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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

UA 77

Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/2382

Unit Date

1693

Language

English

Extent

1.5 Linear Feet

Repository

Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access:

Transcriptions, printed texts, photocopies, and photographic copies of the Charter are available and must be used in place of original documents. A transcription of the Charter is available at <http://swem.wm.edu/departments/special-collections/exhibits/exhibits/charter/charter/>. Manuscript collections and archival records may contain materials with sensitive or confidential information that is protected under federal or state right to privacy laws and regulations, such as the Virginia Public Records Act (Code of Virginia, § 42.1-76-91); and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Code of Virginia § 2.2-3705.5). Confidential material may include, but is not limited to, educational, medical, and personnel records. If sensitive material is found in this collection, please contact a staff member immediately. The disclosure of personally identifiable information pertaining to a living individual may have legal consequences for which the College of William and Mary assumes no responsibility.

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Acquisition Information:

Consult staff for acquisitions information. The Harvard copy of the Royal Charter was accessioned as Acc. 1937-135 on 2/24/1937, a gift through the Harvard College Library. The Andros copy of the Charter is Acc. 1977.13 and was purchased in 1977.

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Biographical Information:

William III of England (The Hague, 14 November 1650 - Kensington Palace, 8 March 1702; also known as William II of Scotland and William III of Orange) was a Dutch aristocrat and a Protestant Prince of Orange from his birth, Stadtholder of the main provinces of the Dutch Republic from 28 June 1672, King of England and King of Ireland from 13 February 1689, and King of Scotland from 11 April 1689, in each case until his death.

The College of William & Mary was named for William III and his wife Queen Mary II. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

[King of England William III](#)

Scope and Contents

This collection includes two contemporary copies of the Royal Charter issued to the College of William and Mary by King William III and Queen Mary II in 1693.

One copy was probably made for the personal reference of Sir Edmund Andros. It is uncertain for whom the second copy, known as the Harvard copy, was created. It is referred to as the Harvard copy because it was found in an attic at Harvard and subsequently given to the College of William and Mary in 1937. The Harvard copy suffered severe water damage at some point prior to coming to William and Mary.

The collection also includes other documents related to the Royal Charter: a certified copy of the Patent Roll Charter of the College of William and Mary in Latin obtained by the Hon. James Barbour in 1829; a copy of the Warrant from the King to the Attorney General authorizing him to draw up the Charter of the College of William and Mary made in 1828 from the original in the Rolls Chapel, London also at the request of Barbour; and correspondence from Herbert L. Ganter, Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts to the Deputy Keeper of Records in London concerning the purchase of a photostatic copy of the Charter in 1950-1951.

Additional information about the Royal Charter is available at the SCRC Wiki: [Royal Charter](#)

Related Materials:

University Archives Subject File Collection (regular and oversize) (UA 9); Office of the President (various); Charter Day Collection (UA 313); Frank Evans Papers (UA 6.009); and many other collections.

Information about related materials is available at http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Royal_Charter

Keywords

Charter
College of William and Mary--History--17th century
Legal documents
William III, King of England, 1650-1702
Mary II, Queen of England, 1662-1694
College of William and Mary.

Electronic Format:

A transcription of the Charter is available at <http://swem.wm.edu/departments/special-collections/exhibits/exhibits/charter/charter/>. Photocopies and photographic copies are also available in the Special Collections Research Center.

<http://swem.wm.edu/departments/special-collections/exhibits/exhibits/charter/charter/>

Custodial History:

It is uncertain for whom the Harvard copy was created. It is referred to as the Harvard copy because it was found in an attic at Harvard and subsequently given to the College of William and Mary in 1937 by the Harvard College Library.

Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements:

Transcriptions, printed texts, photocopies, and photographic copies of the Charter are available and must be used in place of original documents.

Description of Subordinate Components

Contemporary Copy, 1693

Unit ID id305593

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/207848

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This copy was likely made for the personal reference of the Colonial Governor of Virginia, Sir Edmund Andros. Purchased by the College in 1977. (Acc. 1977.13)

Harvard Copy, 1693

Unit ID id305595

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/207849

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This copy was discovered at Harvard University and given to the College of William and Mary in 1937.

Certified Patent Roll Charter of the College of William and Mary in Latin

Unit ID id305597

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/207850

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Copy of the Warrant from the King to the Attorney General authorizing him to draw up the Charter of the College of William and Mary made in 1828 from the original in the Rolls Chapel, London

Unit ID id305599

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/207851

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Herbert Ganter Correspondence, 1950-1951

Unit ID id305601

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/207852

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Correspondence from Herbert L. Ganter, Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts, to the Deputy Keeper of Records in London concerning the purchase of a photostatic copy of the Charter in 1950-1951.