

To His Excellency the Governour, Honble Council and House of Delegates
By the Conference appointed for enquiring into the Charter of
the City of Annapolis and the Liberties and Privileges thereby
granted hold at the House of Major John Freeman Decemb^r. 2. 1708.

The Conference being most pursuant to the Message from His
Excellency and Council proceed to Examine the Matter Contained in
the Charter and on debate thereof its humbly conceived as the best Expedi-
ent to prevent further disputes on that Subject for it to be Established
and Confirmed by an Act of Assembly for that purpose to be made. —
allowing the Said Citizens. &c. the Liberties and Privileges given and
mentioned, in the Said Charter, so far that it may not infringe
the Liberties and Privileges of the Publick either in regard to Publick
Lands or Buildings by them heretofore purchased, And to which they are
Lawfully and Rightfully intituled, and desire the Same may be reserved
and Continued for the Same ends and purposes they were purchas-
ed and designed and have heretofore been hold and enjoyd and not
otherwise, and that the Justices and Commissioners, of Ann Arund
County may continue to hold their Courts in the Stadthouse as Usual

It is further reported by the Conference that a Cause be inserted in
such Law to be made, that the Representatives for the Said City have half
the Usual Allowance of the Delegates of each County and no more

As to that part of the Charter relating to the Recorder, this Confer-
ence humbly conceive the person appointed thereupon as Recorder
is not qualified by Law for that Office, in regard he is exempted
by Law as not having been a Resident here for three years

It is likewise proposed that the Justices of the County Courts be
may enjoy and continue their usual Liberties of Executing their Office
of Justices of Peace within the Said City of Annapolis in as full
and ample manner as heretofore, And that all by Law which shall
hereafter be made by the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen be not any
ways binding to any other Inhabitants of the Province save only in
relation to the Citizens of Annapolis.

As to that part of the Charter relating to the Toll, these Confer-
ence think the Toll too unreasonable and excessive for it is Considered that
thousand pounds be imported here that extravagant Toll here mentioned
may amount to one hundred pounds, and its thought more to the
Benefit of the City there be no Toll mentioned, all which is humbly offered
and Recommended to your Excellency and Council and house of Delegates
Signed off order, Thomas Jones Clerk Conference