

tion for and obtain a New Charter, dated 23d May, under the title of "The Treasurer and Company of Adventurers of the City of London for the first Colony of Virginia,"—to whom were granted in absolute property the lands extending from cape or Point Comfort, along the sea coast two hundred miles to the northward, and from the same point two hundred miles southward along the sea coast and up into the land from sea to sea, west and north west, reserving as before, one fifth of the Gold and silver that should be found. The power of the President and Council in Virginia, was abrogated, and a new council constituted in England, with power to the company to fill up vacancies therein. This council was authorised to make all laws and appoint all officers for the colony.

In October, Captain Smith, whose superior judgment and intrepidity had repeatedly retrieved the colony when all their affairs seemed desperate, and who in character and fortune seemed to resemble Columbus, his great prototype in western enterprise, having received an accidental wound, sailed for England because unable to obtain the aid of a surgeon in the Colony. At his departure the Colony consisted of 500 inhabitants; having ten weeks provisions in store, six mares and a horse, a large stock of hogs and poultry, some sheep, goats, pets for