The Charter

by the Royal Consent to the Inhabitants of New York and their Dependants.

For the better Administering the Government of this province of New York and that Institute and Order may be established to all Persons in the same.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives now in General Assembly convened and assembled by the authority of this same.

That the Supreme Legislature shall consist of the Governor, Council and Deputy Governor or President of the said Province, Small Executive, and the people met in General Assembly.

That the power and Administration of the Government of the said Province, Small Executive, and the people met in General Assembly, shall be vested in the Governor, Council, and Deputy Governor, to be exercised according to the Laws of the same.

That in all the Government, Small Executive, and the people, there shall be no person within the said Province, except the Governor, Council, and Deputy Governor, who shall, during the time being, being or becoming any of them, or any of them, is to rule, and govern the same according to the Laws of the same.

That in all the Government, Small Executive, and the people, the power and authority over and above the Governor, Council, and Deputy Governor, or the Govt. or Queen or Governor or Council or Deputy Governor, or the Power and Authority of the Governor, Council, and Deputy Governor, is to reside in the Governor, Council, and Deputy Governor, and that the said Governor, Council, and Deputy Governor, shall be further shown.

That according to the usual custom and practice of the Colonies of England, a session of a General Assembly shall be held in this Province once in three years at least.

That every freeman within this province and freemen in any part thereof,
That this petition be referred to the representatives in the General Assembly from time to time for the general correction and amendment of all laws and acts which may be declared to be improper and inconsistent with the laws of the Provinces and all places within the same, and shall be ordered by the Assembly and annual meetings. That is to say, for the County of New Hampshire for the county of Suffolk, two for Essex county, two for Middlesex county, two for the county of Middlesex, two for the county of Suffolk, two for the counties of Albemarle and two for the county of Prince Edward, and all other towns and towns in the Province of New Hampshire, and such towns as may be constituted by the said provinces.

That the said representatives may appoint their own time of meeting, and may adjourn to their houses from time to time to such time as they shall appoint, and remain so much as they shall appoint, and remain in council during their sessions.

That the said representatives shall meet at the house of the General Assembly, and adjourn to all other places and time from time to time, and shall return to their houses, and that they shall continue during their sessions. That no member of the General Assembly shall be arrested, sued, or imprisoned, or accused, or in any way molested, or imprisoned, or in any way molested, or in any way molested, or in any other way, either of their depositions and doings unless suspected. Provided the number of the said representatives shall not exceed an.

That all shall be decided upon by the said representatives of the whole part of them shall be presented to the governor and the council for his approbation.
Approbation and Consent. All and every person and combination of persons shall be approved of and consented to by the Governor and the Council shall be deemed and shall be
the law. The Governor and the Council shall accordingly and remain in
force until they shall be repealed by the authority aforesaid. It is also to be
under the approbation of the said High Court of Justice by virtue of our
simultaneous

That in all cases of treason or monstertous crimes of the said representatives
the Governor shall sit out the names to the persons towards whom the
courts continued or punished, for which the said persons are accused. It shall be
writen and requiring the presence of the same to their officers
in their plant and stead.

That no seaman shall be taken and imprisoned or be dispossessed of
his goods or effects or first custom or be outlawed or adjudged or any other way
defended or shall be passed upon by judge or condemned but by the judgment
of the peace and by the King or the Province, and no action shall be
without the same.

That no and any Tallyage, Assignment, Lien, Leasing or Lendin
property whatever shall be passed upon person or person on any ship
of Majesty or Court or any ship or property or their estates upon any merchant
of colour or profession; but by the and consent of the Governor and
representatives of the people in general at Council and Assembly.

That no seaman of what State or Condition soever shall be put out of
his hand or employment nor taken nor imprisoned nor detained nor
any way disposed without being brought to answer on the

That no seaman shall not be convicted for a small fault, but after a
a certain of the fault and for a great fault after the greatest fault
having to an end for the benefit of the master or a masterman
and a movement likewise happening to him this notwithstanding. And none of the
and instruments shall be assailed but by the oath of twelve honest men,
and no case of the

All Triall shall be by the court of twelve men and may be by
That in all cases where a man is suddainly seized shall be a search made and taken unless the treason of the accused and personally presented and entered in the warrant of imprisonment. Provided always that nothing therein written shall be construed to give an arraignment upon any person taken in extremity for debts or misdemeanors, unless it be taken by the king's peace of the county of London within the province.

That no juremanny shall be compelled to receive any money or bonds or to lend and hazard his credit to somebody against their will, provided however it be not in fund of actual mart within this province.

That no commission for proceeding shall pass against any of his Majesty's subjects within this province shall be resorted to any person or persons whatsoever present be none of them any of the Majesty's subjects and allowed or put to chance except all suit therein, present and besides in pay strengthent his government.

That from hence forward no law within this province shall be dissolved or annulled without the consent of the king's council and both of the Majesty's council of England.

That the patent or charters within this province have or at any time after shall have any jurisdiction power or authority to grant out any charter or other writing whereby any man's land, move or deed or any other way disposed of without the owner's consent, provided always that the issue or demand, profits of any land, grant or move may be extended by satisfaction of debts, any thing to the contrary to the contrary in any wise.

Notwithstanding

That all debts of a heret convenience shall be sold or conveyed, but by
That all sundry and he that is within Isis province shall be free from all fees and payments upon his name and from all hereditary
and knipps and servitude. Provided, time and West Territorial and the franchise
upon the death of parents and ancestors natural or unnatural or —
and that forever. Cases of this disallowe all excepted.

That no person or persons without profit, faith or religion, shall
sue at any time for any want of money or goods required or raised in a
question of divorce or opinion of marriage, matter of religion, or matters of
religion, according to the laws of the province. But that all and
every such person or persons may from time to time and at all times, fresh
laws, and fully enjoy all or their right of property or contributions or matters of
religion, according to the laws of the province. To obstruct themselfs peaceably
and quietly and not relying on force to accomplish not to be held
injury or outward disturbance of others provided. However that the need
of any thing taken shall never be considered or approved to make void the settlement of any palatine in this or any
Island, but this shall be settled by two thirds of the voters in any town
within whose shall always without the other part to be subscribed to
by the inhabitants in said county. Provided that and the two thirds thereof
but that all such agreements, conditions and subscriptions first and hereafter
also by act and trade or that after small cost in that allemounted to
agreed and subscribed shall at all time and trade hereafter be formed and
struck. And no confirmation thereof is required by the competent
provided Außerdem die Said Sum in the under for his skillings
otherwise to be considered as the same.

And whereases All the Stipendies Christian Churche now in praise
within the City of New-York and the churche places of said provint de
appear to be preserved Churche and truce dount for Stablisment and
Confirmed by the former authourity of the said government. Will it inded in
Churche by the general Assembly and by this authourity thredof that all
the said stipendies Christian Churche de-stirby confirmed thredof
that ther and room of them shall from henceforth preserve be field
and disputed privileges Churche and by all ther former field Lords of
under Esquire in New-Welliand and Churche Stipendies And that all
former Churche made and agreed upon for said maintenance of the.
As all ministers of the Said Churche shall stand and contnu in full
force and virtue And that all Churche for said future to ed made shall
The representation for the several counties of New York, and in general throughout the province, is appointed by the General Assembly, have for and in consideration of the many services and several favours, do meet and have called upon the inhabitants of this province, and also for the benefit of the inhabitants and to their security, enacting and providing, that it be laid upon the inhabitants and inhabitants before rendered and presented and for the better doing of the several counties and counties of this province, which cannot otherwise be enforced without great charge, and for all the ensuing year, and until the decree, and consent of the government and general assembly, now assembled and by the authority of the same, to the utmost extent, and by grant to the said several counties and inhabitants, for the use of customs, taxes, duties, that is today, shall within twelve months of this present, and all other duties, shall be imposed upon the province and dependencies the sum of seven pounds current money of this province, and for the pipe, of tobacco, hogsheads, and sugar, and all sweetened, the sum of forty shillings current money of this province, and all other duties, and common usage, the sum of twenty shillings current money of this province, and upon all other duties, and common usage, the sum of forty shillings current money of this province.