

John Baldwin
 John Brice
 Tho: Douera
 Richard Young
 James Garrett Mayor
 Wm. Hunt Recorder
 Wm. Bladen
 John Hrooman
 Benj. Fordham
 Evan Jones
 Tho: Boardley
 Josiah Willson

Cha: Hillbourn
 Math: Board
 John Beale
 Tho: Jones C: Coun
 Patrick Ogilvie
 Cador Edwards

Aldermen

James Wotton
 Christopher Smithers
 Joseph Humphreys
 John B
 Wm. Gwyn
 Richard Burkardike
 Richard Kolk
 Thomas Holmes
 John Novarro
 Wm. Durdan

Wm. Haughton
 Charles Crowley
 Wm. Elliott
 Wm. Thompson
 Wm. Nowill
 Wm. Gaylard
 Wm. Gresham Jun

November the 18. 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 order

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The Charter of the City of Annapolis

Whereas by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland and the
 Dominions therunto belonging Queen Defender of the faith &c so all and
 singular our faith full Subjects within our Province of Maryland Greeting
 Whereas there is a very pleasant health full 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 Capⁿ Generall and Governour in
 Chief

Chiefe of this our Province to the Government thereof every Con-
 = adorably Increased in the number of its Inhabitants as well as Buildings
 both publick and private Soe That it Excelleth all other Townes and
 Ports in our said Province and for that our present Seale of Governm^t
~~the~~ within our Province aforesaid is fixed att the said Ports and
 Towne Whereby the same is become the Chiefe Mart of the whole
 Countrey Wee being willing to encourage all our Good and faith-
 full Subjects as well att present Residing and Inhabiting or which
 hereafter shall or may Inhabit or Reside within the said Ports of
 Annapolis of our Royall Grace good will and moore motion with the
 Advice of our Councill in our said Province have thought fitt and
 Doe by these our Letters Patents Constitute and Erect the said Towne and
 Ports of Annapolis together with the Circuits and Precincts thereof Includ-
 = ing the Lands heretofore laid out for the said Towne and Ports of Annapolis
 Publick pasturo and Towne Common together with the River and Crookes
 adjacent into a City by the name of the City of Annapolis and Doe grant
 to the Inhabitants of the said City that the same City shall be Incor-
 = porate City Consisting of a Mayor one person Learned in the Law skilled
 and bearing the office of Recorder of the said City and Six Aldermen
 and Tenn other persons to be Common Councill men of the said City
 which said Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Common Councill men
 shall be a body Incorporated and one Community for ever in Right and by
 the name of Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Common Councill of
 the said City of Annapolis shall be able and Capable to sue be sued
 att Law and to ail and execute doe and performe as a body Incorporated
 which shall have succession for ever and to that end to have a Common
 Seale and that Amos Garrett Esq. one of the Inhabitants of the said City
 shall for the present be and be named Mayor of the said City for the Ensu-
 = ing year and Wornoll Hunt Esq. Recorder thereof and William
 = Bladon, John Freeman, Benj. Goddham, Evan Jones, Tho: Boardley
 and Josiah Willson Esqs Inhabitants of the said City shall be
 Aldermen thereof soe long as they shall well behave themselves
 therein having first Taken and subscribed the Test and severall
 Oaths for security of the Government as by Law Established and alsoe
 the Oath appointed by us or our present Governour to be taken by the
 Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis aforesaid

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Which shall be administered to them by our Governour in Chief
Keeper of the greates seals of this our Province for the time being or by
such other person or persons as wee our heirs and successors or our Gov^{er}
aforesaid the time being shall from time to time Authorise and appoy^{nt}
to administer the same and wee grant that the said Mayor Recorder
and Aldermen or the Major parts of them shall Elect and Choose some
others of the most sufficient of the Inhabitants of the said City being
freemen thereof to be of the Common Council of the said City for soe
long time as they shall well behave themselves and to perpetuate
the succession of the said Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Common
Council in all time to come wee doo grant that for the future they
shall Assemble in some convenient place in the said City upon the feast
Day of St. Michael the Archangell in every year and shall Elect and
Choose by the Major vote of such of them as shall be then present one
other of the Aldermen of the said City for the time being to be Mayor
of the said City for the ensuing year and upon Decease or removal of the
said Mayor of the said City for the time being or upon any Decease or
Deceases Removall or Removalls of the said Recorder or Aldermen
or any of them or within one month after such Respective Decease or
Deceases Removall or Removalls the Residue of the said Aldermen
together with the said Mayor or if he shall be living or the Major
parts of them shall at a set time by them to be appointed within y^e
said City and precincts Elect and Nominate some other person or persons
to be Mayor Recorder Alderman or Aldermen of the said City in the place
and places of such person or persons soe Deceased or removed Respective
ly as the Case shall require soe as the said Mayor to be Elected and
Nominated be at the time of such Election and Nomination actually
one of the Aldermen of the said City and soe as the said Recorder soe to
be Elected and Nominated be a person learned in the Law and soe as the said
Alderman or Aldermen soe to be Elected and Nominated be actually
at the time of such Election and Nomination of the Common Council
of the said City the said Mayor Recorder Alderman or Aldermen soe to be
Elected and Nominated first taking the oath and Respective Oaths
before mentioned to be appointed as aforesaid and shall likewise then
fill up by the Election of the free voters of the said City out of and from
among the Inhabitants and freemen of the said City the full number
of

Of four persons to be Common Councillmen and that the said persons hereby appointed
 and named or hereafter to be elected and nominated mayor Recorder or aldermen
 Justices of the peace within the City precincts and Liberties thereof having first taken
 the oaths usually appointed to be taken by the Justices of the Peace the said Mayor
 Recorder and Aldermen hereby named and appointed or hereafter to be elected
 nominated or any three of them whereof the said Mayor or Recorder for the time
 being shall be one shall have within the precincts of the said City full power and
 Authority to make Constables and other necessary officers and to rule order and
 Govern the Inhabitants thereof as Justices of the Peace and shall be authorized
 to doo and shall have power to execute all the Laws Ordinances and Statutes in
 that behalfe made as fully and Amply as if they were Authorized thereto by
 Express Commission named therein willing and Commanding that no other
 Justices of Peace or Quorum within our said County or Province doo at any time
 hereafter take upon them or any of them to execute the office of a Justice of Peace
 within the said City or in the precincts thereof notwithstanding any Commission
 at large Authorizing them therunto saving the Authority and Jurisdiction
 of the Majesties Justices of Oyer and Terminer and Goals deliver now or here
 after to be assigned During the time of their holding their said respective
 Courts in the said City and further wee will and grant unto the said
 Mayor Recorder and Common Councill of the said City for the time
 being full power and Authority after the space of six years to Elect
 a Sheriff for the said City but that untill then the Sheriff of Anno Arund.
 County for the time being shall be Sheriff of the said County and to make
 Order and appoint such by Laws and Ordinances among them selves
 for the Regulation and good Government of Trade and other matters
 Exigences and things within the said City and precincts as to them or
 the major parte shall seem meet to be Consonant to reason and not
 Contrary but as near as Conventiually may be agreeable to the Laws
 and Statutes now in force which said by Laws shall be observed kept &
 performed by all manner of persons Trading and Residing within the
 said City under such reasonable pains penalties and Forfeitures
 contained by Disheps and Sale of the goods as shall be imposed by the
 said Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Common Councillmen or the
 major parte of them then assembled from time to time not exceeding
 forty Shillings Sterling the said Pains penalties and Forfeitures to be
 raised by Disheps and Sale of the goods of such person offending and to
 be employed for the Publiik Benefit of the said City at their Discretion
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 and Authority to the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Common

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Councillmen of the said City for the time being and their successors for ever and
 also all freemen of the said City that is to say all persons owning a whole
 lot of land with a house built thereon according to Law and all persons
 actually residing and inhabiting in the said City having a visible
 Estate of the value of twenty pounds ster at the least and likewise
 all persons that hereafter shall serve five years to any Trade or in
 this City and shall after the expiration of their time be actually house-
 holders and inhabitants in the same to send two Citizens and Delegates
 to every of our assemblies hereafter to be held or at any time
 times hereafter to be called to be held for this our said Province of
 Maryland to be elected and chosen out of the inhabitants actually
 being and residing within the said City having a freehold or visible
 Estate of the value of twenty pounds ster thereon by the said Mayor
 Recorder Aldermen Common Councillmen freemen and groomen
 as aforesaid or the major parts of them being then present by virtue
 of our writ or writs of election to be sent to them for that purpose which
 said writ or writs we doe hereby grant shall be issued out and
 sent to the said Mayor Recorder and Aldermen when and so often
 as occasion shall require provided that all such electors or voters
 as aforesaid doo take an oath to be true to the interest of the said City
 before they be admitted to such vote and provided also and
 at all times after the end of the next Generall assembly to be held
 for this Province noe freeman as aforesaid not being a freeman as
 aforesaid shall have the libertie of such vote as aforesaid untill
 three months after such his freedom obtained And when hereafter
 there shall happen any Generall assembly to be held according as
 writs shall be sent to the severall and respective Counties for electing
 Deputies or Delegates for their severall and respective Counties in this
 our Province of Maryland we further grant that the said Citizens and
 Delegates by them soe as aforesaid elected and sent shall have full and
 free votes and voices in all and every of our Generall assemblies touching
 or concerning all matters or things there to be discussed and handled
 as other the Deputies or Delegates of the severall and respective Counties
 formerly have had now have or hereafter shall have AND further
 weo grant and give License to the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and
 Common Councill of the said City for the time being and their successors

for

For Ever to have and to hold two marketts weekly within
 this said City on every woodnday and saturday in the week in
 some convenient place to be by them appointed within the precincts
 Liberties of the said City and also two fairs yearly to be kept on
 Munday otherwise called St. Phillip and Jacobs Day and on the
 feast of St. Michael the Archangell or on the next Day succeeding
 each or either of them in case they shall happen to fall on the
 Lords Day for the sale and vendyng all manner of goods Cattle
 wares and Merchandizes whatsoever on which said Fair Days &
 first two days before and after all persons coming to the said fairs
 together with their Cattle goods ^{ware} and Merchandizes and returning
 thence shall be exempt and privileged from any Arrest Attachm^{ts}
 or Executions whatsoever and that the said Mayor and Aldermen
 shall have power to sell such Reasonable Tolls upon such Goods Cattle
 Merchandizes and other Commodities as shall be sold therein Re-
 spectively as shall be thought fitt not exceeding six pence on every
 Beast sold and the twentieth parte of the value of any Commodity
 and shall and may hold a Courte of Pypowdry during the said Fair
 for the Determinacion of all Controversies and Quarrels which may
 happen therein according to the usuall Course in England in the like
 Cases and weo grant unto them all Profitts and perquisits Due In-
 cident and belonging to said Market fair and Courte of Pypowdry
 And further wee doe grant that the said Mayor Recorder
 and Aldermen or any three or more of them shall hold a Courte
 of Hustings within the said City where they are hereby Impowred
 to make proper officers and settle Reasonable Fees not exceeding
 what are now allowed in the County Courte and shall have Jurisdiction
 and hold Plea of Trespass and Gertment for any Lands or Tenements
 within the said City as also of all writts of Dower for the same Lands
 and Tenements and of all other actions personall and Mixt and as
 a Courte of Record give Judg^{mt} and award Execucion thereon
 according to the Lawes and Statutes of England and this Province

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 any party or parties plaintiff or Defendants shall be at their liberty
 on good grounds to bring writts of Habeas Corpus and Certioraris
 to remove any Plaints from the said Hustings to the Provinciale
 Courts of this Province and also to appeal from the Judgment
 of the mayors or bring writts of Error ~~from the County Courts~~ at
 their choice to the Provinciale Court under such Limitation
 and Regulation as is already by the act of a ssembly of this Province
 assigned for prosecuting appeals and writts of Error from the
 County Courts to the Provinciale In Testimony whereof we
 have caused these our letters to be made Patent GIVEN at
 annapolis under the greates Seale of our said Province WITH
 our trusty and well beloved JOHN SEYMOUR
 Esq^r Cap^l Grace and Governour in chief of our said Province
 this twenty second Day of November in the seventh year of our
 Reigne &c. Annoque Domini 1708