

CHARTER  
OF THE  
PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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CHARLES THE SECOND, BY THE GRACE of god, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c., To all to whome these presents shall come greeting. Whereas our Trustie and well beloved Subject, **Preamble.** William Penn, Esquire, sonn and heire of Sir William Penn, deceased, out of a commendable desire to enlarge our English Empire, and promote such usefull comodities as may bee of benefit to vs and our Dominions, as alsoe to reduce the Savage Natives by gentle and iust manners to the love of civill Societie and Christian Religion hath humbly besought leave of vs to transport an ample Colonie vnto a certaine Countrey hereinafter described in the partes of America not yet cultivated and planted. And hath likewise humbly besought our Royall Maiestie to give, grant, and confirme all the said Countrey with certaine priviledges and Jurisdiction requisite for the good Government and safetie of the said Countrey and Colonie, to him and his heires forever. KNOWE yee, therefore, that wee, favouring the petition and good purpose of the said William Penn, and haveing regard to the memorie and meritts of his late father, in divers services, and peticulerly to his Conduct, courage and discretion vnder our dearest brother, James, Duke of yorke, in that signall Battell and victorie, fought and obteyned against the Dutch flecte, comanded by the Herr Van Obdam, in the yeare One thousand six hundred sixtie-five, In consideration thereof of Our special grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, **Grant of land.** Have Given and granted, and by this Our present Charter, for vs, Our heires and Successors, Doe give and grant vnto the said William Penn, his heires and assignes All that Tract or parte of land in America, with all the Islands therein conteyned, as the same is bounded on the East by Delaware River, from twelve miles distance, Northwarde of New Castle Towne vnto the three and fortieth degree of Northerne **Boundaries.** Latitude if the said River doeth extend soe farre North-

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\* See with this volume, in pocket, a *fac simile* of this Charter, now remaining on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and see in Appendix proclamation declaring charter in force in Pennsylvania.

wards; But if the said River shall not extend soe farre Northward, then by the said River soe farr as it doth extend, and from the head of the said River the Easterne Bounds are to bee determined by a Meridian Line, to bee drawne from the head of the said River vnto the said three and fortieth degree, The said lands to extend westwards, five degrees in longitude, to bee computed from the said Eastern Bounds, and the said lands to bee bounded on the North, by the beginning of the three and fortieth degree of Northern Latitude, and on the South, by a Circle drawne at twelve miles, distance from New Castle Northwards, and Westwards vnto the begining of the fortieth degree of Northerne Latitude; and then by a streight Line westwards, to the Limitt of Longitude above menconed. Wee doe also give and grant vnto the said William Penn, his heires and assignes, the free and vndisturbed vse, and continuance in and passage into and out of all and singuler Ports, harbours, Bayes, waters, Rivers, Isles and Inletts, belonging vnto or leading to and from the Countrey, or Islands aforesaid; And all the soyle, lands, feilds, woods, vnderwoods, Mountaines, hills, fenns, Isles, Lakes, Rivers, waters, Rivuletts, Bays and Inletts, scituate or being within or belonging vnto the Limitts and Bounds aforesaid, togeather with the fishing of all sortes of fish, whales, Sturgeons, and all Royall and other fishes in the sea, Bayes, Inletts, waters or Rivers, within the premises, and the fish therein taken, And alsoe all veines, Mines and Quarries, as well discovered as not discovered, of Gold, Silver, Gemuns and pretious Stones, and all other whatsoever, bee it stoncs, Metalls, or of any other thing or matter whatsoever, found or to bee found within the Countrey, Isles, or Limitts aforesaid; and him the said William Penn, his heires and Assignes, Wee do, by this our Royall Charter, for vs, our heires and Successors, make, Create and Constitute the true and absolute Proprietaries of the Countrey aforesaid, and of all other, the promisses, saving alwayes to vs, Our heires and Successors, the faith and allegiance of the said William Penn, his heires and assignes, and of all other, the proprietaries, Tenants and Inhabitants that are, or shall be within the Territories and Precincts aforesaid; and Saving also vnto vs, our heires and Successors, the Sovreignty of the aforesaid Countrey, TO HAVE, hold, possesse and enjoy the said Tract of land, Countrey, Isles, Inletts and other the premises, vnto the said William Penn, his heires and assignes, To the only proper vse and behoofe of the said William Penn, his heires and assignes forever. To bee holden of vs, our heires and Successors, Kings of England, as of our Castle of Windsor, in our County of Berks, in free and comon Socage by fealty only for all services, and not in Capite or by Knights service, Ycelding and paying therefore to vs, our heires and Successors, two beaver Skins to bee delivered att our said Castle of Windsor, on the first day of Januarie, in every yeare; and also the fifth parte of all Gold and Silver Oare, which shall from time to time happen to be found within the Limitts aforesaid, cleare of all Charges, and of our further grace, certaine knowledge and meere mooon, wee have

Use of waters,  
&c.

William Penn,  
his heirs and assignes,  
made absolute proprietaries.

How grant to be held.

Payment therefor.

thought fitt to Erect, and wee doe hereby erect the aforesaid Country and Islands, into a Province and Seigniorie, and doe call itt Pensilvania, and soe from henceforth wee will have itt called, And forasmuch as wee have hereby made and ordeyned the aforesaid William Penn, his heires and assignes, the true and absolute Proprietaries of all the Lands and Dominions aforesaid. / Know yee therefore, that wee reposing speciall trust and Confidence in the fidelitic, wisdome, Justice, and provident circumspeccon of the said William Penn, for vs, our heires and successors, Doe grant free, full and absolute power, by vertue of these presents to him and his heires, and to his and their Deputies, and Lieutenants, for the good and happy government of the said Countrey, to ordeyne, make, Enact and vnder his and their Seales to publish any Lawes whatsoever, for the raising of money for the publick vse of the said province, or for any other End apperteyning either vnto the publick state, peace, or safety of the said Countrey, or vnto the private vtility of perticular persons, according vnto their best discretions, by and with the advice, assent and approbacon of the freemen of the said Countrey, or the greater parte of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies, whom for the Enacting of the said Lawes, when, and as often as need shall require. Wee will, that the said William Penn, and his heires, shall assemble in such sort and forme as to him and them shall seeme best, and the same Lawes duely to execute vnto, and vpon all people within the the said Countrey and limitts thereof; And wee doe likewise give and grant vnto the said William Penn, and his heires, and to his and their Deputies and Lieutenants, such power and authoritie to appoint and establish any Judges, and Justices, Magistrates and Officers whatsoever, for what Causes soever, for the probates of will and for the granting of Administracions within the precincts aforesaid, and with what power soever, and in such forme as to the said William Penn, or his heires, shall seeme most convenient. Alsoe, to remitt, release, pardon and abolish, whether before Judgement or after, all Crimes and Offences, whatsoever comitted within the said Countrey, against the said Lawes, Treason and wilfull and malicious Murder onely excepted; and in those Cases, to Grant Reprieves vntill Our pleasure may bee knowne therein, and to doe all and every other thing and things which vnto the compleate establishment of Justice vnto Courts and Tribunals, formes of Judicature and manner of proceedings doe belong, altho' in these presents expresse mencion bee not made thereof; and by Judges by them delegated to award processe, hold please and determine in all the said Courts and Tribunalls, all accons, Suits and Causes whatsoever, as well Criminall as Civill, personall, reall and mixt; which Lawes soe as aforesaid, to bee published, Our pleasure is, and soe wee enioyne, require and Comand shall bee most absolute and avaylable in law, and that all the Leige people and subiects of vs, our heires and successors, doe observe and keepe the same inviolable in these partes, soe farr as they concerne them, vnder the paine therein expressed, or to bee expressed: Provided, Nevertheles, that the said

Erected into a province.

Name.

Power to make laws.

And execute same. ← X

Power to appoint Judges and other officers.

Grant pardons and reprieves.

Award processe, and try causes.

Laws to be observed.

To be consonant  
to reason, and  
agreeable to laws  
of England.

Reservation.

Ordinances for  
preservation of  
peace and gov-  
ernment of peo-  
ple.

Laws for govern-  
ing property, de-  
scent of lands,  
&c.

Laws bee consonant to reason, and bee not repugnant or contrarie, but as neare as conveniently may bee agreeable to the Lawes, Statutes and rights of this our Kingdome of England, And Saveing and reserving to vs, Our heires and Successors, the receiving, heareing and determining of the Appeale and Appeales, of all or any person or persons, of, in or belonging to the Territories aforesaid, or touching any Judgement to bee there made or given. And forasmuch as in the Government of soe great a Countrey, sudden Accidents doe often happen, wherevnto itt will be necessarie to apply a remedie before the freeholders of the said Province, or their Delegates or Deputies can bee assembled to the making of Lawes, neither will itt be convenient that instantly vpon every such emergent occasion, soe greata multitude should be called together. Therefore, for the better Government of the said Countrey, wee will, and Ordeyne, and by these presents for vs, our heires and successors, Doe grant vnto the said William Penn, and his heires, by themselves or by their Magistrates and Officers, in that behalfe, duely to bee ordeyned as aforesaid, to make and constitute, fitt and wholesome Ordinances from time to time within the said Country, to bee kept and observed, as well for the preservacon of the peace, as for the better government of the people there inhabiting, and publicly to notifie the same, to all Persons whome the same doeth or any way may concerne, which Ordinances our will and pleasure is, shall be observed inviolably within the said Province, vnder paines therein to bee expressed, soe as the said ordinances bee consonant to reason and bee not repugnant nor contrary, but soe farre as conveniently may bee agreeable with the Lawes of our Kingdome of England, and so as the said ordinances be not extended in any sort to bind, charge or take away the right or Interest of any person or persons, for or in their life, members, freehold, goods or Chattells; And our further will and pleasure is, that the Lawes for regulateing and governing of Propertie, within the said Province, as well for the descent and enioyment of lands, as likewise for the enioyment and succession of goods and Chattells, and likewise as to felonies, shall be and continue the same as they shall bee for the time being, by the general course of the Law in our Kingdome of England, vntill the said Lawes shall be altered by the said William Penn, his heires or assignes, and by the freemen of the said Province, their Delegates or Deputies, or the greater part of them. And to the End the said William Penn, or heires, or other, the Planters, Owners or Inhabitants of the said Province, may not att any time hereafter, by misconstrucon of the powers aforesaid, through inadvertencie or designe, depart from that faith and due allegiance which by the Lawes of this our Realme of England, they and all our subjects, in our Dominions and Territories, always owe vnto vs, Our heires and successors, by colour of any extent or largenessse of powers hereby given, or pretended to bee given, or by force or colour of any lawes hereafter to bee made in the said Province, by vertue of any such powers. / Our further will and pleasure is, that a transcript

or Duplicate of all lawes which shall bee soe as aforesaid, made and published within the said province, shall within five yeares after the makeing thereof, be transmitted and delivered to the privy Councell, for the time being, of vs, our heires and successors; And if any of the said Lawes within the space of six months, after that they shall be soe transmitted and delivered, bee declared by vs, our heires or successors, in our or their privy Councell, inconsistent with the sovereignty or lawfull prerogative of vs, or heirs or successors, or contrary to the faith and allegiance due by the legall Government of this Realmc, from the said William Penn, or his heires, or of the Planters and Inhabitants of the said province; and that therevpon any of the said Lawes shall bee adiudged and declared to bee void by vs, our heires or successors, vnder our or their Privy Seale, that then, and from thenceforth such Lawes concerning which such Judgement and declaracon shall be made, shall become voyd, otherwise the said lawes soe transmitted, shall remaine and stand in full force according to the true intent and meaning thereof. / Furthermore, that this new Colony may the more happily increase, by the multitude of people resorting thither; therefore, wee, for vs, our heires and successors, do give and grant by these presents, power, licence and libertie vnto all the liege people and subiects, both present and future of vs, our heires and successors, excepting those who shall bee specially forbidden, to transport themselves and families vnto the said Countrey, with such convenient shipping, as by the lawes of this, our kingdome of England, they ought to vse with fitting provisions paying only the customes therefore due, and there to settle themselves, dwell and inhabit and plant for the publick and their owne private advantage: and furthermore, that our subiects may bee the rather encouraged to vndertake this expedicon with ready and cheerful mindes. Know yee, that wee Our especial grace, certaine knowledge and meere mocon, Doe Give and Grant by vertue of these presents, as well vnto the said William Penn and his heires, as to all others who shall from time to time repaire vnto the said Countrey, with a purpose to inhabit there, or to trade with the Natives of the said Countrey, full license to lade and freight in any ports, whatsoever of vs, our heires and Successors, according to the Lawes, made, or to be made within ouer kingdome of England, and into the said Countrey, by them, their servants or assignes, to transport all and singuler their Wares, goods and Merchandizes, as likewise, all sorts of graine whatsoever, and all other things whatsoever necessary for food or cloathing, not phibited by the Lawes and Statutes of our kingdomes and Dominions, to be carryed out of the said kingdomes without any Lett or Molestacon of vs, our heires and successors, or of any the officers of vs, our heires and successors, (saveing) alwayes to vs, our heires and successors, the legall impossicous, customes, and other Duties and payments for the said Wares and Merchandize, by any law or statute due or to be due to vs, our heires and successors. **AND WEE** DOE further for vs, our heires and Successors, Give and grant

Duplicate of lawes, to be transmitted to privy council.

To be void, if disapproved of.

License to emigrate.

And transport merchandise.

Power to erect counties, incorporate towns, &c.

vnto the said William Penn, his heires and assignes, free and absolute power to Divide the said Countrey, and Islands, into Townes, Hundreds and Counties, and to erect and incorporate Townes into Borroughs, and Borroughs into Citties, and to make and Constitute ffaires and Markets therein, with all other convenient priviledges and imunities according to the meritt of the inhabitants and the fittnes of the places; and to doe all and every other thing and things touching the premisses which to him or them shall seeme requisite, and meet, albeit they be such as of their owne nature might otherwise require a more especiall comandment and Warrant, then in these presents is expressed. **We Will alsoe**, and by these presents for vs, our heires and successors, Wee doe Give and grant licence by this our Charter, vnto the said William Penn, his heires and assignes, and to all the inhabitants and dwellers in the pvince aforesaid, both present, and to come, to import or vnlade by themselves or their Servants, ffactors or assignes, all merchandizes and goods whatsoever, that shall arise of the frutes and comodities of the said province, either by Land or Sea, into any of the ports of vs, our heires and Successors, in our kingdome of England, and not into any other countrey whatsoever. And Wee give him full power to dispose of the said goods in the said ports, and if need bee, within one yeare next after the vnladeing of the same, to Lade the said Merchandizes and goods againe into the same or other shippes, and to export the same into any other Countreys, either of our Dominions or fforreigne, according to Lawe: PROVIDED alwayes, that they pay such customes and imposicons, subsidies and duties for the same to vs, our heires and successors, as the rest of our subjects of our kingdome of England, for the time being shall be bound to pay, And doe observe the Acts of Navigation and other Lawes in that behalfe made. **And furthermore**, of our more ample and especiall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, Wee doe, for vs, our heires and successors, Grant vnto the said William Penn, his heires and assignes, full and absolute power and authoritie, to make, erect and constitute within the said province, and the Isles and Isletts afqresaid, such and soe many Seaports, harbours, Creeks, Havens, keyes and other places, for discharge and vnlading of goods, & Merchandize out of the Shippes, boates and other vessells, and Ladeing them in such and soe many places, and with such rights, Jurisdiccions, liberties and privileges vnto the said ports belonging, as to him or them, shall seeme most expedient, and that all and singular the shippes, boates and other vessells, which shall come for merchandize and trade, vnto the said pvince, or out of the same shall depart, shall be laden or vnladen onely att such ports as shall be erected and constituted by the said William penn, his heires and assignes, any vse, custome or other thing to the contrary notwithstanding: **provided**, that the said William penn and his heires, and the Lieutenants and Governors for the time being, shall admitt and retaine in and about all such ports, havens, Creeks and keyes, all officers and their Deputies, who shall from time to

License to import  
and export.

Power to estab-  
lish ports, har-  
bors, &c.

time be appointed for that purpose, by the farmers or Commissioners of our customes, for the time being. **And We** doe further appoint and ordaine, and by these presents for vs, our heires and successors, Wee doe grant vnto the said William penn, his heires and assignes, That he the said William penn, his heires and assignes, may from time to time forever, have and enjoy the Customes and Subsidies in the ports, harbours and other Creeks, and places aforesaid, within the pvince aforesaid, payable or due for merchandizes and wares, there to be Laded and vnladed, the said Customes and Subsidies to be reasonably assessed, vpon any occasion by themselves, and the people there as aforesaid, to be assembled to whom wee Give power, by these presents for vs, our heires and Successors, vpon iust cause, and in a due pporcon, to asesse and impose the same, Saveing vnto vs, our heires and Successors, such imposicons and customes as by Act of parliament are and shall be appointed; And it is further our will and pleasure, that the said William penn, his heires and assignes, shall from time to time constitute and appoint an Attorney or Agent, to reside in or neare our City of London, who shall make known the place where he shall dwell or may be found, vnto the Clerks of Our privy Counsell, for the time being, or one of them, and shall be ready to appeare in any of our Courts att Westminster, to Answer for any misdemeanors that shall be comitted, or by any wilfull default or neglect pmitted by the said William penn, his heirs or assignes, against our Lawes of Trade or Navigacon, and after it shall be ascertained in any of our said Courts, what damages wee or our heires or successors shall haue Sustained, by such default or neglect, the said William penn, his heires and assignes, shall pay the same within one yeare after such taxacon and demand thereof, from such Attorney, or in case there shall be noe such Attorney, by the space of one yeare, or such attorney shall not make payment of such damages, within the space of one yeare, and answer such other forfeitures and penalties within the said time, as by the Acts of parliament in England, are or shall be pvided, according to the true intent and meaneing of these presents: Then it shall be lawfull for vs, our heiers and Successors, to seize and Resume the government of the said pvince or Countrey, and the same to retain vntil payment shall be made thereof. But notwithstanding any such Seizure or resumption of the government, nothing concerning the propriety or ownership of any Lands, tenements or other hereditaments, or goods, or chattels of any of the Adventurers, planters or owners, other then the respective offenders there shall be anyway affected or molested thereby: provided always, and our will and pleasure is that neither the said William penn, nor his heires, nor any other the inhitants of the said pvince, shall at any time hereafter haue or maintain any correspondence with any other King, pvince or State, or with any of their subiects, who shall then be in warr against vs, our heirs or Successors; Nor shall the said William penn, or his heires, or any other the inhabitants of the said pvince, make warre or doe any act of hos-

Customs and subsidies.

To have an attorney in London.

Payment of damages sustained by default or neglect of proprietary.

Right to resume government for non-payment.

Not to correspond with foreign enemies, or war with friends.

Power to levy  
troops, and war  
with enemies.

License to dis-  
pose of lands.

tilitie against any other king, prince or State, or any of their Subjects, who shall then be in league or amity with vs, our heires or Successors. And because in soe remote a Countrey, and scituate neare many Barbarous Nations, the incur-sions as well of the Savages themselues, as of other enemies, pirates and Robbers, may pbably be feared. Therefore, wee have Given and for vs, our heires and Successors, Doe give power by these presents unto the said William penn, his heires and assignes, by themselues or their Captaines or other, their officers, to levy, muster and traine all sorts of men, of what condicon, or wheresoever borne, in the said prvince of Pensilvania, for the time being, and to make warr and pursue the enemies and Robbers aforesaid, as well by Sea as by Land, yea, even without the Limits of the said prvince, and by God's assistance to vanquish and take them, and being taken, to put them to death by the law of Warr, or to save them att their pleasure, and to doe all and every other Act and thing, which to the charge and office of a Captaine generall of an Army, belongeth or hath accustomed to be-long, as fully and ffreely as any Captaine Generall of an Army, hath ever had the same. And furthermore, of our especiall grace and of our certaine knowledg and meere motion, Wee have given and granted, and by these presents for vs, our heires and successors, Doe Give and Grant vnto the said William penn, his heires and assignes, full and absolute power, License and authoritie, That he the said William penn, his heires and assignes, from time to time hereafter forever, att his or their will and pleasure, may assigne, alien, Grant, demise or infeoffe of the premisses, soe many, and such partes and parcells to him or them, that shall be willing to purchase the same, as they shall thinke fitt. To have and to hold to them, the said person and persons willing to take or purchase, their heires and assignes, in ffee simple or ffeetaile, or for the terme of life, or liewes, or yeaes, to be held of the said William penn, his heires or assignes as of the said Seigniory of Windsor, by such services, cus-tomes and rents, as shall seeme fitt to the said William penn, his heires and assignes, and not imediately of vs, our heires and Successors, and to the same person or persons, and to all and every of them, Wee doe give and grant by these presents, for vs, our heires and successors, Licen- ce, authoritie and power, that such person or persons may take the premisses or any parcott thereof, of the aforesaid Wil- liam penn, his heires or assignes, and the same hold to them- selues, their heires and assigns, in what estate of inheritance soever, in ffeesimple or in ffeetaile or otherwise, as to him the said William penn, his heires and assignes, shall seem expedient. The Statute made in the parliament of Edward, sonne of king henry, late king of England, our predecessor, comonly called the Statute Quia emptores terrarum, lately published in our kingdome of England, in any wise notwith- standing, And by these presents Wee give and Grant Li- cence vnto the said William penn, and his heires, likewise to all and every such person and persons to whom the said William penn, or his heires shall att any time hereafter, grant



any estate of inheritance as aforesaid, to erect any parcells of Land within the pvince aforesaid, into Mannors, by and with the License to be first had and obteyned for that purpose vnder the hand and scale of the said William penn, or his heires, and in every of the said Mannors, to haue and to hold a Court Baron, with all thinges whatsoever, which to a Court Baron do belong; and to haue and to hold view of frankpledge, for the conservacon of the peace, and the better government of those partes by themselues or their Stewards, or by the Lords for the time being of other Mannors to be deputed when they shall be erected, and in the same to vse all things belonging to view of frankpledge; And Wee doe further grant licence and authoritie that every such person and persons, who shall erect any such Mannor or Mannors as aforesaid, shall or may grant all or any parte of his said Lands to any person or persons, in fee simple or any other estate of inheritance, to be held of the said Mannors respectively, soe as no further tenures shall be created, but that vpon all further and other alienacons thereafter to be made, the said Lands so aliened, shall be held of the same Lord and his heires, of whom the Alienor did then before hold, and by the like rents and services, which were before due and accustomed. And further, our pleasure is and by these presents for vs, our heires and Successors, Wee doe Covenant and grant to and with the said William penn, and his heires and assignes, That Wee, our heires and Successors, shall att no time hereafter sett or make, or cause to be sett, any impossicon, custome or other taxacon, rate or contribution whatsoever, in and vpon the dwellers and inhabitants of the aforesaid pvince, for their Lands, tenements, goods or chattels, within the said province, or in and vpon any goods or merchandize within the said pvince, or to be laden or vnladen within the ports or harbours of the said pvince, vnles the same be with the consent of the pprietary, or chiefe Governor and assembly, or by Act of parliament in England. And Our pleasure is, and for vs our heires and successors, Wee charge and Comand, that this our Declaracon, shall from henceforward be received, and allowed from time to time in all our Courts, and before all the Judges of vs, our heirs and Successors, for a sufficient and lawful discharge, payment and acquittance, Comanding all and singular the Officers and Ministers of vs, our heirs and Successors, and enioyneing them vpon paine of our high displeasure, that they doe not presume att any time to attempt any thing to the contrary of the premisses, or that they doe in any sort withstand the same, but that they bee att all times aiding and assisting as is fitting vnto the said William penn, and his heires, and to the inhabitants and merchants of the pvince aforesaid, their Servants, Ministers, sfactors and Assignes, in the full vse and function of the beneflitt of this our Charter: And our further pleasure is, And Wee doe hereby, for vs, our heires and Successors, charge and require that if any of the inhabitants of the said pvince, to the number of Twenty, shall att any time hereafter be desirous, and shall by any writeing or by any pson deputed for them, sig-

Erect manors, and hold court baron.

View of frankpledge.

Alienations.

Inhabitants not to be taxed without consent of proprietary, &c.

Charter to be received in courts, &c.

Ministers to instruct inhabitants, may reside in province.

Interpretation of  
charter.

nify such their desire to the Bishop of London, that any preacher or preachers to be approved of by the said Bishop, may be sent vnto them for their instruccoon, that then such preacher or preachers, shall and may be and reside within the said pvince, without any deniall or molestacon whatsoever; and if pehance it should happen hereafter, any doubts or questions should arise concerneing the true Sence & meaning of any word, clause or Sentence, conteyned in this our present Charter, Wee Will, ordaine and comand, that att all times and in all things such interpretacon be made thereof, and allowed in any of our Courts whatsoever, as shall be adiudged most advantageous and favourable vnto the said William penn, his heires and assignes: provided alwayes that no interpretacon be admitted thereof, by which the allegiance due vnto vs, our heires and Successors, may suffer any preiudice or diminucon, although expres mencoon be not made in these presents, of the true yearly value or certainty of the premisses, or of any parte thereof, or of other Guifts and grants made by vs, our pgenitors or predecessors, vnto the said William penn, or any Statute, Act, ordinance, pvision, polamacon or restraint, heretofore had, made, published, ordained or pvided, or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever to the contrary theireof, in any wise notwithstanding. In Witness whereof wee haue caused these our Letters to be made patents. Witness our selve at Westminster, the fourth day of March, in the Three and Thirtieth yeare of our Reigne,

Pigott.

By Writ of privy Seale.

JOHN SHALER, chirer.

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