ABSTRACT of the Charter of the
Governour and Company of Merchants of
Great-Britain, Trading to the South-
Seas, and other Parts of America; and
for Encouraging the Fishery.

Date and
Recital of
Act.

The Charter is dated the Eighth of September,
1711. And recites the Act for paying the Pub-
lick Debts, and Settling the Trade to the South-
Seas and other Parts of America, and for Encouraging
the Fishery: And the Settlement thereby made of a Fund
of $68,279 l. 10 s. per Annum. to pay an Annuity of Six
Pounds per Cent. for all the Publick Debts to be pro-
vided for by the said Act, computed at 9,471,325 l., and
the Power thereby Granted to Her Majesty to Incorpo-
rate the Proprietors of the said Debts, and to appoint
Commissioners for taking Subscriptions toward the Join-
Stock of the Corporation, by the said Act directed to be
Erected for carrying on the Trade to the South-Seas, and
for Encouraging the Fishery; and the Clause of the Act
for allowing the Company 8000 l. per Annum. towards the
Charge of Management.

And the Charter further Recites, that two Commiss-
ions had been Granted for taking the said Subscriptions;
the one dated the 27th of June, and the other the 11th
of July, 1711. And that there appears to have been
Subscrib'd, pursuant to the said Act and Commissions,
before the last Day of July, 1711. the Sum of $3,405,559 l.
12 s. 7 d. or thereabouts: And that the said Subscripti-
ons have been paid and answer'd by Delivery, within
the time for that purpose limited, in the several Spe-
cies, provided for by the Act, to the amount in Prin-
cipal Money of such Subscriptions.

Then Her Majesty Incorporates the present Subscri-
biers, and all the Proprietors of the several Species in-
tended to be provided for by the Act, who should
hereafter Subscribe, to be One Body Politick and Cor-
porate,