

THE ROYAL CHARTER IS OBTAINED MAY 10, 1722 AS FOLLOWS:

GEORGE, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND
IRELAND

KING, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, &c.

TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: KNOW YE THAT WE, OF OUR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE AND MERE MOTION FOR THE DUE INCOURAGEMENT OF SETTLING A NEW PLANTATION, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF OUR COUNCIL, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, AND BY THESE PRESENTS, AS FAR AS IN US LIES, DO GIVE AND GRANT, IN EQUAL SHARES UNTO SUNDRY OF OUR BELOVED SUBJECTS WHOSE NAMES ARE ENTERED IN A SCHEDULE HEREUNTO ANNEXED, THAT INHABIT OR SHALL INHABIT WITHIN THE SAID GRANT, WITHIN OUR PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE FOLLOWING BOUNDS (VIZ.): TO BEGIN AT DOVER WESTELY CORNER BOUNDS, RUNNING ALONG EXETER NORTHERLY LINE, WEST AND BY NORTH TWO MILES, THEN ALONG EXETER HEADLINE SOUTH-WEST HALF A POINT, MORE SOUTHERLY ONE MILE AND THREE-QUARTERS, AND FROM THENCE UPON A WEST NORTHWEST POINT OF THE COMPASS TENN MILES INTO THE COUNTRY. THEN TO BEGIN AGAIN AT THE AFORESAID DOVER WESTLY CORNER BOUNDS AND RUN NORTH-EAST HALF A POYNT MORE EASTELY FOUR MILES AND A QUARTER ALONG DOVER HEADLINE, THEN UPON A NORTHWEST POYNT HALF A POYNT MORE NORTHELY THIRTEEN MILES INTO THE COUNTRY, AND FROM THAT BOUNDS UPON A STREIGHT LINE TO THE END OF THE AFORESAID TENN MILE LINE. AND THAT THE SAME BE A TOWN CORPORATE BY THE NAME OF NOTINGHAM, TO THE PERSONS AFORESAID FOR EVER, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAID LAND TO THE SAID GRANTEES AND THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNES

FOREVER, AND TO SUCH ASSOCIATES AS THEY SHALL ADMIT, UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:--

1ST. THAT EVERY PROPRIETOR BUILD A DWELLING-HOUSE WITHIN THREE YEARS AND SETTLE A FAMILY THEREIN; AND BREAK UP THREE ACRES OF GROUND, AND PLANT AND SOW THE SAME, WITHIN FOUR YEARS; AND PAY HIS PROPORTION OF THE TOWN CHARGE WHEN AND SO OFTEN AS OCCASION SHALL REQUIRE THE SAME.

2LY. THAT A MEETING HOUSE BE BUILT FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD WITHIN THE S^D TERME OF FOUR YEARS.

3LY. THAT, UPON DEFAULT OF ANY PARTICULAR PROPRIETOR IN COMPLYING WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS CHARTER UPON HIS PART, SUCH DELINQUENT PROPRIETOR SHALL FORFEIT HIS SHARE TO Y^E OTHER PROPRIETORS, WHICH SHALL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDING TO THE MAJOR VOTE OF THE SAID COMPANY AT A LEGAL MEETING.

4TH. THAT A PROPRIETOR'S SHARE BE RESERVED FOR A PARSONAGE, ANOTHER FOR THE FIRST MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, ANOTHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF A SCHOOL, PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS THAT THE PEACE WITHIN THE INDIANS CONTINUE DURING THE AFORE^{SD} TERM OF THREE YEARS. BUT, IF IT SHOULD SO HAPPEN THAT A WAR WITH THE INDIANS SHOULD COMMENCE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE AFORESAID TERM OF THREE YEARS, THE SAID TERM OF THREE YEARS SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR THE PROPRIETORS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE WAR FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE AFORE^{SD} CONDITIONS. RENDERING AND PAYING THEREFORE TO US OUR HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS OR SUCH OTHER OFFICER OR OFFICERS AS SHALL BE APPOINTED TO RECEIVE THE SAME, THE ANNUAL QUIT RENT OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ONE EAR OF INDIAN CORN IN THE SAID TOWN ON THE TWENTYETH DAY OF DECEMBER YEARLY FOREVER. RESERVING ALSO UNTO US OUR HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS ALL

MASTS TREES GROWING ON THE SAID TRACT OF LAND ACCORDING TO THE ACTS OF PARLIAMENT IN THAT CASE MADE AND PROVIDED. AND, FOR THE BETTER ORDER, RULE, AND GOVERNMENT OF THE SAID TOWN, WE DO BY THESE PRESENTS FOR OURSELVES, OUR HEIRS, AND SUCCESSORS, GRANT UNTO THE SAID MEN AND INHABITANTS OR THOSE THAT SHALL INHABIT THE SAID TOWN, THAT YEARLY AND EVERY YEAR UPON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR EVER SHALL MEET TO ELECT AND CHUSE BY THE MAJOR PART OF THEM CONSTABLES, SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS ACCORDING TO THE LAWS AND USAGE OF OUR AFORE^{SD} PROVINCE FOR THE YEAR ENSUING, WITH POWER AND PRIVILEGES AND AUTHORITIES AS OTHER TOWNS AND TOWN OFFICERS WITHIN OUR AFORE^{SD} PROVINCE HAVE AND ENJOY. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF WE HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL OF OUR SAID PROVINCE TO BE HEREUNTO ANNEXED. WITNESS SAMUEL SHUTE, ESQ^R, OUR GOVERNOUR AND COMMANDER- IN-CHIEF OF OUR SAID PROVINCE AT OUR TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, THE TENTH DAY OF MAY 'IN THE EIGHTH YEAR OF OUR REIGNE ANNO DOMINII, 1722.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COM^D

SAM^L SHUTE.

WITH ADVICE OF Y^E COUNCIL.

R. W. CL^K COU^T.