The Charter

by the Royal Assent, given to the Inhabitants of New York, and their Dependencies.

For the better administering the Government of this Province of New York, and that justice and quiet may be equally done to all persons within these bounds,

Resolv'd by the Governor, Council and Representatives, now in General Assembly met, and assembled, on the authority of the same?

That the Superior Legislature, Authority and Government of the said Province shall be in the said Province, assisted by a Council with whose advice and consent, or with at least four of them, they is to rule and govern the said Province, according to the Laws thereof.

That in all the Governor shall be or shall sit out of the Province, and that twelve or more persons within the said Province, authorized by the Governor, shall sit in Council for the time being or so many of them as may in the said Province, do take upon them the Administration of the power, and the Execution of the Governor thereof, and powers and authorities belonging to the Governor, and Council. The first in nomination in which Council is to reside until the said Governor shall return, and arrive in the said Province against the pleasure of the Lovall Highness; in the interim or further pleasure.

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

That every Pretender within this Province, and Resident in any Part of it, is a freeman.
That the persons to be elected to constitute the General Assembly shall be chosen from time to time so as to represent the several towns chosen to send deputations or officers of the provinces and all places therein. The said men shall be attending to the proper places and

That the said representatives of the General Assembly shall be entitled to vote for the said election of governance for the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Middlesex, and Kent, for the counties of Lincoln, York, Northumberland, and Westmorland, and for the counties of Sussex, Kent, and Middlesex. And as many more as may be appointed shall have a right to sit and vote.

That all persons chosen and admitted in manner aforesaid of the several parts of them shall be deemed and accounted the representatives of the provinces. And said representatives together with the Governor and the Council shall be the supreme and only legislative power in the said provinces.

That the said representatives may appoint their own times of meeting, and may adjourn their house from time to time to such times as to them shall seem meet and convenient.

That the said representatives shall, under the advice and consent of their own members and, as nearly as may be, the people of all sundry towns and men, frame and make such regulations and orders as shall secure their house as they shall see fit and shall be ordained during their sessions.

That no member of the General Assembly or their deputies during the kind of their sessions and while they are absent shall be going to and returning from this said Assembly. They shall be arrested, and if any person or persons shall refuse to make answer to any suit or claim presented in the suits of the General Assembly that shall not be tried in the court of the General Assembly.

That all suits agisted upon by the said representatives of the whole part of them shall be presented unto the Governor and the Council for their consideration.
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consent to do the Governor and the Council shall be tho shown, and shall
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The Governor, Council and representatives in general as to every other
without the approbation of the small His Majesty. To twice or where done in
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That all acts of death or removal from any of the said representatives,
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in their plant and stead.
That no Seaman shall be taken and imprisoned or be distressed of his
freedom or liberty, or first custom or be outlawed or killed, or any other way
distressed, nor shall be passed upon Judges or condemned but by the lawful
judgment of the peace and by the King of the province. First nor shall any
shall be murdered, nor robbed, nor departed to any man within the province.
That no and the tallage, impost and custom, loan, bond, and bond
imposition whatsoever shall be levied, assessed, paid or levied on any
Majesty's estate within the Province or under his state, upon any market of
colour or produce, but by the act and consent of the Governor, Council and
representatives of the people in general of the Country and Assembly.
That no man of what state or condition soever shall in pursuance of
his funds or condition, nor taken, nor imprisoned nor deprived nor bound
nor in any way displaced without being brought to a hearing by due process
of law.
That no Seaman shall not be arrested for a small fault, but after
an order of the fault and for a great fault after the greatest height of
having to him the fault, and a suit of the law, and a merchant likewise
having to him the matter, and when the said mediums shall be assailed but by the oath of the best honest
both small men of the province provided the fault and middling faults
in remembrance of court of enduring.
All the shall be by the court of stated men, and Judges as may be.
That in all such cases as in the present suit shall be a grand jury whose first present the offence and then twelve men of the neighborhood to by the offender with offense make plea to the judgment shall be allowed for reasonable challenge.

That in all other cases as sufficient cause shall be a sworn and taken acknowledgment in bond of fiend that and it shall be signed to some person in the warrant of convict that no other person whatsoever shall be allowed to be set free upon bond any person taken in judgment for debts or absconded by the judgment shall be allowed of the court of record within the province.

That no ttitman shall be compelled to serve any a蔓延ted or bound in to the bond and his suffer them to sojourn against their wills provided however it do not in time of actual war within this province.

That no person for providing the shall pay against any of the subjects within the province shall fine forth to any person what soever first by or while of them or shall be suffered or put to death except all suit thereof persons and subjects in pay strengthen and government.

That from hence forward no land within this province shall be disposed or attached to debt or personal debt but an act of subditiants attending to the certain and parts of all allegiance the realm of England.

That no part of this province shall for or at any time hereafter shall take any jurisdiction power or authority to grant out any interest or estate without the owner's consent provided always that the interest or means profits of any man's land shall or may be extended by ordinance or otherwise to satisfy just debts any thing to the contrary to the contrary in any wise.

Notwithstanding

That no estate of a town to be sold or conveyed but by
That all lands and tenements within this province, and hereinafter shall be free from all fines and enlargements upon homesteads, and from all tithes, fees, or charges, for any persons or persons who profess the faith in God and Jesus Christ. That any person or persons may pay any sums or sums disposed or raised in any manner or manner of any persons or persons, who do not actually possess the full power of the province. But that all and every such person or persons may have and hold any lands or land and all lands, houses, and buildings throughout all the province, shall be exempt from all tithes, fees, or charges, in any manner or manner of any matters of religion or otherwise throughout all the province. That no obstructions shall be made to the settlement of any people or persons on the land, nor the raising of any taxes for the same. But that all such agreements, covenants, and subscriptions shall be made and signed by two-thirds of the votes in any town, which shall always within the town part of the town, and shall be binding and stable and in confirmation thereof, as marked by the same.
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And whereas All the said Christian Grinstis now in parole within the city of New York and the said place of the present dec—appear to be privileged, confirmed and made better by the said, and confirmed by the former authority of the same government well and truly confirmed by the general assembly and by the authority thereof that all the said Christian Grinstis be hereby confirmed, to declare that they and heirs of them shall from henceforth forever be held and considered privileges Christian and by all their former friends and citizens in Ver. W. Leigh and Christian Stripling. And that all former contracts made and agreed upon for the maintenance of the same minister of the said Grinstis shall stand and remain in full force and virtue. And that all contracts for the future to be made shall
It continued this for the raising the revenues of the government.

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