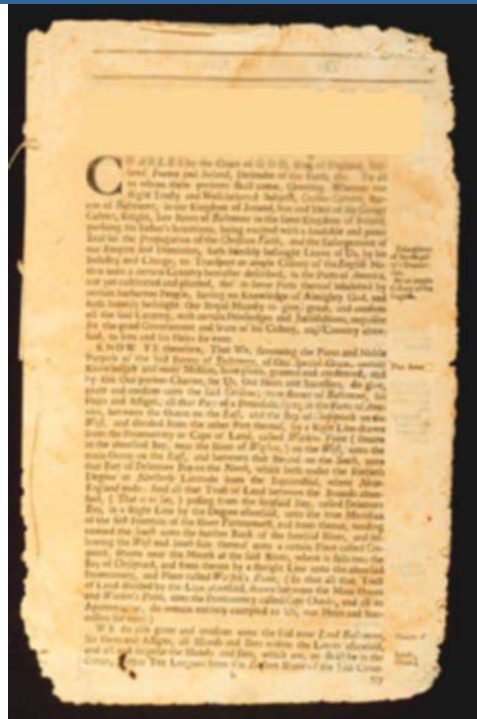


The King's Charters



The King of England granted charters to the Virginia Company of London. A charter is an official document that tells the limits of the rights and duties of the group it is given to.

The charters were important for many reasons:

- 1. The charters gave the Virginia Company the right to establish (set up) a settlement in North America.**
- 2. The first charter of the Virginia Company of London established companies to begin colonies in the New World.**
- 3. The charters extended English rights to the colonists.**