

To his Ex<sup>ty</sup> John seymour &

The humble petition of the Corporation of the City of Annapolis  
and the greater parte of the Inhabitants of the same humbly  
sheweth

That whereas in her most gracious Maj<sup>ty</sup> Behalfes yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup>  
for the benefit of her Dutifull Subjects, Inhabitants in this place was  
pleased to grant them a Charter Incorporating thereby this late town of  
Annapolis into a City (it having formerly had the honour in Remem-  
brance of Princes Anno now our good Queen to be erected into a town)  
AND in as much as it is the Seat of Government the best situated and  
most convenient place for Trade where in are a greater number of Inhabit-  
ants than in any other place in this her Maties Province who are Desirous  
that that parte of her Maties grant to this City empowering the Mayor,  
Recorder, Aldermen and five of the Common Councillmen to Elect and  
send two representatives to the gr<sup>at</sup> assembly to serve as Burgesses for  
this City may be Enlarged May it therefore please yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> So farre to  
Enlarge the Charter that all persons being freeholders in this City (that  
is to say owning a whole Lot of Land with a house built thereon according  
to Law) and that all persons actually residing and Inhabiting in this City  
having a visible Estate of the value of two only pounds ster, and alsoo-  
that all persons that hereafter shall serve five years to any Trade within  
this City, and shall after the Expiration of their time be actually house  
keepers and Inhabitants in the same (they first taking the Oath of free  
Citizens) may have a free vote in the Electing such representatives or  
Burgesses to serve hereafter in all gr<sup>at</sup> assemblies as in the said Charter  
is Expressed AND further that after the Decease or Removal of any  
of the Common Councillmen already, Elected and sworn by the Mayor  
Recorder and Aldermen of the said City, all the freemen Inhabitants  
as aforesaid may have a free vote in the Electing of another Common  
Councillman or Common Councillmen to serve in this or their place and  
Stead - and it is further most humbly prayed that no person or persons  
after the next General Assembly (notwith standing being made freemen  
of the City) shall have an Elective voice in the choosing of Burgesses  
or Representatives for this City untill they have been made free three-  
months which is the humble Desire of your Petitioners the subscribers,  
and as in Duty bound we will ever pray &c.

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November the 18<sup>th</sup> 1708  
 The within Petition granted and Ordered that  
 the Corporacion prepare a Charter as within  
 Prayed to be signed by his Excy and on her Maties  
 behalfe sealed with the great Seale of this Provin  
 Signed per Or

W Bladen & C

The Charter of the City of Annapolis

By the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland and the  
 Dominions therunto belonging Queen Defender of the faith &c So all and  
 singular our faithfull Subjects within our Province of Maryland Greeting  
 Whereas there is a very pleasant healthfull and Commodious place for Trade  
 by act of the Grall assembly of this our Province laid out for a Towne and  
 Porte and Called Annapolis in honour of us which said Towne and Porte  
 hath in few years (especially since the Accession of our Gracious and well  
 beloved John Seymour Esq our Cap<sup>n</sup> Generall and Governour in  
 Chief