

So the Charter which your Excy was pleased to Grant to the Citizens
of Annapolis this House have taken into Consideration what we have
done upon Complaint of severall of the Freeholders and Inhabitants
of Annapolis, who conceive themselves under some Hardships by the
said Charter lately Granted by your Excellency to some Gent^l to
incorporate them into a Body politic or Fraternity by the name of
Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Common Council of the said City this
House being in concurrence with ~~the~~ your Excellency and the Honble
Council the proper Enter to which all agreed may applye them-
selves for redress doth humbly conceive that the Charter Granted
doth deprive some of her Majesty's Subjects of the rights and privileg-
es which the Laws of England and this Province undoubtedly intitles
them to as freemen as particularly their Voting for Delegates or
representatives in the Generall Assembly and make them liable to
be sued for small debts which the Laws of this Province impowers any
single Justice to hear and determine, and taken from the Publick these
Lands and buildings they purchas'd and erected and other Priviledges
We do humbly beg leave to shew that its not out of any disrespect to your
Excy or any desire to lessen the prerogative of the Crown or the powers her
Majesty has invested your Excellency with but observing it not to be plain-
ly Express in your Excy's Commission, we conceive it to be our Duty (On behalf
of those we represent) to beg leave that your Excy. will have so much
regard to the opinion of this House as to leave the Granting of Charters und-
termined till her Majesty's pleasure therein be further known, And when
your Excy shall have it more plainly Express we shall readily concur with
granting of a Charter provided all the Inhabitants and Freeholders of
Annapolis request the same and have their equal Priviledges in choosing
their representatives and all other Priviledges which by the Laws they are
entitled to, And that the Priviledges granted be according to the Laws of
England and this Province, and that the publick Lands and buildings
may not be infringed but secured to the uses for which they were purchas'd
and erected, and in the meantime we doubt to make your Excy sensible ther-
we are with the greatest humility and respects, Yr. Excy's Most humble
Most Obedient Serv^{ts}

Sign'd & Order Rich^d. Dallam Cl^k House De^s
Sent up to his Excy and Council by Maj^r. Gale Cap^t. Jones W^m. Tyler W^m. Brady
W^m. Worthington Col^l. Greenberry and W^m. Robbins
They Returne and say they deliver'd their Message.
The House Adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning 8 a Clock