

Appendix 2: Original Patent of the Northern Neck Proprietary

CHARLES THE SECOND by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith &. TO ALL to whome these presents shall come Greeting. WHEREAS wee have taken into Our Royall Consideration the great propagation of the Christian faith, and the manifold benefits arising to the Church of God, together with the welfare of multitudes of Our Loyall Subjects by the vndertakings and vigorous prosecution of Plantations in fforeign parts, and particularly in our Dominions of America AND whereas wee are informed by OUR Right trusty and welbeloved Ralph Lord Hopton, Baron of Stratton, Henry Lord Jermyn Baron of St. Edmunds Bury, John Lord Culpeper Baron of Thoresway, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Norton[sic] Sr Dudley Wyatt & Thomas Culpeper Esqr. That all that intire Tract of Land, portion and Territory lying in America, and bounded by, and within the heads of Tappahannocke als Rappahannocke and Quircough or Patawomecke Rivers, the Courses of the said Rivers and Chesapayaoake Bay, the said Rivers themselves, and all Islands within the said Rivers together with the ffishing of the same are in Our free guift and disposition, and that wee are intituled to the same, and every part and parcel thereof KNOWE ye therefore that wee for and in Consideracon of many faithfull services donne to Our late Royall ffather of blessed memory, and Our selfe by the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr, John Barkeley, Sr William Mortin [sic]. Sir Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper HAVE of Our especiall grace, certeyne knowledge, and meere motion, given granted and confirmed, and by these Our Letters Patents for Vs, Our heires and successors doe give, grant and confirme vnto the said Ralph Lord Hopton, Henry Lord Jermyn, John Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper, their heires and assignes for ever All that entire Tract, Territory or porcon of Land situate, lying and being in America, and bounded by and within the heads of the Rivers of Tappahannocke als Rappahannocke and Quiriough or Patawomecke Rivers, the Courses of the said Rivers as they are commonly called and knowen by the Inhabitants, and discriptions of those parts, And Chesapayocke Bay, together with the Rivers themselves and all the Islands within the Banks of those Rivers; And all Woods, Vnderwoods, Tymber and Trees, wayes, waters, Rivers, ponds, pooles, water Courses, ffishing streames, Havens, ports, Harbours, Creeks, wrecks of Sea, ffish Royall, Deere, wild beasts and fowle of what nature or kinde soever, Mynes of Gold and Silver, Lead, Tynne, Iron, and Copper, and Quarryes of Stone and Coale which now are, or at any tyme hereafter, shall bee had, comeing, being,

ariseing, reneweing, accrewing, found or taken within the Bonds of precincts aforesaid, Togeather with the Royalties of Hawking and Hunting for themselves, their heires and assignes, servants and Tenants in and vpon the Lands and premises aforesaid, and in and vpon every part and parcell thereof, saveing, excepting and reserveing to us, Our heires and Successors. One full fift part of all Gold Mynes, or Gold Oare, and One full Tenth part of all Silver Mynes, or silver Oare hereafter to bee had or found within the said intire Tract or Territory of Land TO HAVE hold and enjoy all the said Tract Territory, or porcon of land. and all and singular and other the prmises with and every of their ap-purtennes hereby granted, or menconed or intended to bee granted (except as before excepted) to the said Raph Lord Hopton, Henry Lord Jermyn, John Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barlekey. Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper their heirs and assignes for ever, to their onely vse and behoofe, and to no other vse intent or purpose whatsoever YEILDING and paying therefore yearely at the feast of St John the Baptist to vs, Our heires, and Successors the sume of Sixe pounds Thirteene shillings and fflower pence at Our Receipt of James Towne in Our Dominion of Virginia in lieu of all services and demands whatsoever AND wee doe further by these prsents of Our especiall grace, certeyne knowledge and mrere motion give and grant vnto them the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes and every of them full power, licence and authority to divide the said Tract or Territory of Land into Countyes, Hundreds, parishes, Tythings, townships, Hamletts and Boroughs, and to erect and build vpon such part or parts of the said Tract or Territory of Land as shall vnto them and every of them seems fitt and convenient Citties, Townes, Parish Churches, Colledges, Chappels, ffree schooles, Almes-houses and Houses of Correction, and to endowe them with Lands, Tenements, goods and Chattells at their free wills and pleasures. AND wee doe hereby give and grant for Vs, Our Heires and Successors vnto the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes and every of them that they shall be full and perpetuall patrons of all and every Church and Churches to bee built and endowed as afor said, and shall nominate and present able and fitt persons to bee Incumbents of such Churches, and vpon the avoydance of such Churches or any of them whether it shall bee by death, cession, resignacon, deprivacon, or otherwise, to nominate and present such other fitt person or persons to such Churches or Chappells as happeing [sic] to bee voyd as to them shall seem fitt and convenient, And that they and every of them have and enjoy, and may have and enjoy full faculty, power and authority of electing nomina-teing and presenting any fitt person to the Office or place of Master of any

Colledge, or Schoole Master of any Schoole to be founded and endowed by them or by any other person or persons whatsoever in and vpon the said Tract or Territory of Land or in or vpon any part of parcell thereof AND wee doe further for Vs Our heires and Successors give and grant vnto the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes by these presents, that they the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper and their heires and assignes shall and may divide any part or parts of the said Tract Territory or porcon of Land by these presents given granted and confirmed, or thereby menconed or intended to bee given granted and confirmed into Mannors and that they may call such Mannors after their owne, or any of their names, or by any other name or names whatsoever. And that they their heires and assignes and every of them may at all or any tyme or tymes hereafter have and hold within and vpon every such Mannor and within the limitts and princts of the same Mannor a Court of the nature of a Court Baron to enquire, heare, determine, and execute all and singular such things and matters, and in such manner and forme as hath at any tyme heretofore beene, now is, or of right ought to be vsed in any Court Baron within Our Kingdome of England, to bee holden before a Steward or Stewards from tyme to tyme to bee nominated constituted and appointed by the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes, and before the free suitors of the said Mannors respectively, in the same manner and forme as hath been vsed and accustomed in any other Court Baron or Court of the nature of a Court Baron within Our Kingdome of England, and in such severall and respective Courts to hold pleas of all and singular actions, trespasses, covenants, accompts, contracts, detinewes, debts and demands whatsoever where the debt, or thing demanded exceede not the value of fforty shillings of currant money of England. And that they and every of them their and every of their heires and assignes shall and may from tyme to tyme, at all tymes hereafter have and receive and take all and singular amerements ffines, comodities, advantages, perquisits, and emolumts whatsoever to such respective Court Barons belonging or any way apperteyneing, without any Accompt or other profit to bee made or rendered to Vs Our heires or Successors AND further wee of Our especiall grace certeyne knowledge and mere motion for Vs, Our heires and Successors have given and granted and doe by these presents for Vs, Our heires and Successors give and grant to the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes and every one of them, that they and every of them, their and every of their heires and assignes

shall and may at all tymes hereafter have hold and enjoy within the aforesaid respective Mannors and within the limits and precincts of the same Mannors a Court Leete and Viewe of ffrancke Pledge of all the Tenants, residents, and inhabitants of the Hundred or Hundreds within which such respective Mannor or Mannors shall lye or bee, to bee there holden twice in every yeare that is to say, once within the space of a Moneth next following the ffeast of St Michael the Archangell, and againe within the space of a Moneth next preceding and goeing before the feast of Easter to bee holden from tyme to tyme to such places, and vpon such dayes as to the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes shall seeme most fitt, convenient and necessary, according to the Lawes, vsages and Customes of Our Kingdome of England before the Steward or Stewards of the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes for the tyme being. And also all and singular goods and Chattells wayved, and all Estrayes happening, found, beeing, and taken within the limits or precincts of the said Leets, or Viewes of ffrancke pledge, and all and whatsoever doth belong or apperteyne to a Court Leete or View of ffracke Pledge, As also all and singular Amercemts ffines, forfeitures, paynes, penaltyes, perquisites rights and Jurisdictions whatsoever belonging to a Court Leete or View of ffrancke Pledge, or which doe, or may belong or apperteyne vnto Our heires, and Successors for or by reason of any such Court Leete or Viewe of ffrancke Pledge AND further Our will and pleasure is, and Wee for Vs, Our heires and Successors by these psents doe grant and give Licence to the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sir Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes, That they and every of them may have and hold within the said respective Mannors so to bee made as aforesaid and within the Libertyes and preincts of the said Mannors and within any part of the Tract or Territory of Land by these psents granted on every Saturday in every weeke One Markett, as also Two ffares every year to bee kept on such dayes, for so long tyme, and at such places within the said Tract or Territory of Land as to the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes shall seeme most meete and convenient. Together with a Court of Py-powders in every of the said severall ffares and with all Libertyes ffree Customes, Tolls, Stalladge, Piccadge, ffines, Amercemts and all other profits comodities, advantages, and emolumts whatsoever belonging or apperteyning to any Markett ffaire or Court of Pyepowders holden or to bee holden within our Kingdome of England, and this without the molestacon, perturbacon, or contradiction of Vs, Our heires or

Successrs AND Wee have given and granted, and wee doe further by these presents for Vs, Our heires and Successors give and grant to Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes full faculty, power and authority al all tymes hereafter, and in such place or places as to them shall seeme fitt and convenient (the same place of places being parcell of the permisses hereby granted) to erect One or more Parke or Parkes for the breeding, feeding and sustentacon of Deere and other wild beasts of Chase And that they may enclose, imparke, and impale such Parke or Parkes with walls, payles, rayles, or such materials as to them shall seeme fitt and convenient. And being so imparked and inclosed may have and Hold and enjoy such Parke and Parkes forever without any molestacon perturbation or interruption of Vs Our heires or Successors or any of our Justices, Ministers or Officers. And that they their heires and assignes may have hold and enjoy within the Parke and Parkes to bee erected, enclosed and impalled as aforesaid, and in all other Lands and prmisses granted by these presents ffree Chase, and ffree warren, and whatsoever privilege and freedome besides that doth belong or apperteyne to the Libertyes of Parkes, Chases and Warrens so that no other person or persons whatsoever may presume to enter into the said Parke or Parkes, or into any other part or parcel of the prmisses before these presents granted, to hunt, chase, or kill any of the deere, wild beasts, or other beasts of chase and warren being within the said Parke and Parkes and other the Lands aforesaid without the leave and License of the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper, their heires and assignes. AND wee, doe further for Vs Our heires and Successors by these presents grant and give license to the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes freely and without molestacon of Vs Our heires and Successors to give, grant, or by any other way or meanes sell or aliene all and singular the premisses by these presents granted and every part and parcell thereof to any person or persons, beeing willing to contract for and buy the same. To bee holden of the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkely. Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes as of any of their aforesaid Mannors in free and comon soccage by fealty onely, and by suite of Court, or by any other lawfull tenure or tenures vsed within our Kingdome of England Rendering and paying such Rents, and other lawful reservacons as shall seemes fitt and convenient to the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes NOTWITHSTANDING the Statute commonly called Ouia Emp-

tores terrarum, or any other Statute, Act Ordinance, or provision, or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding AND for the better Plantation and security of all and singular the prmisses before by these presents granted, and for suppressing such of Our Subjects as shall Rebell against Vs, Our heires and Successors and for the better resisting of forreigne force, and for the encouragement of such of our good Subjects as shall inhabite and reside vpon any part oR parcel of the said Tract Territory or porcon of Land hereby granted, wee doe will and Command the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignees. And wee doe hereby for Vs Our heires and Successors give and grant to them, and every of them, free leave, and full license and authority at their owne proper costs and charges to found erect and build in and upon some part of the prmisses One or more Castell or Castells, together with as many fforts and places defensible as to them shall seems fitt and convenient; which said Castles fforts and places defensible shall be built of Lyme and Stone, or other materials, with Battlements, fflanckers, Loopeholes, and fortified with walls, Lynes Bullwarks, false brayes, Graffs wett or dry, and all other warlike fortificacons as they shall thinke fitt to resist an enemy, and this without perturbacons molestacon or disturbance of Vs, Our heires or Successors or any of our officers or Ministers whatsoever. AND Wee doe for Vs, our heires and Successors for the Consideracons aforesaid covenant and grant and agree to and with the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires executors and assignes, and to and with every of them by theses presents that at any tyme hereafter vpon humble suite made vnto vs by the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes, Wee, Our heires and Successors shall enlarge and confirme these Our present Letters Patents by granting vnto them and their heires, other new Ones with such favourable concessions and grants as may supply any defect herein conteyned. AND further Wee of our expeciall grace certeyne knowledge and meere motion, doe grant vnto the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper. Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes and every of them by these presents That these shall bee to all intents and purposes firme valid good effectual and Sufficient in the lawe against Vs, Our heires and Successors in all the Courts of Vs Our heires or Successors hereafter to bee procured or obteyned by the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, Sr John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley Wyatt, and Thomas Culpeper their heires or assignes NOTWITHSTANDING the ill nameing, or ill reciteing, or not nameing or not reciteing, any parcels of

Lands Mannors, Castells, Boundarys, limits or princets of Lands hereby granted, or intended to be granted. And notwithstanding the not finding an Office or Inquisition of the premises or any part or parcell thereof by which Our Title or the Title of any of Our Progenitors or Antecessors of in and to the prmises, or of, in or vnto any part or parcell thereof ought to have been found before the making and granting of these our Letters Patents AND our will and pleasure is and wee doe hereby grant vnto the said Lord Hopton, Lord Jermyn, Lord Culpeper, St John Barkeley, Sr William Morton, Sr Dudley, and Thomas Culpeper their heires and assignes, that they shall have these Our Letters Patents made, and Sealed with Our Great Seale of England without giveing or paying any fee great or small to Vs, or to Our vse into the Hamper [sic] or elsewhere IN WITNES whereof Wee have caused these Our Letters to bee made Patents. Witnes Our selfe at St Germaine en Lay the Eighteenth day of September in the ffirst Yeare of Our Reigne

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