

charter

an official document from an organization granting certain rights and privileges

The charters of the Virginia Company of London were granted by the King of England giving the right (permission) to establish settlements in North America.



I.	<p>First Charter: <b>ESTABLISH A SETTLEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 1606, King James I issued the First Charter authorizing a group of investors to form the Virginia Company of London and to settle colonists (settlers) in North America.</li></ul>
II.	<p>Second Charter: <b>ALLOWED A REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 1609, the Second Charter of the Virginia Company of London allowed for a representative form of government in North America.</li><li>• It also defined the physical boundaries of the colony</li></ul>
III.	<p>Third Charter: <b>EXTEND ENGLISH RIGHTS TO THE SETTLERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 1612, the Third Charter of the Virginia Company of London extended the same English rights to the English settlers living in Virginia.</li><li>• The Third Charter remained in force until May 1624 when the Virginia Company of London went bankrupt and Virginia became a Royal Colony.</li></ul>