

U. H. J. made by your Excellency to some Gentlemen to Incorporate them into a Body politick or Fraternity by the name of Mayor Recorder Alderman and Common Council of the said City this House being in Concurrence with your Excellency and the Honourable Council the proper center to which all Aggrieved may apply themselves for Redress doth humbly Conceive that the Charter granted doth deprive some of her Majestys Subjects of the Rights and priviledges which the Laws of England and this province undoubtedly entitles them to as Freemen as particularly their Voting for Delegates or Representatives in the General Assembly and makes them liable to be sued for small debts which the Laws of this province impower any Single Justice to hear and determine and takes from the publick those Lands and Buildings they have
 p. 976 purchased and erected and other Priviledges We do humbly beg Leave to shew that it is not out of any disrespect to your Excellency or any desire to lessen the prerogative of the Crown or the power that her Majesty has invested your Excellency with but Observing it not to be plainly exprest in your Excellencys Commission we Conceive it to be our duty on behalf of those we represent to beg leave that your Excellency will have so much Regard to the opinion of this House as to leave the Granting of Charters undetermined till her Majestys pleasure therein be further known and when your Excellency shall have it more plainly exprest We shall readily concur with the 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 of England are intituled 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 purchased and Erected and in the mean time doubt not to make your Excellency sensible that we are with the greatest humility and respect

Your Excellencys most humble
 and most Obedient Servants
 Signed p order Rich^d Dallam Clk ho Del.

The Council adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Tuesday October 5th 1708

His Excellency having communicated to the Honble Board what he intended to say to the Delegates they unanimously approved thereof