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James by the Grace of God etc. Whereas our
Loving and well Disposed Subjects Sir Thomas Gates and Sir George
Somers Knights Sir Richard Hakluyt Clerk Robt. Dowry of Westm.
and Edward Maria Wingfield Thomas Harman and Ralph
Gibbes Esq. William Parker and George Popham Gent and
Divers Others of Our Loving Subjects have been humbly Petitioned
unto us that we wouldouchsaf unto them our Licence to
make habitation Plantation and to Deduce a Colony of
Sundry of Our people into that part of America commonly
called Virginia and other parts and territories in America
either Appertaining unto us or which are not now actually
Possessed by any Christian Prince or people venturing
and being all along the Sea Coast between four and thirty
Degrees of Northern Latitude from the Equinoctial Line and
five and forty Degrees of the same Latitude and in the Space
lying between the same four and thirty and five and forty
Degrees and the Islands thereunto adjacent and within
one hundred miles of the Coast thereof and to that End
for the more speedy accomplishment of their said intention
plantation and habitation there we have thought good to divide
themselves into two Several Colonies and Companies the
One Consisting of Certain Knights Gentlemen Merchants
and Other Adventurers of Our City of London and elsewhere
which are and from time to time shall be bound unto
them which do Desire to begin their plantation and
Habitations in some fit and convenient place between
four and thirty and one and forty Degrees of the said
Latitude all along the Coast of Virginia and Coasts
of America aforesaid And the Other Consisting of

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