This deed witnesseth of a Charter granted to the town and inhabitants of Bergen and to the villages and plantations thereunto belonging situated and being in the Province of New Jersey or New Sweden by the Lords Proprietors of the said province and their Council and the Right Honourable John Lord Berkeley Baron of Stratton and the Right Honourable Sir John Berkeley Baron of Stratton and Sir George Carteret Sir and Baronet the absolute and proprietors of the said containing the limits and bounds of the jurisdiction of the said town together with the dominions and privileges therunto belonging and appertaining as followeth. Commence the bounds and limits of the aforesaid town and corporation of Bergen to begin at the north and hence from a place called Mandevil's Meadow lying upon the north side of Hudson River from thence to run upon a due north line by a thread paper that is now standing to a place called Station and from thence to a little brook surrounding A.R. N till it comes into Hackensack River containing in breadth from the top the width of six miles or 120 chains from thence N. West along the said Hackensack River upon a S. W. line till it comes to the point or north of land that is upon against Station Island and Snorton Island in Arthur Bull Bay containing in breadth about 12 miles from thence to run eastward along the river called Hill Van Cut that parts Station Island and the main to afraid or neck of land called constable's point or constables Neck and from thence to run up northward all along the bay up into Hudsons River till it comes to Mandevil's Meadow aforesaid to that the whole tract of upland and meadow property belonging to the jurisdiction of the said town and corporation of Bergen is bounded at the north and by a tract of land belonging to Said Nicholas Hendricks and John Samuel Sellall on the east side by Hudson River on the south and by the Hill Van Cut that parts Station Island and the main and on the west side by Arthur Bull bay and Hackensack as it is now plainer demonstrated by a draft, thing made by the surveyed General Surmane Consecrated the whole both uplands and meadows and main land containing according to the survey 1832 acres English measure or thereabouts. Which said limits and bounds
together with all mines and lands, islands, boats, and fishing harbors. Hunting and all other appurtenances therein to be granted and appurtenant to the said property shall continue and remain within the said jurisdiction. Corporation or townships of the said town of Bergen from the time of the said corporation and forever the said corporation and its successors shall submit themselves to the authority of the said proprietors and the government of this province. To be held by them, the said corporation or townships their heirs and successors as of the Manor of East Greenwich in fee and common leverage.

2. That all the inhabitants of the said corporation or townships are hereby jointly and severally obliged to pay or cause to be paid to the said 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 lawful money of England at the value thereof in and for each day of the County of the Province as a debt, and due to them for the whole said tract of land above mentioned in lieu of the 15d per acre 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 shall continue forever without any charge to the said proprietors or their agents and that all patents for land whatever granted or to be granted within the said limits are to be absolutely accounted upon the aforesaid rent of Fifteen pounds.

3. That all inhabitants living and inhabiting within the said jurisdictional corporation or township, whether within the said town of Bergen or not, shall agree to and abide by all acts and laws, and to be governed by all acts of the said corporation or township and having taken the oath of allegiance to the King and fidelity to the said proprietors are to have a free voice in election and to enjoy all the rights, franchises, and privileges hereby granted unto the said corporation or township.

4. That the inhabitants of the said town are upon the Governor summoning to make choice of two deputies to join with the General Assembly for the making of laws and decision on the affairs of the whole province.
That the Inhabitants aforesaid or the major part of them have power to choose 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 Inhabitants of Newhaven or Pembroke. They have power likewise to nominate their justices 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 recommissioned by the Governor.

6th. That the Inhabitants aforesaid or the major part of them have power to choose their own minister for the preaching of the word of God and the administration of the Holy Sacraments and being to choose all persons as well the Inhabitants as the Inhabitants are to contribute according to their estates and proportions of land for his maintenance or to lay out such proportion of land for the Minister and the keeping of a freeman for the education of youth so they shall think fit which land being once laid out is not to be alienated but to remain and continue forever from one incumbant to another free from paying of any rent or any other rate or taxes whatsoever notwithstanding the same and may be lawfully for any particular person or persons to take and maintain and other minister at their own proper cost and charge.

7th. 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 Inhabitants aforesaid as to others that are or shall be admitted inhabitants within the said corporation or sphere. They taking or subscribing to the faith of allegiance to the King and fidelity to the Lord Proprietors and their successors and that no person whatever 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.

8th. That the Inhabitants aforesaid or the 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 on estates as the
Justices and magistrates shall in their wisdom and discretion think fit which lands being to divided every man proportion is to be survey, parted 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 interpolation shall not be subject to any recovery nor alteration of bounds but shall remain according to the first survey forever. And for the better assuring of all grants and titles in new all mortgages transported since it appears to above the term of one year and all other contracts concerning houses or lands are to be recorded by the secretary or aforesaid for the neglect thereof, all such contracts aforesaid are to be void and of no effect unless after five years that all lands and meadows that are appropriated and patented by particular persons before the day of the state of those grants shall from unto them without any alteration unless the proprietor thereof will give their consent to the contrary.

10th. That the stockholders and inhabitants of the said corporation shall have a free trade amongst them and that no tax is there of custom or any imposition whatsoever shall be imposed on them but such as shall be levied by the governor and council and General Court for the defraying of the public charge and the maintenance 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 of the county aforesaid or whom they shall appoint.

11th. That in case of invasion or insurrection by the Indians within they are mutually as well the stockholders 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 stockholders aforesaid or the major part thereof shall from annually on the first day of January for any other day time as they shall appoint to choose one or more constables for the public service which said constables or constables are to be chosen in their office by the justice of peace according to the oath prescribed.

13th. That all stockholders and other the inhabitants aforesaid are to subject
themselves to the laws and government of the province and to those
laws or subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the King and Fidelity
to the Lord 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.

14§ 4 That the said corporation or Township have power to enact and ordain
a Court of Indictments within their own Jurisdiction and for the trial
of all causes actionable between parties within
from whence there shall be no appeal under the laws of the Province
until and for the trial 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,
shackling, boredom, burning, branding, whipping and expelling
of things and the like of which Court is to consist of a Judge
who is to be a Justice of the Peace and of the magistracy of any
two of them at the least a Clerk and such other officers as they
shall appoint Which said magistracy and clerks are to be sworn
in their offices and the Clerk to be approved of 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 said court and to give an
account thereof unto him when demanded required by the Governor
and his Council and for debts is to be arrested or delayed in
union for debt until all judgments be paid and execution
granted unless it can be made appear that the partie indebted
is able to discharge said execution by running out the county that all
parties as well indebted as other inhabitants in case of appeal the appel
shall give in security to prosecute said appeal or stand to the judgment
of the court all causes according to the laws of any land shall be
tried by a jury of five or twelve men and whereas every shall try
and make his neighbor being of the same corporation by virtue of
him and going to law or another jurisdiction shall be liable
to a fine according to the discretion of the court. The Judge or Judges
or the peace being commissioned and sworn in their offices have power
to administer the oath of allegiance and fidelity and all oaths
that are required by the law and to hire out in the majesty name
or in whose name is names it shall or may then after be appointed.
By the said Warrant of Summing and Arrest within the Limits and Jurisdiction of the said Corporation or Jurisdiction the same to the Constable or Marshal of what ever officers aforesaid the said Corporation shall in their discretion think fit to appoint, for that Persons who are to put the same into Execution accordingly and also to Issue out—— on lien un in
And runaway and to Prosecute them by way of Hugh and By and to all such things and things by their authority according to Law and Justice as may continue to the peace and good government of the said Governor Corporation and Kings, provided that all sums are to be Applied of for charitable or Public use
It is to be noted that all mortgages sales and Leases of land
(our lives in war)

they are first to be acknowledged before the Governor or Justice of the Peace by the Warrant or by two good and sufficient Witnesses attested on the back side of the aforesaid Deed which as a Warrant for the Secretary to Read the same
In confirmation of the Premises we the said Governor and his Council have Reunited the Reeds the 28th day of November 1663 and in the 20th year of the Reign of our Lord Charles the Second of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc and the seal was placed by Ensign

MR Garrett
Robert Angell
Mr Barlow
William Burden
James Edral
Robert Bond

James Pollin the Clerk to and of the Council

A true Comparison of this
15th day of Oct. 1663

To 11 Copy of the Reunited Charter from the Public Record

The Rev. Thomas in the Yoke office at P.R. in Book 1 Page 378c
Copy of Grant by
Gov. Philip Carteret
to
Town of Freeholders of
Bergen
Dated Oct 27 1668
Copy made Oct 30 1808

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