

by the ffortt now in the Possession of Thomas Coker Gent the Peice of Ground by the Gate Called the Governo's Garden and the Land without the Gate Called the Kings ffarme with the Swamp next to the same Land by the ffresh water and Saveing the Severall Rents and Quitt Rents Reserved Due and Payable from Severall Persons inhabiting within the said City and Island Manhatans by Virtue of former Grants to them made and Given and Saveing to all other Persons Bodyes Pollitique and Corporate their Heires Successo's and Assignes all such Right Title and Claime Possessions Rents Services Comons Emoluments Interest in and to any thing which is theires (save only the ffranchizes aforesaid) in as ample manner as if this Charter had not been made AND further I Doe Appoint and Declare that the Incorporaocn to be founded by this Charter shall not att any time hereafter Doe or Suffer to be Done any thing by means whereof the Lands Tennements or Hereditaments Stock Goods or Chattles thereof or in the Hands Custody Possession of any the Cittizens of the said City such as have been Sett lett Given Granted or Collected to and for Pious and Charitable uses shall be wasted or Misemployed Contrary to the trust or intent of the founder or Giver thereof and that such and noe other Construction shall be made thereof then that which may tend most to Advantage Religion Justice and the Publique Good and to Suppress all Acts and Contrivances to be invented or Putt in use Contrary thereunto IN WITNESSE whereof I have Caused these Presents to be Entred in the Secretarys Office and the Seale of the said Province to be hereunto Affixed this Seaven & twentyth Day of Aprill in the Second yeare of the Reigne of his most Sacred Majesty aforesaid and in the Yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and Eighty Six

Thomas Dongan.

DONGAN CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, 1686.

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THOMAS DONGAN Lievt. and Governour of the Province of New Yorke and Dependencyes in America under his most Sacred Majesty JAMES the Second by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c and Supream Lord and Proprietor of the said Province of New York and its Dependencyes TO all Persons to whom these Presents shall or may come or in any wise Concerne SENDETH GREET-ING WHERAS the Towne of Albany is an Antient Towne within

the said Province and the Inhabitants of the said Towne have held used and enjoyed as well within the same as else where within the said Province Diverse and Sundry Rights Libertyes Privilidges, ffranchizes, ffree Customes, Preheminencyes Advantages Jurisdiccions Emoluments and Immunityes as well by prescription as by Grants Confirmacons and Proclamacons not only by Diverse Governours and Commanders in Cheife in the said Province under his said Majesty but also of Severall Governours Generalls and Commanders in Cheife of the neither Dutch Nation whilst the same was or has been under their Power and Subjecon AND whereas Divers Lands Tenements . and Hereditaments Jurisdiccions Libertyes Immunityes and Privilidges have heretofore been Given and Granted to the Inhabitants of the said Towne some times by the Name of Commissaryes of the Towne of Beverwyck Sometimes by the Name of the Commissaryes of the Towne of Albany Sometimes by the Name of Schepenon of Willem Stadt and Sometimes by the Name of Justices of the Peace for the Towne of Albany and by Divers other Names as by their Severall Grants Writings Records and Minnuements Amongst other things may more fully Apppeare AND whereas the Inhabitants of the said Towne have erected Built and Appropriated at their owne Proper Costs and Charges Severall Publick Buildings Accomodacons and Conveinencyes for the said Towne as also Certaine Peeces of Parcells of Ground for the use of the same (that is to say) the Towne Hall or Stadt House with the ground thereunto belonging the Church or meeting Place with the Ground about the same the Buryall Place Adjoyneing to the Pallisadoes att the South East end of the Towne the Watch House and Ground thereto belonging a Certaine Peece or Parcell of Land Comonly Called or Knowne by the Name of the Pasture Scituate Lyeing & being to the Southward of the said Towne neare the Place where the old ffort stood and Extending Alongst Hudsons River till it comes over Against the most Northerly Pointe of the Island Comonly called Martin Garetsons Island haveing to the East Hudsons River to the South the Manor of Renslaerswick to the West the Highway Leading to the Towne the Pasture late in the Tenure and Occupacon of Martin Garetson and the Pasture late in the tenure and Occupacon of Casper Jacobs to the North the Severall Pastures late in the tenures and Occupacons of Robert Sanders, Mindart Harmanse and Evert Wandall and the Severall Gardens late in the tenures and Occupacons of Dirick Wessells, Killian Van Ranslaer and Abraham States with their and every of their Appurtenances and also have Established and Settled one fferry from the said Towne to Greenbush Scituate on the other side of Hudsons River for the Accomodacon and Conveinency of

Passengers the said Cittizens and Travellers AND whereas Severall the Inhabitants of the said Towne Doe hold from and under his most Sacred Majesty Respectively as well by Severall and Respective Pattents, Grants and Conveyances made & Granted by the late Governours and Commanders in Cheife of the said Province as otherwise Severall and Respective Messauges, Lands Tennements and Heriditaments in the Towne of Albany aforesaid AND that the said Inhabitants of the said Towne of Albany and their Heires and Assignes Respectively may hold Exercise and Enjoye not only such and the same Libertyes Privilidges, franchizes, Rights, Royalties ffree Customes, Jurisdiccons and Immunityes as they Antiently have had held used and enjoyed but also such Publick Buildings Accommodacons, Conveniencys, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the said Towne of Albany which as aforesaid have been by the Inhabitants Erected and Built or which have as aforesaid been held enjoyed Granted & Conveyed unto them or any of them Respectively KNOW YEE therefore that I the said Thomas Dongan by Virtue of the Commission and Authority unto me Given and Power in me Resideing att the Humble Peticon of the Justices of the Peace of the said Towne of Albany and for Diverse other Good Causes and Consideracons me thereunto moveing HAVE given Granted Rattified and Confirmed and by these Presents for & on behalfe of his most sacred Majesty aforesaid his Heires and Successors Doe Give Grant Rattiffe and Confirme unto the said Inhabitants of the said Towne herein after Agreed to be Called by the Name or Names of the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany ALL and every such and the same Libertyes Privilidges, franchizes Rights Royalties ffree Customes Jurisdiccons and Immunityes which they have Antiently had held and enjoyed PROVIDED alwayes that none of the said Libertyes Privilidges, franchizes, Rights, ffree Customes, Jurisdiccons or Immunityes bee Inconsistent with or Repugnant to the Laws of his Majestyes Kingdom of England or other the Laws of the Generall Assembly of this Province and the aforesaid Publick Buildings Acomodacons and Conveniencyes Peeces or Parcells of Ground in the said Towne (that is to say) the said Towne Hall or Stadt House with the Ground thereunto belonging the said Church or Meeting Place with the Ground about the same the said Burying Place the said Watch House and Ground thereto belonging the sd Pasture and the aforementioned fferry with their and every of their Rights Members, and Appurtennces together with all the Proffitts benefitts and Advantages that shall or may Accrew or rise att all tymes hereafter for Anchorage or Wharfage in the

Harbour Port or Wharfe of the said City with all and Singular the Rents Issues Proffitts Gaines and Advantages which shall or may arise Grow or Accrew by the said Towne Hall or Stadt House and the Ground thereunto belonging Church or Meeting Place wth the Ground about the same Burying Placc watch House Pasture fferry and other the above menconed Premissess or any of them and also all and every the Streets Lanes Highwayes and Alleyes within the said City for the Publick use and Service of the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City and of the Inhabitants of the Places Adjacent and Travellers there together with full Power Lycence and Authority to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty and their Successors forever to establish Appoint Order and Direct the establishing making Laying out Ordering Amending and Repayreing of all Streets Lanes Alleyes Highwayes and Bridges Watercourses and fferryes in and throughout the said City or leading to the same Necessary Needfull and Convenient for the Inhabitants of the said City and the Partes Adjacent and for Travellers there PROVIDED alwayes that this said Lycence so as above Granted for the Establishing makeing and Laying out of Streets, Lanes, Alleyes Highwayes fferrys and Bridges bee not extended or Construed to extend to the takeing away of any Person or Persons, Right or Property without his her or their Consent or by some knowne Law of the said Province AND for the Consideracons aforesaid I Doe likewise Give Grant Rattife and Confirme unto all and every the Respective Inhabitants of the said City of Albany and their Severall and Respective Heires and Assignes ALL and every the Severall and Respective Messuages Lands, Tenne-ments and Heriditaments Scituate Lyeing and being in the said City to them Severally and Respectively Granted Conveyed and Confirmed by any the late Governo's Leivtenants or Com-manders in Cheife of the said Province or by the Commissarys or Justices of the Peace or other Magistrates of Albany aforesaid or otherwise howsoever TO HOLD to their Severall and Respec-tive Heires and Assignes forever AND I Doe by these Presents Give and Grant unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City of Albany all the Wast Vacant Unpattented and unappropriated Land Lyeing and being within the said City of Albany and the Precints and Libertyes thereof extending and Reaching to the Low water marke in by & through all Parts of the said City together with all Rivers, Rivoletts Coves, Creeks, Ponds, Waters, Water Courses in the said City not heretofore Given or Granted by any of the former Governo's Leivtenants or Commanders in Cheife under their or Some of their Respective Hands and Seales or the Seale of the Province to Some Respect-

ive Person or Persons late Inhabitants of the said City or of Other Parts of the said Province and also the Royalties of fishing ffloweing Hunting Hawking, Mines Mineralls and other Royalties and Privillidges belonging or Appurtaineing to the City of Albany (Gold & Silver Mines only excepted) AND I do by these Presents Give Grant & Confirme unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany and their Successors for ever full and free Lycence or Liberty of fishing in Hudsons River not only within the Limitts of the said City butt without even so farr Northward & Southward as the said River does Extend it selfe within the said County of Albany together with free Liberty Lycence & Authority to and for the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany aforesaid and their Successors att all time & times hereafter FOR and dureing the space of one and twenty Yeares from and after the fourth day of November last Past to be Accompted and fully to be Compleate and ended to Cutt Downe and Cary away out of any Parte of the Manner of Renslaerswick (provided it be not within any ffenced or Inclosed Land) Such firewood and Timber for Building and ffencing as to them shall seem meete and Convenient AND I Do by these p'sents Grant unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany and their Successors forever hereafter all such Strayes as shall be taken within the Limitts Precincts and Bounds of the said City AND I Do by these Presents Give and Grant unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany and their Successors full Liberty and Lycence att their Pleasure to Purchase from the Indians the Quantity of five hundred Acres of low or Meadow Land lyeing att a Certaine Place Called or knowne by the Name of Shachtegue which Quantity of five hundred Acres shall and may be in what Part of Schachteogue or the Land Adjacent they the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Albany shall think most Convenient AND I Do by these P'sents Give and Grant unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty full Power and Lycence att their Pleasure likewise to Purchase from the Indians the Quantity of one thousand Acres of Low or Meadow Land Lyeing att a Certaine Place called or knowne by the name of Ticondaroge WHICH Quantity of one thousand Acres of Low or Meadow Land shall and may bee in what Parte of Tionandorage or the Land adjacent on both sides of the River as they the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City of Albany shall think most Convenient which said Severall Parcellls of Low or Meadow Land I Do hereby in behalf of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors Give

Grant and Confirme unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany aforesaid to bee and Remaine to the use & behoofe of them and their Successors for ever TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and Singular the Premissess to the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City of Albany and their Successors forever RENDRING and paying therefore unto his most Sacred Majesty his Heires Successors and Assignes or to such Officer or Receiver as shall be Appointed to Receive the same Yearly forever hereafter the Annuall Quitt Rent or Acknowledgmt of one Bever skinn in Albany on the five and twentyth Day of March Yearly forever AND moreover I will and by these Presents for his said Majesty his Heires and Successors Doe Grant Appointe and Declare that the said City of Albany and the Compasse Precincts and Limits thereof and the Jurisdiccons of the same shall from henceforth extend and reach its selfe and shall and may be able to reach forth and extend its selfe as well in Length and in Breadth as in Circuite on the East By Hudsons River so farr as Low water marke to the South by a Line to be Drawne from the Southermost end of the Pasture at the North end of the said Island Called Martin Garitsons Island Running back into the woods sixteen english Miles Due Northwest to a Certain kill or Creeke called the Sand kill on the North to a Line to be Drawne from the Post that was sett by Governor Stuyvesant neere Hudsons River Runing likewise North West sixteen English Miles and on the West by a Streight line to bee Drawne from the Points of the said South and North Lines WHEREFORE by these Presents I Doe firmly Enjoyne and Comand for and on behalfe of his sd Majesty his Heires and Successors that the aforesaid Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City aforesd & their Successors shall and may freely & Quietly have hold use and enjoye the aforesaid Libertyes Authorities Jurisdiccons, ffranchizes Rights Royaltyes Privilidges Advantages Exempcons Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premissess aforesaid in manner and forme Aforesaid according to the Tenure and effect of the aforesaid Grants Pattents Customes and these Letters Pattents of Grant and Confirmacon without the Lett Hindrance or Impedimt of any of his Majestyes Governours Lievtenants or other Officers whatsoever and that the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the City aforesaid and their Successors or any of them in the free use and enjoymt of the Premissess or any of them by the Lievtenants or Governo's of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors or by any of them shall not be hindred Molested or in any wise Disturbed AND also I Doe for and on the behalfe of his

most Sacred Majesty his Heires and Successors ordeyne and Grant to the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City of Albany & their Successors by these p'sents that for the better Governmt of the said City Libertyes and Precincts thereof there shall bee for ever hereafter within the said City a Mayor Recorder Towne Clerke and six Aldermen and six assistants to be Appointed Nominated Elected Chosen and Sworne as herein after is Particularly and respectively menconed who shall be forever hereafter called the Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Albany and yt their shall be forever one Chamberlaine or Treasurer one Sherriffe one Coroner one Clerke of the Markett one high Constable three sub. Constables and one Marshall or Serjant att Mace to be Appointed Chosen and Sworne in manner herein after menconed AND I Do by these Presents for and on the behalf of his most Sacred Majesty his Heires and Successors Ordeyne Declare Constitute Grant and Appoint that the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the said City of Albany for the tyme being and their Successors forever hereafter be & shall bee by force of these p'sents one body Corporate and Polotick in Deed fact and name by the Name of the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany and them by the Name of the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany ONE Body Corporate and Politique in Deed fact & Name I do really and fully Create Ordaine make Constitute and Confirme by these p'sents - AND that by the Name of the Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Albany they may have Perpetuall Succession AND that they and their Successors forever by the Name of the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany be and shall bee forever hereafter Persons able & in Law Capable to have gett Receive and Possesse Lands, Tenements Rents Libertyes Jurisdiccions, franchizes and Hereditaments to them and their Successors in fee Simple or for term of Life Lives or Yeares or otherwise and also Goods & Chattles and also other things of what Nature Quality or kind soever AND also to Give, Grant Lett sett and Assigne the Same Lands Tenements Hereditaments, Goods and Chattles and to Doe and Execute all other things in & About the same by the Name aforesaid AND also that they bee and forever shall bee Persons able in Law Capable to Plead and be impleaded Answer & be Answered unto Defend and be Defended in all or any the Courts of his said Majesty and other places whatsoever and before any Judges Justices and other Person or Persons whatsoever in all and all Manner of Accons Suites Complaints Demands Pleas Causes and Matters whatsoever of what nature kind or Quality soever in the same and the like manner & forme

as other People of this Province being p'sons able and in Law Capable may Plead and bee Impleaded Answer and bee Answered unto Defend & bee DEFENDED by any Lawfull wayes or means whatsoever AND that the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the said City of Albany and their Successors shall and may forever hereafter have one Comon Seale to Serve for the Sealing of all and Singular their Affaires and Buisnessess touching or Concerning the said Corporacon and it shall and may be Lawful to and for the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the sd City of Albany and their Successors as they shall see Cause to breake Change Alter and New make their said Comon Seale when and as often as to them it shall seeme Convenient AND further KNOW YEE that I have Assigned Named Ordained & Constituted and by these p'sents doe Assigne Name Ordeine & Constitute Peter Schuyler to be the p'sent Mayor of the said City of Albany and that hee the said Peter Schuyler shall remaine and Continue in the Office of Mayor there untill another fitt Person shall bee Appointed and Sworne in the said Office as in and by these p'sents is hereafter menconed and Directed AND I have Assigned Named Ordained and Constituted and by these p'sents doe Assigne Name Ordaine & Constitute Isaac Swinton to be the p'sent Recorder of the said City to Doe and Execute all things which unto the Office of Recorder of the said City Doeth or may any way Appertaine or belong and I have Assigned NAMED Ordained and Constituted and by these p'sents Doe Ordaine Constitute Create and Declare Robert Livingston Towne Clerk of the said City to Doe and execute all things which unto the Office of Towne Clerk Doth or may belong AND also I have Named Assigned Constituted and make and by these p'sents Doe Assigne Constitute and make Dirick Wessells, Jan Janse Bleecker David Schuyler Johannes Wendall, Levinus Van Schaick and Adrian Gerritse Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City of Albany bee the present Aldermen of the said City AND also I have made Assigned Named and Constituted and by these p'sents Doe make Assigne Name and Constitute Joachim States John Lansing Isaack Verplank, Lawrence Van Ale Albert Ryckman and Melgert Wynantse Cittizens and Inhabitants of the said City to be the Present Assistants of the said City also I have Assigned Chosen Named & Constituted Jan Beecker Cittizen and Inhabitant of the said City to be the Present Chamberlaine or Treasurer of the City aforesaid AND I have Assigned Named Constituted and Appointed by these presents Doe Assigne Name Constitute and Appoint Richard Pretty one other of the said Cittizens there to be the Present Sherriffe

of the said Citty AND I have Assigned Named Constituted and Appointed and by these p'sents Doe Assigne Name Constitute and Appointe James Parker one other of the said Cittizens to be the p'sent Marshall of the said Citty AND I Doe by these Presents Grant to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said Citty of Albany and their Successors that the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the said Citty for the time being or the Mayor and any three or more of the Aldermen and any three or more of the Assistants of the said Citty for the time being bee and shall bee Called the Comon Council of the said Citty and that they or the Greater Parte of them shall or may have full Power and Authority by Virtue of these p'sents from time to time to call and hold Comon Council within the Comon Council House or Citty Hall of the said Citty AND there as Occasion shall be to make Lawes Orders Ordinances and Constitutions in Writeing and to Add Alter Deminish and Reforme them from time to time as to them shall seeme Necessary and Convenient (not Repugnant to the Perrogative of the Kings Majesty) his Heires and Successors or to any the Lawes of the Kingdom of England or other the Lawes of the Generall Assembly of the Province of New Yorke aforesaid) for the Good Rule oversight Correccion and Gôvermt of the said Citty & Libertyes of the same & of all the Officers thereof and of the Severall Tradsmen Victuallers Artificers & of all other People & Inhabitants of the said Citty Libertyes & precincts aforesaid and for Preservacon of Governmt the Indian trade and all other Commerce and Dealing and for Disposall of all the Lands Tenements and Hereditamts Goods and Chattles of the said Corporacon which said Lawes Ordinances and Constitutions shall bee binding to all the Inhabitants of the said Citty Libertyes and Precincts aforesaid and which Lawes orders Ordinances and Constitutions so by them to be made as aforesaid shall bee and remaine in force for the space of one Yeare and no longer unless they shall bee Allowed and Confirmed by the Governor and Councill for the time being AND further I Will and Grant that the said Comon Council of the sd Citty for the time being as often as they make ordeyne and Establish Such Lawes Orders Ordinances and Constitutions as aforesaid shall or may make Ordeyne Limitt Provide Sett impose and Tax reasonable fines & Amerciamts against and upon all Persons Offending agt Such Lawes Orders Ordinances and Constitutions as aforesaid or any of them to be made Ordeyned and Established as aforesaid and the same fines and Amerciamts shall and may Require Demand Levy take and Receive by War-

rants under the Comon Seale & for the use and behoofe of the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City and their Successors either by Distresse and Sale of the Goods & Chattles of the Offenders therein if such Goods & Chattles may be found within the said City Libertyes & Precincts thereof Rendring to such Offender & Offenders the Overplus or by any other Lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoever AND I Doe by these P'sents for the Kings Majesty his Heires & Successors Appoint & Ordeyne the Assigneing NAMEING and Appointmt of the Mayor and Sherriffe of the said City that it shall be as followeth (vizt) upon the feast Day of St. Michael the Archangell Yearly the Leivtenant Governour or Commander in Cheife for the time being by & with the Advice of his Council shall Nominate and Appointe such a Person as he shall thinke fit to bee Mayor of the said City for the Yeare next Ensueing and one other Person of Sufficient Ability in Estate and Capacity in understanding to be Sherriffe of the said City of Albany for the Yeare next Ensueing and that such Person as shall be Assigned Named and Appointed Mayor and such p'son as shall be Named Assigned and Appointed Sherriffe of the said City as aforesaid shall be on the fouertenth day of October then next following in the City Hall or Stadt House aforesaid take their Severall & Respective Corporall Oaths before the Recorder Aldermen and Assistants or any three of the Aldermen & fouer of the Assistants of the said City for the time being for the Due Execucon of their Respective offices as aforesaid AND that the said Mayor and Sheriffe so to be Nominated and Appointed as aforesd shall Remayne and Continue in their said Respective Offices untill another fitt p'son shall be Nominated Appointed & Sworne in the Place of Mayor & one other p'son shall be Nominated Appointed and Sworne in the Place of Sherriffe of the sd City in manner aforesaid which Oaths the said Recorder Aldermen and Assistants or any three or more of the Aldermen shall and may Lawfully Administer and have hereby Power to Administer to the said Mayor and the said Sheriffe so Nominated and Appointed from time to time Accordingly AND further that According to usage & Custome the Recorder & Towne Clerke of the said City shall be Persons of Good Capacity & Understanding such as his Most Sacred Majesty his Heires and Successors shall in the said Respective Offices of Recorder & Towne Clerke respectively Appoint & Commissionate and for Defect of such Appointment & Commissionateing by his most Sacred Majesty as aforesaid his Heires and Successors to bee such Person as the said Governour Leivt. or Commandr in Cheife of the said Province for the time being shall Appoint or Commissionate which Persons so Commissionated to

the said Office of Recorder and Office of Towne Clerke Respectively shall have hold and enjoy the said Offices Respectively According to the Tenure and effect of the said respective Commissions and not otherwise AND further I will that the Recorder Towne Clerke Aldermen Assistants Chamberlaine High Constables Petty Constables and all other Officers of the said City before they or any of them shall bee Admitted to enter upon and execute their respective offices shall be Sworne faithfully to execute the same before the Mayor or any three or more of the Aldermen for the time being AND I Doe by these Presents for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors Grant and Give Power and Authority to the Mayor and Recorder of the said City for the time being to Administer the same Respective Oaths to them Accordingly AND further I Will and by these p'sents Doe Grant for and on behalfe of his most sacred Majesty his Heires and Successors that the Mayor Aldermen and Recorder of the sd City for the time being shall bee Justices and keepers of the Peace of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors and Justices to heare and Determine matters and Causes within the said City Libertyes and Precincts thereof and that they or any three or more of them shall and may for ever hereafter have Power and Authority by Virtue of these Presents to here and Determine all and all manner of Petty Larcenys Riots Routs Oppresions Extortions and other trespasses and Offences whatsoever within the said City of Albany and the Limitts Precincts and Libertyes thereof from time to time Arriseing and happening and which shall arise or happen and any wise belong to the Office of Justices of the Pease and Correcon and Punishmt of the Offences aforesaid and every of them According to the Laws of England and the Lawes of the said Province and to Doe and Execute all other things in the said City Libertyes and Precincts aforesaid so fully and in as ample manner as to the Commissioners Assigned & to be Assigned for the keeping of the Peace in the said City and County of Albany Doth or may belong AND moreover I Doe by these p'sents for his Majesty his Heires and Successors will and Appointe that the Aldermen and Assistants wthin the said City bee Yearly Chosen on the feast Day of St. Michaell the Arch Angell forever (vizt) two Aldermen and two Assistants for each respective ward in such Publick Place in the said Respective Wards as the Aldermen for the time being for each ward shall Direct and Appoint and that by the Majority of voyces of the Inhabitants of each ward AND that the Chamberlaine shall be Yearly Chosen on the said ffeast Day in the

Citty Hall of the said Citty by the said Mayor Aldermen and Assistants of the said Citty or by the Mayor or three or more of the Aldermen and thre or more of the Assistants of the said Citty for the time being AND I Doe by these p'sents Constitute and Appoint Robert Livingston to be the p'sent Towne Clerke Clerke of the Peace and Clerke of the Court of Pleas to be holden before the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen within the said Citty and the Libertyes and Precincts thereof AND further I Do by these p'sents for his said Majesty his Heires and Successors Require and Straitly Charge and Comand that the Sherriffe Towne Clerk Clerke of the Peace High Constable Petty Constables and all other Subordinate Officers in the said Citty for the time being and every of them respectively Joyntly and Severally as Cause shall require shall Attend upon the said Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the sd Citty for the time being and every or any of them According to the Duty of their Respective Places in and about the Executeing of such the Comands, Precepts, Warrants and Processe of them and every of them as belongeth and Appertaineth to be Don or Executed AND that the aforesaid Mayor Recorder and Aldermen and every of them as Justices of the Peace for the time being by their or any of their Warrants all and every Person and Persons for High treason or Petty treason or for Suspicion thereof and for other ffellonyes whatsoever and all Malefactors and Disturbers of the Peace and other offenders for any other Misdemeano's who shall be Apprehended within the said Citty or Libertyes thereof or without the same in any Parte within the said County shall and may send and Comitt or Cause to be Sent and Comitted to the Comon Goale of the said Citty there to Remaine and bee kept in safe Custody by the keeper of the said Goale or his Deputy for the time being untill such Offender and Offenders shall bee Lawfully Delivered thence AND I Do by these p'sents for his said Majesty his Heires & Successors charge and Require the keeper & Keepers of the said Goale for the time being and his & their Deputy and Deputies to Receive and take into safe Custody to keep all and Singular such Person & Persons so Apprehended or to bee Apprehended Sent & Committed unto the said Goale by warrrt of the sd Justices or any of them as aforesaid untill he or they so Sent and Committed to the said Goale shall from thence bee Delivered by Due Course of Law And further I Grant and Confirme for his said Majesty his Heires and Successors that the said Mayor of the said Citty for the time being and no other shall have Power and Authority to Give and Grant Lycenses Annually under the Publick Seale of the said

Citty to all Tavernekeepers Innkeepers Ordinary keepers Victuallers and all Publick Sellers of Wine Strong waters Sider Beere or any other Sort of Liquors by Retaile within the Citty aforesaid or the Libertyes and Precincts thereof or without the same in any Part of the said County and that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the said Mayor of the said Citty for the time being to Ask Demand & Receive for each Lycence by him to be Given and Granted as aforesaid Such Sume or Sumes of Mony as hee and the Person to whom such Lycence shall be Given or Granted shall Agree for not exceeding the Sume of thirty Shillings Currtt mony of this Country for each Lycence all which mony as by the said Mayor Shall bee so Received shall bee used and Applied to the Publick use of the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said Citty of Albany without any Account thereof to be Rendred made or Don to his said Majesty his Heires Successors or Assignes or any of his Lievtnants or Governors of the said Province for the time being or any of their Deputyes AND further I Do Grant for his said Majesty his Heires and Successors that the sd Mayor of the said Citty for the time being and noe other be & forever shall bee Clerke of the Markett within the Citty aforesaid & the Libertyes & Precincts thereof and yt. hee & no other shall & may forever Doe Execute & Performe all & Singular Acts Deeds & things whatsoever belonging to the Office of Clerke of the Markett wthin the Citty aforesaid and the Libertyes & Precincts thereof to bee Don Executed & Performed AND that the said Mayor of the said Citty for the time being & no other P'son or Persons shall or may have Assize or Assay of Bread Wine Beere and Wood and other things to the Office of Clerke of the Markett belonging or Concerning as well in the Presence as in the Absence of his said Majesty his Heires & Successors or his or their Lievtnants or Governo's here ALSO I will and Grant for his said Matie his Heires and Successors unto the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said Citty for the time being and their Successors for ever that the Mayor of the Citty aforesaid for the time being During the time that hee shall Remaine in the said Office of Mayor and no other be or shall bee Coroner of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors as well within the Citty aforesaid and the Libertyes and Precincts thereof as without the Same within the Limitts and bounds of the said County and that hee and no other shall doe or Cause to be Don and Executed within the said Citty Limitts and Precincts thereof or without the same within the Limitts and Bounds of the said County all and Singular Matters and things to the said Office of Coroner belonging thereto be Don and that the said Mayor of the said Citty for the time being shall take his Corporall

Oath before the Recorder or any three or more of the Aldermen of the said City well and Duly to Execute the said Offices of Clerke of the Markett and Coroner, of the said City & County before hee take upon him the Execucon of either of the said Offices AND also I Do by these p'sents Grant unto the Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the said City of Albany that if any of the Cittizens of the said City or Inhabitants within the Libertyes and precincts thereof that shall after be Elected Nominated and Chosen to the Office of Mayor Alderman Assistant Sherriffe or Chamberlaine of the said City as aforesaid and have Notice of his or their Eleccon shall refuse or Deny to take upon him or them to execute that Office to which they shall bee so Chosen or Nominated that then and so often it shall and may be Lawfull for the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the said City for the time being or the Mayor or any three of the Aldermen and three or more of the Assistants of the said City for the time being to tax Assesse & Impost upon such Person or Persons so Refuseing or Denying such Reasonable or Moderate fines and Sumes of Mony as to their Discretion shall bee thought most fitt so as the said fine Penalty or Sume for Refuseing or Denyeing to hold and Execute the office of Mayor of the said City do not exceed the Sume of twenty Pounds Currant Mony of this Countrey and the fine for Refuseing or Denying to hold and Execute the Place of an Alderman Doe not Exceed the Sume of fenn Pounds like Currtt Mony and the fine for Denyeing or Refuseing to hold & Execute the Place of Chamberlaine Assistant or Sherriffe the Sume of five Pounds like Currtt Mony AND I Doe by these p'sents for his sd Majesty his Heires and Successors Authorize the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the said City for the time being and the Mayor or any three or more of the aldermen and three or more of the Assistants there for the time being to frustrate and make Voyd the Eleccon of such Person & Persons so refuseing or Denyeing as aforesaid and then and in such Cases any other fitt and able Person and Persons Cittizen or Cittizens of the said City or Inhabiting within the Libertyes & Precincts thereof in Convenient times to Elect a New in manner aforesaid Directed & Prescribed to execute such Office & Offices so Denied or Refused to be Executed as aforesaid and that if it shall happen that such p'son and Persons so to be Elected Anew shall refuse or Deny to take upon him or them any of the sd Office or Offices unto which hee or they shall be Chosen and Elected as aforesaid then and in such Case the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the said City for the time being or

the said Mayor or three or more of the said Aldermen and three or more of the Assistants of the sd City for the time being shall or may Sett and Impose upon them so Denyeing or Refuseing such and the Like moderate ffynes as is before Sett Downe in the like Cases to the Respective Offices with such Limitacons as aforesaid and also in such and the like manner as aforesaid to Continue and make Void such Election and Eleccons and make new Elections as often as Need shall bee and Require all which said ffines so Sett and Imposed I Doe by these Presents for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires Successors and Assignes Grant to bee and shall bee and Remaine and belong unto and shall bee putt into the Possession & Seizin of the Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty for the time being and their Successors to be levyed and taken by warrtt under the Comon Seale and by Distresse and Sale of the Goods & Chattles of the Severall Persons so Refuseing or Denying as aforesaid if such Goods and Chattles may bee found within the said City Libertyes and Precincts thereof Rendring to the Partyes the Over plus or by any other wayes or Lawfull meanes whatsoever to the only use of the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the said City of Albany and their Successors without any Accott to bee Rendred made or Done to the said Kings Majesty his Heires Successors or Assignes for the same AND know yee that for the better Governmt of the said City and for the Wellfaire of the Cittizens Tradsmen & Inhabitants thereof I Do by these Presents for his said Majesty his Heires and Successors Give and Grant to the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City and their Successors that the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen or the Mayor or any three or more of the Aldermen for ye time being shall from time to time and att all times hereafter have full Power and Authority under the Comon Seale to make free Cittizens of the said City & Libertyes thereof and no Person or Persons whatsoever other then such free Cittizens shall hereafter use any Art Trade Mistory or Manuall Occupacon within the said City Libertyes and Precincts thereof Saving in the times of ffayres there to be kept and During the Continuance of such ffayres only & in Case any p'son or p'sons whatsoever not being free Cittizens shall hereafter use or Exercise any Art Trade Mistory or Manuell Occupacon or shall by himselfe themselves or others Sell or Expose to Sale any manner of Merchandizes or Wares whatsoever by Retaille in any House Shop or Place or Standing within the said City or the Libertyes or Precincts thereof no

faire being then kept in the said Citty and shall persist therein after warning to him or them Given or left by the Appointment of the Mayor of the said Citty for the time being att the Place or Places where such Person or Persons shall soe use and Exercise any Art trade Mistory or Manuall Occupacon or shall Sell or Expose to Sale any Wares or Merchandizes as aforesaid by Retaile then it shall be Lawfull for the Mayor of the said Citty for the time being to Cause such Shop windows to be Shutt and also to impose such Reasonable fine for such offence not exceeding twenty Shillings for every Respective offence and the same fines so Imposed to Levy and take by Warrtt under the Comon Seale of the said Citty for the time being by Distresse and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Person or Persons so Offending in the Premissess found within the Libertyes and Precincts of the said Citty Rendring to the Partyes the Overplus or by any other Lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoever to the only use of the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said Citty of Albany & their Successors without any Account to be Rendred made or Don to his sd Majesty his Heires & Successors or to his or their Leivetenants Governours or Commanders in Cheife for the same PROVIDED Alwayes that noe Person or Persons shall be made free as aforesaid but such as are his Majestyes Naturall borne Subjects or such as shall be first Naturalized by Act of Generall Assembly or have Obtained Letters of Denization under the Hand of the Leivt. or Governour or Commander in Cheife for the time being and the Seale of the said Province and that all Persons to be made free as aforesaid shall & Doe Pay for the Publick use of the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said Citty such Sum or Sumes of Mony as such Person or Persons so to be made free shall respectively agree for not exceeding the Summe of three Pounds twelve Shillings for the Admission of each Marchant or trader and the Summe of Six and thirty Shillings for the Admission of each handicraft or tradesman AND whereas amongst other ye Rights Privilidges Preheminences & Advantages which the Cittizens and ffremen of the sd Citty of Albany & their Predecessors have for many Yeares last past held used & enjoyed the Privilidge Preheminance & Advantage of haveing within their owne Walls the Sole Managmt of the Trade with all the Indians Liveing within & to the Eastward Northward and Westward of the said County of Albany within the Compasse of his said Majestyes Dominion here wch hath been from time to time Confirmed to them & their said Predecessors as well by Prescription as by Divers and Sundry Grants Orders Confrmacons & Proclamations Granted Ordered Confirmed and

issued forth not only by & from Divers Governo's and Commanders in Cheife in the said Province since the same hath been under his said Majestyes Dominion but also of Severall Governours Generall & Commanders in Cheife of the Neither Dutch Nacon whilst the same was or has been under their Power and Subjeccon which has Always been found by Experience to be of Greate Advantage not only to the said Citty in Particular butt to the whole Province in Generall and that by the Care Caution and Inspection of the Magistrates of the said Citty to the well and Orderly management & Keeping the Trade with the Indians within their walls it has turned Vastly to the Advancement of Trade and the increase of his Majestyes Revenue and been the Sole meanes not only of Preserving this Province in Peace & Quiett whilst the Neighbouring Colonyes were imbrued in Blood & Warr but also of Putting an end to the Miseryes those Colonyes Laboured under from the Insulting Cruilty of the Northern Indians whereas on the other hand it has been no lesse evident that whenever there has been any Slacknesse or Remissnesse in the Regulacon & keeping the Indian Trade within the Walls of the sd Citty Occasioned by the encroachmt of Some Persons trading with the Indians in Places remote some Clandestinely others upon p'tence of Hunting Passes and the Like ye trade not only of the said Citty but of the whole Province has Apparently Decreased the Kings Revenue has been much impaired & not only Soe but this Governmt has lost much of the Reputation and Management amongst the Indians which it otherwise had and enjoyed WHEREFORE for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors I have Given Granted Ratified and Confirmed and by these Presents Doe Give Grant Ratifie and Confirme unto the Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the said Citty of Albany and their Successors forever the Right Priviledge Preheminence and Advantage of the Sole & only Managmt of the Trade with the Indians as well within this whole County as without the same to the Eastward Northward and Westward thereof so farr as his Maties Dominion here does or may extend to be Managed & Transacted only by the ffreemen being Actuall Inhabitants within the sd Citty & within the Now Walls or Stockados thereof and not else where And I Do hereby for his said Majesty his Heires and Successors Absolutely forbid and Prohibite all and every the Inhabitants of the said Province of New Yorke (the Inhabitants of the said Citty of Albany only Excepted) to Trade or traffique with any of the five Nations of Indians Called the Sinicas Cayugaes Onondagues Oneides & Maques who live to the Westward or with any other Indian or Indians whatsoever

within the County of Albany or to the Eastward Northward or Westward thereof so farr as his sd Majestyes Dominions here do or may extend or to have or keepe in their Houses or else where any Indian Goods or Marchandizes upon the Payne & Penalty of the fforfeiture and Confiscacon of such Indian Comodityes whether the same be Beavers Peltry or other Indian Comodityes whatsoever (Except Indian Corne Venison & Drest Deere Skins so traded for and upon Paine and Penalty of the fforfeiture and Confiscacon of all such Indian Goods and Marchandizes as Gunns Powder Lead Duffills Rum & all other Indian Goods & Marchandizes which shall att any time hereafter be found Concealed or kept in any House or Place without the Walls of the said City & within the said County of Albany and the other Limitts and Boundaryes herein before sett forth and Prescribed and in case any Person or Persons whatsoever shall att any time hereafter out of the Walls of said City and within the said County or the other Limitts and Boundaryes herein before Sett forth and Prescribed trade or traffique with any Indian or Indians for any Bever Peltry or other Indian Comodityes (Except before Excepted) or there shall Conceale & keepe any Indian Goods Wares or Marchandizes in any House or Place as aforesaid then it shall and may be Lawfull for the Mayor Recorder or any of the Aldermen for the time being by warrtt under their or any of yr Hands to Cause such Indian Comodityes so Traded for and such Goods or Marchandizes so kept & Concealed without the Walls of the sd City wheresoever they shall be found within the said City or County or without the same within the Limitts and Boundaryes before Expressed to be Seized & the same to be Condemned and Confiscate in the Court of Pleas or Comon Pleas in the sd City or any other Court of Record within the said City or Province one third Parte to the Mayor of the sd City for the time being one third Parte to such Person or Persons as shall informe or Sue for the same and the other third Parte to the use of the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City of Albany and their Successors forever and also that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the said City for the time being by a Warrtt under their or any of their Hands and Seales to Cause such Person or Persons as shall Presume to Trade or traffique with the Indians Contrary to the forme & Effect of these p'sents to be Apprehended where ever they shall be found within the Limitts & Boundaryes herein before Prescribed to Answer the same at the Court of Pleas and Comon Pleas in the said City or any other Court of

Record within the said City or Province where being Legally Convicted thereof such Person or Persons over & besides the forfeiture and Confiscacon of such Goods Marchandizes and Comodities as aforesaid shall be fineable and fined in such Summe or Sumes of Mony (not exceding twenty Pounds Currnt Mony of this Country) as at the Discretion of such Court before whom hee or they shall be prosecuted shall be thought Reasonable and Convenient which said fines shall be one third Parte to the Person who shall informe and Prosecute for the same and ye other two thirds to the use of the Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty and their Successors for ever AND further I Doe by these p'sents for and on the behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires & Successors Grant & Declare to the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of Albany and their Successors that his Majesty his Heires & Successors or any of his or yr Governor's Leivts Comand's in Cheife or other Officers shall not or will not from henceforward forever hereafter Grant unto any Person or Persons whatsoever and Lycence or Lycences to Hunt within the said County of Albany or to the Eastward Northward and Westward so farr as his said Majestyes Dominions here Doth or may extend without the Consent and Approbacon of the Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the sd City of Albany for the time being by the said Person or p'sons first to be had and obtained AND further I Doe by these P'sents for his sd Majesty and his Successors Grant to the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the said City that they & their Successors bee forever Persons able and Capable and shall have Power to Purchase have take & Possesse in fee Simple Lands Tennemts Rents & other Possessions within or without the same City to them & their Successors for ever so as the same exceed not the Yearly Value of one thousand Pounds p Annum the Statute of Mortmaine or any other Law to the Contrary Notwithstanding and the same Lands Tennements Heriditaments & Premissess or any Parte thereof to Demise Grant Lease Sett over Assigne & Dispose at yr owne will & Pleasure & to make Seale and Accomplish any Deed or Deeds Lease or Leases Evidences or Writteings for & Concerning the same or any Parte thereof which shall happen to be made & Granted by the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City for the time being AND further for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors I Doe by these p'sents Grant to the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty that they and their Successors shall and may for ever hereafter hold & keep within the said City in every Week of the Yeare two Markett Dayes the one upon Wednesday & the other upon Satturday weekly forever AND also I Doe by these p'sents for and on behalfe of his said

Majesty his Heires & Successors Grant to the sd Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the sd Citty that they and their Successors and Assigns shall and may at any time or times hereafter Build a Publick Weigh House in such Parte of the said Citty as to them shall seem Convenient and that they the sd Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty shall and may Receive Perceive and take to their own proper use & behoofe all and Singular the Issues & Profitts there from or thereby Arriseing or Accrewing as also yt: they the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the said Citty of Albany their Heires and Successors shall and may att any time or times hereafter when it to them shall seem fitt and Convenient to take in fill and make up and Lay out all & Singular the Ground & Land within the Limitts & Precincts of the said Citty and the same to Build upon and make use of in any other Manner or way as to them shall seem fitt as farr into the River that Passeth by the same as low water marke aforesaid AND further for and on behalfe of his sd Majesty his Heires & Successors I by these p'sents Doe Give & Grant unto the aforesaid Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the said Citty of Albany and their Successors that they and their Successors shall and may have hold & keep wthin the said Citty Libertyes & Precincts thereof once every ffortnight in every Yeare forever upon tuesday one Court of Comon Pleas for all Accons of Debt trespasse upon the Case Detinue Ejectmt and other Personall Accons and the same to be held before the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen or any three of them (whereof the Mayer or Recorder to be one) who shall have Power to heare & Determine the same Pleas and Accons According to the Rules of the Comon Law Acts of Genll Assembly of the sd Province & the Course of other Corporacons in the like Nature AND further for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors I Do by these Presents Give and Grant to the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the sd Citty of Albany and their Successors forever that the Mayor of the sd Citty for the time being shall & may Determine all & all mannor of Accons or Causes whatsoever to be had moved or Depending between Party & Party so alwayes as the same Exceed not the Value of fforty Shillings Currtt Mony of this Province AND further for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires and Successors I Do Grant to the sd Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the said Citty & their Successors for ever that the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the said Citty shall alwayes bee so Long as they shall Continue in their sd Respective Offices Justices of the Peace for the said County and as such shall and may Sett in the Court of Sessions or County

Courts & Courts of Oyer & terminer that shall from time to time be held & kept within the sd County and that the Mayor Recorder or some one of the said Aldermen of the said City for the time being shall & may Alwayses Preside in or bee President of such County Courts or Courts of Sessions to be held within the sd County as aforesaid and that the Sherriffe of the said City for the time being shall alwayses bee Sherriffe of the said County also that the Towne Clerke of the sd City for the time being shall Allwayes bee Clerke of the Peace and Clerke of the Courts of Sessions or County Courts for the said County AND further I Do for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his Heires & Successors by these p'sents Grant to the said Mayor Aldermen and Comonalty of the sd City of Albany & their Successors that the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the sd City & their Successors shall have & Enjoye all the Privilidges franchizes & Powers that they have & use or that any of their Predecessors at any time within the Space of twenty Yeares last past had tooke or Enjoyed or ought to have had by Reason or under Pretence of any further Charter Grant Prescripcon or any other Right Custome or Usage Altho the same have been fforfeite or lost or hath been ill used or not used or abused or Discontinued Albeit they bee not Particularly menconed herein AND noe offner shall Disturb them therein under any Pretence whatsoever not only for their future butt their p'sent enjoymt thereof PROVIDED alwayses that the said Privilidges Franchizes and Powers bee not inconsistant with or Repugnant to the Laws of his Majestyes Kingdom of England or other the Laws of the Generall Assembly as aforesaid and Saveing to his Majtie his Heires Successors and Assignes and his Comanders in Cheife Leivts Governo's & other Officers under him or them in his ffortt Albany in or by the City of Albany and in all the Libertyes Boundaries Extents and Privilidges thereof for the Maintainance of the sd ffortt & Garrison there all the Right use Title & Authority which his said Majesty or any of his sd Comanders in Cheife Leivts and other Officers have had used or Exercised there) Excepting the said Pasture here in before Granted or menconed to bee Granted to the said Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Albany aforesd and Saveing to all other Persons Bodyes Politique and Corporate their Heires Successors and Assignes all such Right Title & Claime Possessions Rents Services Comons Emoluments and Interest of in and to any thing that is theirs save only the ffranchizes aforesd in as ample manner as if this Charter had not been made AND further I Do Appoint & Declare that the Incorporacon to bee founded by this Charter

shall not at any time hereafter Do or Suffer to be Don any-
 thing by meanes or of the Lands tenemts or Hariditamts Stock
 Goods or Chattles thereof or in the Hands Custody or Posses-
 sion of any the Cittizens of the said Citty such as have been
 sett lett Given Granted or Collected to and for Pious & Charita-
 ble uses shall be Wasted or misemployed Contrary to the Trust
 or intent of the founder or Giver thereof AND that such and
 no other Construccon shall bee made thereof then that which
 may tend most to Advance RELIGION Justice and the Pub-
 lick Good and to Suppress all Acts and Contrivances to bee
 invented or Putt in use Contrary thereunto IN wittnesse whereof
 I have to these p'sents sett my Hand and thereto have Affixed
 the Seale of the said Province and Caused the Same to be
 Enrolled in the Secretaryes Office of the said Province this
 two & twentyeth Day of July in the Second Yeare of his said
 Majestyes Reigne and in the Yeare of our Lord 1686.

Thomas Dongan

COMMISSION OF SIR EDMUND ANDROS, 1688.

[A portion of the commission relating to the enactment of laws is
 printed here and was copied from Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. of N. Y., III,
 p. 537. The original is in London, in records relating to New England,
 XXXIII, 381.]

James the Second by the Grace of God King of England,
 Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. To our
 trusty and welbeloved Sir Edmund Andros, Knight Greeting:
 Whereas by our Commission under our Great Seal of England
 bearing date the third day of June in the second year of our
 reign wee have constituted and appointed you to be our Captain
 Generall and Governor in Cheif in and over all that part of
 our territory and dominion of New England in America known
 by the names of our Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, our
 Colony of New Plymouth, our Provinces of New Hampshire
 and Main and the Narraganset Country or King's Province.
 And whereas since that time Wee have thought it necessary
 for our service and for the better protection and security of
 our subjects in those parts to join and annex to our said
 Government the neighboring Colonies of Road Island and Con-
 necticut, our Province of New York and East and West Jersey,
 with the territories thereunto belonging, as wee do hereby
 join annex and unite the same to our said government and
 dominion of New England.

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And Wee do hereby give and grant unto you full power and
 authority, by and with the advice and consent of our said