberdasher
The companie of iremongers	Thomas Scott, gentleman [Scot]
The companie of vintners	Thomas Juxson, merchauntaylor [Juxon]
The companie of clothworkers	George Hankinson
The companie of dyers	Thomas Leeyer, gentleman [Seyer]
The companie of bruers	Mathew Cooper
The companie of lethersellers	Gorge Butler, gentleman
The companie of pewterers	Thomas Lawson, gentleman
The companie of cutlers	Edward Smith, haberdasher
The companie of whitebakers	Stephen Sparrowe
The companie of waxchaundlers	John Jones, merchaunt



[John] Reynold, brewer [Reynolds]  
 Thomas Plummer, merchaunt  
 James Duppa, bruer  
 Rowland Coytemore [Coitmore]  
 William Sotherne [Southerne]  
 Gorge Whittmoore, haberdasher [Whitmore]  
 Anthonie Gosoulde, the younger [Gosnold]  
 John Allen, fishmonger  
 John Kettlebye, gentleman [Kettleby]  
 Symonde Yeomans, fishmonger [Simon]  
 Richard Chene, Gouldsmith  
 Launcelot Davis, gentleman [Clene]  
 John Hopkins, an alderman of Bristol  
 George Hooker, gentlernan  
 Roberte Shevinge, yeoman [Chening]

And to such and so manie as they doe or shall hereafter admitt to be joyned with them, in forme hereafter in theis presentes expressed, whether they goe in their persons to be planters there in the said plantacion, or whether they goe not, but doe adventure their monyes, goods or chattels, that they shalbe one bodie or commualtie perpetuall and shall have perpetual succession and one common seale to serve for the saide bodie or commualtie; and that they and their successors shalbe knowne, called and incorporated by the name of The Tresorer and Companie of Adventurers and Planters of the City of London for the Firste Collonie in Virginia.

And that they and their successors shalbe from hensforth, forever enabled to take, acquire and purchase, by the name aforesaid (licens for the same from us, our heires or successors first had and obtained) anie manner of lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, within our realme of England and dominion of Wales; and that they and their successors shalbe likewise enabled, by the name aforesaid, to pleade and to be impleaded before anie of our judges or justices, in anie our courts, and in anie accions or suits whatsoever.

And wee doe also, of our said speciall grace, certaine knowl- edge and mere mocion, give, grannte and confirme unto the said Tresorer and Companie, and their successors, under the reservacions, limittacions and declaracions hereafter expressed, all those lands, countries and territories scituat, lieinge and beinge in that place of America called Virginia, from the pointe of lande called Cape or Pointe Comfort all alonge the seacoste to the northward twoe hundred miles and from the said pointe of Cape Comfort all alonge the sea coast to the southward twoe hundred miles; and all that space and circuit of lande lieinge from the sea coaste of the precinct aforesaid upp unto the lande, throughoute, from sea to sea, west and northwest; and also all the island beinge within one hundred miles alonge the coaste of bothe seas of the precincte aforesaid; together with all the soiles, groundes, havens and portes, mynes, aswell royall mynes of golde and silver as other mineralls, pearles and precious stones, quarries, woods, rivers, waters, fishings, comodities, jurisdictions, royalties, priviledges, franchisies and preheminences within the said territorie and the precincts there of whatsoever; and thereto or there abouts, both by sea and lande, beinge or in anie sorte belonginge or appertayninge, and which wee by our lettres patents maie or cann graunte; and in as ample manner and sorte as wee or anie our noble progenitors have heretofore graunted to anie companie, bodie pollitique or corporate, or to anie adventurer or adventurers, undertaker or undertakers, of anie discoveries, plantacions or traffique of, in, or into anie forraine parts whatsoever; and in as large and ample manner as if the same were herin particulerly mentioned and expressed: to have, houlde, possesse and enjoye all and singuler the said landes, countries and territories with all and singuler other the

premisses heretofore by theis [presents] graunted or mencioned to be grannted, to them, the said Tresorer and Companie, their successors and assignes, forever; to the sole and proper use of them, the said Tresorer and Companie, their successors and assignes [forever], to be holden of us, oure heires and successors, as of oure mannour of Estgreenewich, in free and common socage and not in capite; yeldinge and payinge, therefore, to us, oure heires and successors, the fifte parte onlie of all oare of gould and silver that from tvme to time, and at all times hereafter, shalbe there gotton, had and obtained, for all manner of service.

And, nevertheles, oure will and pleasure is, and wee doe by theis presentes chardge, commande, warrant and auctorize, that the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors, or the major parte of them which shall be present and assembled for that purpose, shall from time to time under their common seale distribute, convey, assigne and set over such particuler porcions of lands, tenements and hereditaments, by these presents formerly grannted, unto such oure lovinge subjects naturallie borne of denizens, or others, aswell adventurers as planters, as by the said Companie, upon a commission of survey and distribucion executed and retourned for that purpose, shalbe named, appointed and allowed, wherein oure will and pleasure is, that respect be had as well of the proporcion of the adventure[r] as to the speciall service, hazarde, exploite or meritt of anie person so as to be recompenced, advannced or rewarded.

And for as muche as the good and prosperous successe of the said plantacion cannot but cheiflie depende, next under the blessinge of God and the supporte of oure royall authoritie, upon the provident and good

direccion of the whole enterprise by a carefull and understandinge Counsell, and that it is not convenient that all the adventurers shalbe so often drawne to meete and assemble as shalbe requisite for them to have metings and conference aboute theire affaires, therefore we doe ordaine, establishe and confirme that there shalbe perpetually one Counsell here resident, accordinge to the tenor of oure former lettres patents, which Counsell shall have a seale for the better government and administracion of the said plantacion besides the legall seale of the Companie or Corporacion, as in oure former lettres patents is also expressed.

And further wee establishe and ordaine that

Henrie, Earl of Southampton  
 William, Earl of Pembroke  
 Henrie, Earl of Lincoln  
 Thomas, Earl of Exeter  
 Roberte, Lord Viscounte Lisle  
 Lord Theophilus Howard  
 James, Lord Bishopp of Bathe and Wells  
 Edward, Lord Zouche  
 Thomas, Lord Laware  
 William, Lord Mounteagle  
 Edmund, Lord Sheffeilde  
 Grey, Lord Shanndoys [Chandois]  
 John, Lord Stanhope  
 George, Lord Carew  
 Sir Humfrey Welde, Lord Mayor of London  
 Sir Edward Cecil  
 Sir William Waad [Wade]  
 Sir Henrie Nevill  
 Sir Thomas Smith  
 Sir Oliver Cromwell  
 Sir Peter Manwood  
 Sir Thomas Challoner  
 Sir Henrie Hovarte [Hobart]  
 Sir Francisc Bacon  
 Sir George Coppin  
 Sir John Scott  
 Sir Henrie Carey  
 Sir Roberte Drurie [Drury]  
 Sir Horatio Vere

Sir Eward Conway [Conway]  
 Sir Maurice Berkeley [Barkeley]  
 Sir Thomas Gates  
 Sir Michael Sands [Sandys]  
 Sir Robert Mansfield [Mansel]  
 Sir John Trevor  
 Sir Amyas Preston  
 Sir William Godolphin  
 Sir Walter Cope  
 Sir Robert Killigrew  
 Sir Henrie Faushawe [Fanshaw]  
 Sir Edwyn Sandes [Sandys]  
 Sir John Watts  
 Sir Henrie Montague  
 Sir William Romney  
 Sir Thomas Roe  
 Sir Baptiste Hicks  
 Sir Richard Williamson  
 Sir Stephen Powle [Poole]  
 Sir Dudley Diggs  
 Christopher Brooke, [Esq.]  
 John Eldred, and  
 John Wolstenholme

shalbe oure Counsell for the said Companie of Adventurers and Planters in Virginia.

And the said Sir Thomas Smith wee ordaine to be Tresorer of the said Companie, which Tresorer shall have auctoritie to give order for the warninge of the Counsell and sommoninge the Companie to their courts and meetings.

And the said Counsell and Tresorer or anie of them shalbe from henceforth nominated, chosen, contynued, displaced, chaunged, altered and supplied, as death or other severall occasions shall require, out of the Companie of the said adventurers by the voice of the greater parte of the said Counsell and adventurers in their assemblie for that purpose; provided alwaies that everie Councillor so newlie elected shalbe presented to the Lord Chancellor of England, or to the Lord Highe Treasurer of England, or the Lord Chambleyne of the housholde of us, oure heires and successors, for

the tyme beinge to take his oathe of a Counsellor to us, oure heires and successors, for the said Companie and Collonie in Virginia.

And wee doe by this presents, of oure especiall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, for us, oure heires and successors, grannte unto the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors, that if it happen at anie time or times the Tresorer for the tyme beinge to be sick, or to have anie such cause of absente from the cittie of London as shalbe allowed by the said Counsell or the greater parte of them assembled, so as he cannot attende the affaires of that Companie, in everie such case it shall and maie be lawfull for such Tresorer for the tyme beinge to assigne, constitute and appointe one of the Counsell for Companie to be likewise allowed by the Counsell or the greater parte of them assembled to be the deputie Tresorer for the said Companie; which Deputie shall have power to doe and execute all things which belonge to the said Tresorer duringe such tyme as such Tresorer shalbe sick or otherwise absent, upon cause allowed of by the said Counsell or the major parte of them as aforesaid, so fullie and wholie and in as large and ample manner and forme and to all intents and purposes as the said Tresorer if he were present himselfe maie or might doe and execute the same.

And further of oure especiall grace, certaine knowledge and meere mocion, for us, oure heires and successors, wee doe by this presents give and grannt full power and auctoritie to oure said Counsell here resident aswell at this present tyme as hereafter, from time to time, to nominate, make, constitute, ordaine and confirme by such name or names, stile or stiles as to them shall seeme good, and likewise to revoke, dischargde, change and alter aswell all and singuler governors, officers and ministers which alreadie hath ben made, as

also which hereafter shalbe by them thought fitt and meedefull to be made or used for the government of the said Colonie and plantacion.

And also to make, ordaine and establishe all manner of orders, lawes, directions, instructions, formes and ceremonies of government and magistracie, fitt and necessarie, for and concerninge the government of the said Colonie and plantacion; and the same att all tymes hereafter to abrogate, revoke or change, not onely within the precincts of the said Colonie but also upon the seas in goeing and cominge to and from the said Collonie, as they in their good discrecions shall thinke to be fittest for [the] good of the adventurers and inhabiters there.

And we doe also declare that for divers reasons and consideracions us thereunto especiallie moving, oure will and pleasure is and wee doe hereby ordaine that imediatlie from and after such time as anie such governour or principall officer so to be nominated and appointed by oure said Counsell for the government of the said Colonie, as aforesaid, shall arive in Virginia and give notice unto the Collonie there resident of oure pleasure in this behalfe, the government, power and authority of the President and Counsell, heretofore by oure former lettres patents there established, and all lawes and constitucions by them formerlie made, shall utterly cease and be determined; and all officers, governours and ministers formerly constituted or appointed shalbe dischargd, anie thinge in oure said former lettres patents concerninge the said plantacion contayned in aniewise to the contrarie notwithstandinge; streightlie chardginge and commaundinge the President and Counsell nowe resident in the said Collonie upon their alleadgiance after knowledge given unto them of oure will and pleasure by theis presentes signified and

declared, that they forth with be obedient to such governor or governors as by oure said Counsell here resident shalbe named and appointed as aforesaid; and to all direccions, orders and commandements which they shall receive from them, aswell in the present resigninge and giveinge upp of their authoritie, offices, chardg and places, as in all other attendanace as shalbe by them from time to time required.

And wee doe further by theis presentes ordaine and establishe that the said Tresorer and Counsell here resident, and their successors or anie fower of them assembled (the Tresorer beinge one), shall from time to time have full power and authoritie to admitt and receive anie other person into their companie, corporacion and freedome; and further, in a generall assemblee of the adventurers, with the consent of the greater parte upon good cause, to disfranchise and putt oute anie person or persons oute of the said fredome and Companie.

And wee doe also grannt and confirme for us, oure heires and successors that it shalbe lawfull for the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors, by direccion of the Governors there, to digg and to serche for all manner of mynes of goulde, silver, copper, iron, leade, tinne and other mineralls aswell within the precincts aforesaid as within anie parte of the maine lande not formerly graunted to anie other; and to have and enjoye the gould, silver, copper, iron, leade, and tinn, and all other mineralls to be gotten thereby, to the use and behoofe of the said Companie of Planters and Adventurers, yeldinge therefore and payinge yerelie unto us, oure heires and successors, as aforesaid.

And wee doe further of oure speciall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, for us, oure heires and successors, grannt, by theis presents to and withe the said Tresorer and

Companie and their successors, that it shalbe lawfull and free for them and their assignes at all and everie time and times here after, oute of oure realme of England and oute of all other [our] dominions, to take and leade into the said voyage, and for and towards the said plantacion, and to travell thitherwards and to abide and inhabite therein the said Colonie and plantacion, all such and so manie of oure lovinge subjects, or anie other straungers that wilbecomme oure lovinge subjects and live under oure allegiance, as shall willinglie accompanie them in the said voyage and plantation with sufficient shippinge armour, weapons, ordinannce, municion, powder, shott, victualls, and such merchaundize or wares as are esteemed by the wilde people in those parts, clothinge, implements, furnitures, catle, horses and mares, and all other things necessarie for the said plantation and for their use and defence and trade with the people there, and in passinge and retourninge to and from without yeldinge or payinge subsedie, custome, imposition, or anie other taxe or duties to us, oure heires or successors, for the space of seaven yeares from the date of this presents; provided, that none of the said persons be such as shalbe hereafter by speciall name restrained by us, oure heires or successors.

And for their further encouragement, of oure speciall grace and favour, wee doe by this present for us, oure heires and successors, yeild and graunte to and with the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors and everie of them, their factors and assignes, that they and every of them shalbe free and quiett of all subsidies and customes in Virginia for the space of one and twentie yeres, and from all taxes and impositions for ever, upon anie goods or merchaundizes at anie time or times hereafter, either upon importation thither or exportation from thence into oure realme of England or into

anie other of oure [realms or] dominions, by the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors, their deputies, factors [or] assignes or anie of them, except onlie the five pound per centum due for custome upon all such good and merchanndizes as shalbe brought or imported into oure realme of England or anie other of this oure dominions accordinge to the auncient trade of merchannts, which five poundes per centum onely beinge paid, it shalbe thensforth lawfull and free for the said Adventurers the same goods [and] merchaundizes to export and carrie oute of oure said dominions into forraine partes without anie custome, taxe or other duty to be paide to us oure heires or successors or to anie other oure officers or deputies; provided, that the saide goods and merchaundizes be shipped out within thirteene monethes after their first landinge within anie parte of those dominions.

And wee doe also confirme and grannt to the said Tresorer and Companie, and their successors, as also to all and everie such governer or other officers and ministers as by oure said Counsell shalbe appointed, to have power and authoritie of government and commannd in or over the said Colonie or plantacion; that they and everie of them shall and lawfullie maie from tyme to tyme and at all tymes forever hereafter, for their severall defence and safetie, enconnter, expulse, repell and resist by force and armes, aswell by sea as by land, and all waies and meanes whatsoever, all and everie such person and persons whatsoever as without the speciall licens of the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors shall attempte to inhabite within the said severall precincts and lymitts of the said Colonie and plantacion; and also, all and everie such person and persons whatsoever as shall enterprise, or attempte at anie time hereafter,

destruccion, invasion, hurte, detriment or annoyannce to the said Collonye and plantacion, as is likewise specified in the said former grannte.

And that it shalbe lawful for the said Tresorer and Companie, and their successors and everie of them, from time to time and at all times hereafter, and they shall have full power and auctoritie, to take and surprise by all waies and meanes whatsoever all and everie person and persons whatsoever, with their shippes, goods and other furniture, traffiquinge in anie harbor, creeke or place within the limitts or precincts of the said Colonie and plantacion, [not] being allowed by the said Companie to be adventurers or planters of the said Colonie, untill such time as they beinge of anie realmes or dominions under oure obedience shall paie or agree to paie, to the hands of the Tresorer or [of] some other officer deputed by the said governors in Virginia (over and above such subsedie and custome as the said Companie is or here after shalbe to paie) five poundes per centum upon all goods and merchaundizes soe brought in thither, and also five per centum upon all goods by them shipped oute from thence; and being straungers and not under oure obedience untill they have payed (over and above such subsedie and custome as the same Tresorer and Companie and their successors is or hereafter shalbe to paie) tenn pounds per centum upon all such goods, likewise carried in and oute, any thinge in the former lettres patents to the contrarie not withstandinge; and the same sommes of monie and benefitt as aforesaid for and duringe the space of one and twentie yeares shalbe wholie imploied to the benefitt and behoof of the said Colonie and plantacion; and after the saide one and twentie yeares ended, the same shalbe taken to the use of us, oure heires or successors, by such officer and minister as by

us, oure heires or successors, shalbe thereunto assigned and appointed, as is specified in the said former lettres patents.

Also wee doe, for us, oure heires and successors, declare by theis presents, that all and everie the persons beinge oure subjects which shall goe and inhabit within the said Colonie and plantacion, and everie of their children and posteritie which shall happen to be borne within [any] the lymitts thereof, shall have [and] enjoye all liberties, franchises and immunities of free denizens and naturall subjects within anie of oure other dominions to all intents and purposes as if they had bine abidinge and borne within this oure kingdome of England or in anie other of oure dominions.

And forasmuch as it shalbe necessarie for all such our lovinge subjects as shall inhabit within the said precincts of Virginia aforesaid to determine to live together in the feare and true woorshipp of Almightye God, Christian peace and civill quietnes, each with other, whereby everie one maie with more safety, pleasure and profit enjoye that where unto they shall attaine with great paine and perill, wee, for us, oure heires and successors, are likewise pleased and contented and by theis presents doe give and graunte unto the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors and to such governors, officers and ministers as shalbe, by oure said Councell, constituted and appointed, accordinge to the natures and lymitts of their offices and places respectively, that they shall and maie from time to time for ever hereafter, within the said precincts of Virginia or in the waie by the seas thither and from thence, have full and absolute power and auctority to correct, punishe, pardon, governe and rule all such the subjects of us, oure heires and successors as shall from time to time adventure themselves in anie voiadge thither or that shall at anie tyme

hereafter inhabitt in the precincts and territorie of the said Colonie as aforesaid, accordinge to such order, ordinaunces, constitution, directions and instruccions as by oure said Counsell, as aforesaid, shalbe established; and in defect thereof, in case of necessitie according to the good discretions of the said governours and officers respectively, aswell in cases capitall and criminall as civill, both marine and other, so alwaies as the said statuts, ordinannces and proceedinges as neere as convenientlie maie be, be agreable to the lawes, statutes, government and pollicie of this oure realme of England.

And we doe further of oure speciall grace, certeine knowledge and mere mocion, grant, declare and ordaine that such principall governour as from time to time shall dulie and lawfullie be authorised and appointed, in manner and forme in this presents heretofore expressed, shall [have] full power and auctoritie to use and exercise marshall lawe in cases of rebellion or mutiny in as large and ample manner as oure lieutenant in oure counties within oure realme of England have or ought to have by force of their comissions of lieutenantcy. And furthermore, if anie person or persons, adventurers or planters, of the said Colonie, or anie other at anie time or times hereafter, shall transporte anie monyes, goods or marchaundizes oute of anie [of] oure kingdomes with a pretence or purpose to lande, sell or otherwise dispose the same within the lymitts and bounds of the said Collonie, and yet nevertheles beinge at sea or after he hath landed within anie part of the said Colonie shall carrie the same into anie other forraine Countrie, with a purpose there to sell and dispose there of that, then all the goods and chattels of the said person or persons so offendinge and transported, together with the shipp or vessell wherein such transportacion was made, shalbe forfeited to us,

oure heires and successors.

And further, oure will and pleasure is, that in all questions and doubts that shall arrise upon anie difficultie of construccion or interpretacion of anie thinge contained either in this or in oure said former lettres patents, the same shalbe taken and interpreted in most ample and beneficiall manner for the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors and everie member there of.

And further, wee doe by this presents ratifie and confirme unto the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors all privileges, franchises, liberties and immunties graunted in oure said former lettres patents and not in this oure lettres patents revoked, altered, channged or abridged.

And finallie, oure will and pleasure is and wee doe further hereby for us, oure heires and successors grannte and agree, to and with the said Tresorer and Companie and their successors, that all and singuler person and persons which shall at anie time or times hereafter adventure anie somme or sommes of money in and towards the said plantacion of the said Colonie in Virginia and shalbe admitted by the said Counsell and Companie as adventurers of the said Colonie, in forme aforesaid, and shalbe enrolled in the booke or record of the adventurers of the said Companye, shall and maie be accompted, accepted, taken, helde and reputed Adventurers of the said Collonie and shall and maie enjoye all and singuler grannts, priviledges, liberties, benefitts, profitts, commodities [and immunities], advantages and emoluments whatsoever as fullie, largely, amplie and absolutely as if they and everie of them had ben precisely, plainely, singulerly and distinctly named and inserted in this oure lettres patents.

And lastely, because the principall effect

which wee cann desier or expect of this action is the conversion and reduccion of the people in those partes unto the true worshipp of God and Christian religion, in which respect wee would be lothe that anie person should be permitted to passe that wee suspected to affect the superstitions of the Church of Rome, wee doe hereby declare that it is oure will and pleasure that none be permitted to passe in anie voidage from time to time to be made into the saide countrie but such as firste shall have taken the oath of supremacie, for which purpose wee doe by theise presents give full power and auctoritie to the Tresorer for the time beinge, and anie three of the Counsell, to tender and exhibite the said oath to all such persons as shall at anie time be sent and imploied in the said voidage.

Although expresse mention [of the true yearly value or certainty of the premises, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants, by us or any of our progenitors or predecessors, to the aforesaid Treasurer and Company heretofore made, in these presents is not made; or any act, statute, ordinance, provision, proclamation, or restraint, to the contrary hereof had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter, whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.] In witnes whereof [we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness ourself at Westminster, the 23d day of May (1609) in the seventh year of our reign of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland].

Per ipsum Regem exactum.