

This deed Witnesseth of a Charter granted to the Town and Freeholders of Bergen and to the Villages and plantations thereunto belonging situated and being in the Province of New Jersey or New Jersey by the (Hon^{ble}) Capt Phillip's, Carteret Esq^r Governor of the said Province and his Council and the right Honourable John Lord Berkeley Baron of Stratton and of George Carteret Esq^r and Baron the absolute Lords Proprietors of the said, containing the Limits and bounds of the Jurisdiction of the said Town together with the Privileges and freedoms therunto belonging and appertaining as followeth. To wit the Bounds and Limits of the aforesaid Town and Corporation of Bergen is to begin at the north end thereof from a place called Mandavis Meadow lying upon the west side of Hudsons River from thence to run upon a N. W. line by a three rail fence that is now standing to a place called Spaten and from thence to a little back surrounding N. N. W. till it comes into Hackensack River containing in breadth from the top of the Hill 8 1/2 miles or 120 chains from thence it runs along the said Hackensack river upon a S. S. W. line till it comes to the point or north of land that is over against Staten Island and Shooters Island in Arthur Cull Bay containing in breadth about 12 miles from thence to run eastward along the river called Hill Van Cull that parts Staten Island and the main to a point or neck of land called Constables point or Constables Hook and from thence to run up Northward all along the Bay up into Hudsons River till it comes to Mandavis Meadow aforesaid so that the whole tract of upland and meadow properly belonging to the Jurisdiction of the said Town and Corporation of Bergen is bounded at the North end by a Tract of land belonging to Capt Nicholas Berlett and Mr Samuel Edsall on the East side by Hudsons River on the South end by the Hill Van Cull that parts Staten Island and the main and on the west side by Arthur Cull bay and Hackensack River as it is now plainer demonstrated by a draft thereof made by the Surveyors General heretofore annexed the whole both upland Meadow and Waist Land containing according to the Survey 1752 20 Acres English measure or thereabouts. Which said limits and bound

together wth all ^{the} rivers ponds creeks islands Inlets bays fishing Boating
Hunting and all other appertanances therunto belonging And appertaining
the half part of gold and silver mines and the Royalty of the Lands
proprietors only excepted to continue and remain within the
Jurisdiction Corporation or townships of the said Town of Bergen from
the day of the date hereof and forever the said Corporation sub-
-mitting themselves to the authority of the Lords proprietors and
the Government of this Province It be holden by them the said
Corporation or townships their Heirs and successors as of the Mannor
of East Greenwich in free and common sokeage —

2^d That all the Freeholders of the said Corporation or Township be
humbly Jointly and severally obliged to Pay or Cause to be paid
to the said Lords proprietors Their Heirs and successors to their
Receiver General within the said Province on every 25th day of
March according to the English account the sum of Fifteen pounds
Sterling of good and lawfull money of England or the value thereof
in good and current pay of the Country as a Rent due to
them for the whole said Tract of land above mentioned in lieu of
the R^{ts} here mentioned in the Concessions which payment is to
begin on the 25th day of March which shall be in the year of our Lord
1670 and so to continue for ever without any charge to the said
Lords proprietors or their agents and that all patents for Land
whatsoever granted or to be granted within the said Limits are to
be ~~granted~~ accounted upon the aforesaid Rent of Fifteen pounds
Sterling per annum —

3 That all Freeholders living and inhabiting within the said Jurisdiction
Corporation or Township whether within the said Town of Bergen Common
Wharffness Mumbarque Pambropack or upon any other plantations within
the said Limits shall be deemed and accounted for freemen of the
said Corporation or Township and having taken the oath of
allegiance to the King and fidelity to the Lords proprietors are to have
a free voice in election and to enjoy all the rights Immunities and
privileges hereby granted unto the said Corporation or Township —

4 That the Freeholders aforesaid or the major part of them are upon the
Governors Summons to make choice of two Deputies to join with the
general Assembly for the making of Laws and carrying on the ^{public} affairs of
the whole Province

5^{thly} That the Freeholders aforesaid or the Major part of them have power to chose their own Magistrates to be assistants to the President or Judge of the Court and for the ordering of all public affairs within the said Jurisdiction. Provided that one of the said Magistrates is to be chosen out of the Freeholders Minchague or Pembroke. They have power likewise to nominate their Justice or Justices of the peace and their military officers provided that the Justices of the peace and military officers are to be approved of and commissioned by the Governor.

6^{thly} That the Freeholders aforesaid or the major part of them have power to chose their own minister for the preaching of the word of God and the administering his holy Sacraments and being so chosen all persons as well the Freeholders as the Inhabitants are to contribute according to their Estates and proportions of Land for his maintainance or to lay out such proportion of Land for the Minister and the keeping of a free school for the education of youth as they shall think fit which Land being once laid out is not to be alienated but to remain and continue forever from one Incumbent to another free from paying of any Rents or any other Rate or taxes whatsoever notwithstanding it shall and may be lawfull for any particular person or persons to keep and maintain and other minister at their own proper cost and charges.

7^{thly} That in religious concerns the way of worshipping of God there is liberty of conscience granted to all persons in General as well to the Freeholders as to others that are or shall be admitted inhabitants within the said Corporation or Township They taking or subscribing to the Oath of Allegiance to the King and Fidelity to the Lords Proprietors and their successors and that no person whatsoever shall be injured molested or troubled for his or her difference in opinion in matters of religion provided that this liberty granted shall not extend to licentiousness or the disturbance of others and the public peace.

8^{thly} That the Freeholders aforesaid or a major part of them have power to admit of their own inhabitants and to divide all proportions of Land as are within their bounds and limits aforesaid that are not already appropriated and patented by particular persons before the day of the date hereof according to their allotments or Estates as the

Justices and magistrates shall in their wisdom and discretion think fit which lands being so divided every mans proportion is to be surveyed and bounded by the surveyor to be recorded by the Secretary and Recorder General of the province or by either of them which proportion and allotments being so surveyed and recorded after two years into possession shall not be subject to any Reserve nor alteration of Bounds but shall remain according to the first survey forever And for the better avoiding of all frauds & suits in law all Mortgages Transfers Leases & Leases for above the term of one year and all other Contracts concerning Houses or Lands are to be recorded by the Secretary as aforesaid for the neglect thereof all such contracts as aforesaid are to be void and of no effect in Law

9th That all lands and meadows that are appropriated and patented by particular persons before the day of the date of these presents shall ^{remain} remain unto them without any alteration unless the proprietors thereof will give their consent to the contrary

10th That the Freeholders and inhabitants of the said Corporation shall have a Free trade allowed them and that no tax of Custom Excise or any Imposition whatsoever shall be imposed on them but such as shall be levied by the Governor and Council and General Assembly for the defraying of the Public charge and the maintainance of the government and that all the rates and assessments relating to the said Corporation or Township shall be raised and levied by the Justices & Magistrates or whom they shall appoint

11th That in case of invasion or insurrection by the Indians or other they are mutually as well the Freeholders as all the other inhabitants to join with all other towns and plantations within the said province for the defence and safety of the same but no war to be levied without the consent of the Council and General Assembly

12th That all the Freeholders aforesaid or the major part of them have power annually on the first day of January or any other set time as they shall appoint to choose one or more constables for the public service which said constable or constables are to be sworn in their office by the Justice of peace according to the oath prescribed

13th That all Freeholders and others the inhabitants aforesaid are to subject

themselves to the laws and government of the province and to swear
~~and~~ or subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the King and Fidelity
to the Lords proprietors and in case they have any desire to remove
and transport themselves they have liberty to do and to dispose of
their lands and estates to their best advantage

14th That the said Corporation or Township have power to erect and Ordain
a Court of Judicature within their own Jurisdiction and for their limits
thereof for the trial of ~~small~~ Causes actionable between party & party
from whence there shall be no appeal under the sum of 5 pounds
sterling and ^{also} for the trial ~~and~~ of all Criminal and causes of
Misdemeanors and to inflict such fines and punishments as
the merits of the Cause shall require as by imprisonment
stocking peloning bucking Boarding Whipping not exceeding
20 stripes and the like which Court is to consist of a President
who is to be a Justice of the peace and of the Magistrates or any
two of them at the least a clerk and such other officers as they
shall appoint which said Magistrates and clerk are to be sworn
in their offices and the clerk to be approved off by the Secretary
General of the province who is to keep an exact record of all actions
that shall be brought in and tried in ^{the} said court and to give an
account thereof unto him when the same are required by the Governor
and his Council no Freeholder is to be arrested or delayed in
Prison for Debt untill all Judgements be passed and Execution
Granted unless it can be made appear that the party has intent
to defraud his creditors by running out of the country that all persons
as well Freeholders as other inhabitants in case of appeal the appellans
shall give in security to prosecute his appeal or stand to the Judgement
of the court all Causes according to the laws of England shall be
tried by a Jury of six or twelve men and whomever shall trouble
and molest his neighbour being of the same Corporation by arresting
of him and going to law in another Jurisdiction shall be liable
to a fine according to the discretion of the court. The Justice or Justices of
the peace being Commissioned and sworn in their office have power
to administer the oath of allegiance and fidelity and all other oaths
that are required by the law and to issue out in his Majesty's name
or in whose name or names it shall or may hereafter be appointed

by the laws their warrants of Summons and arrest within the
limits and Jurisdiction of the said Corporation or Township, directing
the same to the Constable or Marshall or what ever officers or officers
the said Corporation shall in their discretions think fit to appoint
for that services who are to put the same into execution accordingly
and also to Issue out — *one line was out* —

and runaways and to prosecute them by way of Whiph and Key
and to do all such things and things by their authority according
to law and Justice as may conduce to the peace and well
government of the said Province Corporation & Township.
provided that all fines are to be disposed of for charitable
or public use

It is to be noted that all mortgages sales and Leases of land
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they are first to be acknowledged before the Governour or Justice
of the peace by the Grantor or by two good and sufficient
witnesses attested on the back side of the aforesaid deed
which as a warrant for the secretary to record the same
In confirmation of the premises we the said Governour and his
Council have hereunto set our hands the 22nd day of 7th month
1668 And in the 20th year of the Reigne of our Lord Charles
the second of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender
of the faith &c and the seal was placed by consent
before signing

Robert Banguillon Mr. Bartlett
William Pardon Samuel Edsall
Robert Ward

James Bollen Secretary ~~of~~ and of the Council

~~At 10~~ Compared by *one this*
16th day of Oct. at 1805 Hooppe *copy*

At 11 Copy of the Reigen Charter from the Public Record

The Reigen Remay in the Sec^y office at P. A. in Book 1 page 37 &c

Copy of Grant
by
Gov. Philip Carter
to
Town & Freeholders of
Bergen
dated Sep 27 1668

Copy made Oct 16, 1805

1927
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF
HUDSON COUNTY