William and Mary
by the grace of God
of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Queen, Defender
of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these our Letters shall come, Greetings. Being our trusty and well-beloved Subjects consisting of the General Assembly of our colony of Virginia, to the end that the Church of Virginia may be furnished with a Seminary of ministers of this Gospel, if ye Youth may be piously educated in good Learning and Manners, if the Christian faith may be propagated amongst the Western Indians to the glory of Almighty God, who hath had it in his mind to propose to herself to make known, to establish a certain place of University study, or a perpetual college for the advancement of divinity, philosophy, languages, other good arts and sciences, consisting of one President, six Masters or Professors, one hundred scholars more or less according to the ability of said college, if treaties of peace, to be made, increased, diminished, or changed upon your place by certain Trustees nominated and elected by the General Assembly aforesaid, to wit: the trusty and well-beloved Francis Nicholson, our Lieutenant Governor of our Colony of Virginia and Maryland, William Cole, Ralph Wormley, William Byrd, E. John Law Eg., James Blair, John Farmest, Stephen Tawes, and Samuel Gray, Clerk.

Thomas Melner, Christopher Robinson, Charles Scarbrough,
John Smith, Benjamin Harrison, Miles Cary, Henry Hartwell, William Randolph, E. Matthew Page, Gent: or the major part of ye or of ye longest course of ye, on ye south side of a certain River commonly called Yorks River or Wanns, whose name of Virginia shall henceforth be perpetual in our Colony to be upheld and maintained in all time coming. Being also our trusty and well-beloved ye General Assembly of our Colony aforesaid, have by our beloved in Christ James Blair Etc: Agent lawfully constituted, humbly supplicated Us, which would be graciously pleased not only to grantour Royal assent to ye, Francis Nicholson, Wm. Cole, Ralph Wormley, Wm. Byrd, John Law, James Blair, John Farmest, Stephen Tawes, and Samuel Gray, the Miller, Christopher Robinson, Charles Scarbrough, John Smith, E. Benjamin Harrison, Miles Cary, Henry Hartwell, Wm. Randolph, E. Matthew Page, to make a found, root and establish of said college, but also if we would extend our Royal
bounty...
Bounty and Bogs licenser towards erection of foundation of the same in such way as may enable the said John and Ralph Wombly, John Love, James Blair, John Parnell, Stephen Tames, Sam. Gray, Mr. Milner, Christopher Robinson, Charles Harborough, John Smith, Benjamin Harrison, Miles Fry, Henry Hartwell, Mr. Randall, Mr. Mathew Page, Sr. or Jr., Major part or Jr. or of longest years of age, for promoting of tracts of true Philosophy, Languages, and other good Arts and Sciences, or for propagating of gospel of Jesus Christ; our only Mediator, to y. pray; in heat of Almighty God, had have power to erect, found, and establish a certain place of Universal Study perpetually holding of sacred Theology, Philosophy, Languages, other good Arts and Sciences, consisting of One President, Six Majesty or 2 Professors, 40 or 60 Scholars more; or left, graduate and non-graduates, as above according to our Statutes of said Colleges; to be made, formed, and established upon any place by y. and Francis Nicholson, Mr. Mr. John Love, James Blair, John Parnell, Stephen Tames, Sam. Gray, Mr. Milner, Christopher Robinson, Charles Harborough, John Smith, Benjamin Harrison, Miles Fry, Henry Hartwell, Mr. Randall, Mr. Mathew Page, Sr. or Jr., Major part or Jr., upon a certain place on y South Part of York River on y Land laid off. Founders do new in perpetuity of John Smith near y Ports in York, and appointed or assigned by y. and hereby aborts within our Colony of Virginia or y. place by reason of such common or for any other cause is found inconvenient any where else where the Governor, Assembly of our colony of Virginia, or of Major part of y. had thinks not within bounds of a colony, to continue in all time coming. And further of our special grace, certain knowledge, more motion we have given. A grant of leave to y. by these prints for us, our Successors and assigns; or grant leave to y. and Francis Nicholson, Mr. Mr. John Love, James Blair, John Parnell, Stephen Tames, Sam. Gray, Mr. Milner, Christopher Robinson, Charles Harborough, John Smith, Benjamin Harrison, Miles Fry, Henry Hartwell, Mr. Randall, Mr. Mathew Page, Sr. or Jr., Major part or Jr. or of longest years of age.
two thousand pounds of lawful money of England a year, and no more to be paid to any person for ever. As also, that
the President, the Master, or President, or Professors of the College of William and Mary in
Virginia, shall have power to make all the improvements in all the lands and
plantations pertaining to us or our heirs, or to do or take anything in any manner as our other Leases or
Powers capable in law to do, or to do within our Province or Any other Part
of our Kingdom or Province or, in any other Place of Jurisdiction whatever, the same as as also, that
the said College shall have power to make all the improvements in all the lands and
plantations pertaining to us or our heirs, or to do or take anything in any manner as our other Leases or
Powers capable in law to do.
further we will by these presents for us, our heirs and successors do grant, I confirm to y' President, D. Melton, or President of y' College, to their successors or to y' major part of y' from time to time in all time coming y' Rector and W. of y' College, their successors or y' major part of y' shall have power and authority on y' first Monday next after y' feast of y' Annunciation of y' blessed Virgin Mary every year to appoint one of y' W. of y' College or y' Rector to be Rector of y' College for one whole year next ensuing. If 10, after his is set, I nominated to y' Office of Rector of y' College before he is admitted to execute y' Office shall take his corporate oath on y' same day in y' same place to y' President, W. of y' College, for any three of y' I will faithfully to execute y' Office that after taking y' oath he shall have power to execute y' Office of Rector of y' College for one whole year next ensuing. Also if I every seventh year on y' same Monday next after the feast of y' Annunciation of y' blessed Virgin Mary, they shall in like manner have power and authority to elect I nominate another, names 10 of y' College to be continued for seven years next ensuing. If no one is so elected, I nominate to y' Office of Chancellor of y' College shall immediately after such election nominate have power to execute y' Office of Chancellor of y' College for seven whole years next ensuing, and for the expenses of erecting building, furnishing y' College at y' cost of y' supporting, maintaining y' President, college or professor for his future may be supported, I also make y' will of y' more ample, bountiful, y' special grace certain. Knowledged, I more motion have given, granted, signed, and transferred by these presents for us, our heirs, successors, grant align transfer to y' Francis Nicholls, Wm. Colley, Ralph Womble, Wm. Byrde, John Loe, James Blair, John Garnett, Stephen Tace, Sam.顆, John Christman, Robinson, Francis Scarboro, John South, Benj. Harrison, Miles Far, Henry Hurbert, Wm. Randolph, Esq. And may their Executive ofy' Bagn in their Executive ofy' Bagn, 10 to them, sum of One thousand nine hundred eighty-five pounds, fourteen shillings, I mean pound of good good land, many parts of y' country which have been received and raised out of our Custom of our Colony, in hands of Wm. Byrde left our heritor, or sev'ers, Miles Prince, Nan't it is in, in y' Colony for our Use and support.
Wee command strictly. enjoin you, every auditor, or any other person, in whose hands the money is deposited, or who is obliged to pay you, immediately upon sight of this, to our letters patent to pay or cause to be paid y't Sum of one thousand nine hundred fifty pounds, four pounds, Excise, to y' P Francis Nicholson, W'tm Ralph Harney, Mr. Byn, John Law, James Blair, John Low, Richard Dows, Ann Yellow, The Master, Christo. Robinson, Charles Scarborough, John Smith, Roye Harrington, Miles Cow, Henry Harwood, W' Randolph, Math. Page, or major part of s', or of longest lover of s', or of their attorneys in S' part Lawfully constituted, no act any other warrant, demands or Pretences to be expected or obtained from us here, to be expended, are applied towards building, erecting, furnishing of the said house to new other Audit, intentions or purposes whatsoever.

Seeing also, by a certain Act of Parliament made S' J twenty-fifth of the year of our Reign of our Royal Grace, Charles I, second of blessed memory, intituled an Act for encouraging of good and lawful trade; or for better securing the plantation trade; it was enacted, that after the first day of September next, to be carried on in s' year of our Lord 1673, if any ship or vessel, by lawful trade, in any s' plantations should come to any of our to land s' Tobacco or any other s' goods, or in any s' manner, that the burthen of s' ship should not be 000l. at least, or sufficient burden to transport s' Tobacco into inland, it was therefore enacted, that no other person, or persons, should be allowed to put on board of any s', or in Danger of s', or Tea only in such case, should be paid to us, for Uncle, his heirs, executors and assign, for every pound of Tobacco for good to be bought, paid in such place, to such Collector or other officer as shall be appointed to collect; proceeds of same in all plantations, under such penalties as shall be enacted in that effect. If your as upon penpaun of or for drawing their plantation goods in England, it should happen any person or persons who ought to pay duty have not ready money to satisfy to same, you shall appoint or collect all and had in lieu of ready money, accept of such a proportion of Tobacco as may amount to three pounds at current price in such respective plantations, all other things are to be done, if broad duties are to be caused to be paid by persons of our plantations in England or in time of war, with authority of the Lord Treasurer of England, or, in case of the Treasury for any being as your Act of Parliament; amongst other things, those contained here be given to the who has done most fully, I plainly appear. Wee our more faithful Grace, next motion, and certain knowledges have given grants to ye, for the Jone, Neeve, good, ye grant to y' P Francis Nicholson, W'tm Byn and other bussines, mentions, Treasur, other business for Lord of Revenue afor of our penny.
penny for every pound of Tobacco soe do loadde as a reft out of Virginia or Maryland in America, or either of ye. Of ye produce of ye Tobacco soe collected in our colonies of Virginia or Maryland in lieu of ye penny aforesaid, it shall be paid for every pound of Tobacco soe loadde I put onboard, provided always ye constant of our Customes in England for ye same being shal from time to time nominated to appoint all the said Payrants, Survayours of ye money Tobacco as formerly. Of ye Salaries of ye said Payrants, Survayours to be annuaely paid out of ye Revenue. Of ye Payrants, Survayours to do constant C

But with this express intention, upon a special trust and confidence doe forbear to rest upon ye same, but ye aforesaid payrants, survayours shall take their receipts, the produce of ye revenue of ye penny for every pound of Tobacco as aforesaid from time to time of ye Customes in England for ye same being under ye inspection and direction of ye Treasurer of our Treasury in England for ye same being as by ye Act of Parliament, returned being the same is much more particularly directed and appointed.

And as such payrants, survayours shall be and shall be considered by ye President, Masters in the Board, and by the President, Masters in the Board, and all ye others, the Rector of the same, as for ye revenue of ye penny for every pound of Tobacco as aforesaid, for ye same shall be considered by ye President, Masters in the Board, and all ye others, the Rector of the same as for ye revenue of ye penny for every pound of Tobacco as aforesaid.
profits, cometh, advantages, liberties, places, degrees, oilings or appurtenances to it, be set in an ample form, manner, or as any other person, formerly holding it, or office over has received, enjoyed, or ought to have received, enjoy by ye Trustors or their Heirs, or by such Officers, or Substitutes as they or ye major part of ye, or of ye longest lives of ye, or of their Heirs shall have from time to time, nominate, appoint, until ye College shall be actually founded, erected, but what interest therein upon ye special trust I concern me not therein, ye Francis Nicholson, Wm. Cole, of ye Vabes, ye Trustor, if they ye longest lives of ye, or their Heirs too, so soon as ye College shall be actually founded, erected, shall give back, restore to ye President, Masters, or Preceptors of ye College for time being, whatever money, whatsoever from his office during their administration, I have not already laid out upon ye building of ye College, or other uses above mentioned. And after ye College is actually founded, erected, not with ye Office of Surveyor, part of ye said, as often as, that it shall happen to be void, shall be void, executed in all its abovementioned profits and appearance by ye President and Masters or Preceptors. Their success, or ever, or always, ye Francis Nicholson, Wm. Cole, of ye Sable, or abovementioned Trustor, or the major part of ye, or of ye longest lives of ye, ye President, Masters, or Preceptors, or their times being had from time to time, nominate, substitute, and for future, shall perform all the surveying of ye, or other, or peculiar Counties or parts of Virginia as our Governor in Chief, I founded of ye Liberty of Virginia for time being, shall judge necessary or convenient. And, as of our utmost, ample, special grace, condition, a certain knowledge, who have given, confirmed, by ye present, for us, our success, or ever, in ye Sable, or abovementioned Trustor, thousand acres of land, not yet legally taken up or patented, by any of our other subjects lying or being or ye south part of ye black water Swamp, as also other, or than Hundred sorts of land, not yet legally taken up or patented, by any of our other subjects, lying or being in ye neck of land, commonly called London Neck, between ye estuary of ye York River and twenty thousand sorts of land. Who will have to be measured, laid out in ye places abovementioned at ye choice of ye Francis Nicholson, Wm. Cole, and ye rest of ye abovementioned, Trustor, or ye major part of ye, or ye longest lives of ye, to be had by ye Francis Nicholson, Wm. Cole, and ye rest of ye abovementioned Trustor, or their Heirs for ever, at the intention upon special trust, I concern me not, ye Francis Nicholson, Wm. Cole, and ye rest of ye abovementioned, Trustor, or ye major part of ye, or ye longest lives of ye, as soon as ye College shall be founded, and established, shall give grant, place, I made over ye twenty thousand sorts of land to ye President, Masters, or Preceptors of ye College.
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fornon, become paying to the says success all copies of Latin letters
at 25 house of governour or 2d governour of our colony of
Virginia after for 2 times being on 25th day of November
yearly in full discharge; acquaintance; satisfaction of all out-trade.
Servants, custom, duty, Burtons besides our tells to our success by
laws or customs of England or Virginia for 2d twenty thousand
hectes of land. And also of our special grace, certain knowledge
of more motion, we have given I granted I by these presents for us.
Our success do give I grant full, absolute power, license, authority to
2d President, Master or Professor of our college,
be nominated. This I consider I one杭州 and all men to be
chosen out of their own number or out of 2d number of 3rd
Principal inhabitants of our colony of Virginia to be present in 2d house of burgesses of the
general assembly of our colony of Virginia, where to act 2d
gives, vote to such things as by former present of our colony
by a grace of God happen to be enacted. And also We will
from time to time such further confirmation; ratification of the
present be granted to Francis Nicholson, of 2d, or of any nominated
trustees of these success or to 2d President, Master or Professor of
our college or thin success, for if times being upon this humble petition
by us, our humble success, in God of great seal of England, or
otherwise as to our Attorney General of our Attorney General of our success; for the time being shall those meet and expedient.
I'll testify nothing, you know our letter to the
made to Patent. Witness, Our bliss at Westminster the
2d eight day of February in 2d year of our reign.

By a writ from the Privy Seal

Liggett

For a fine in 2d Hampden two Marches

Rawlinson
Hutchins.