



To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Trustees for settling the Colony of Georgia in America  
The View of the Town of Savannah as it is at present  
By the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Trustees for settling the Colony of Georgia in America  
1734

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## Charter of Georgia: 1732

(Modified excerpt)

**G**EORGE the second, by the grace of God, king of Great Britain, defender of the faith, and to all whom are present, greetings.

We are informed that many of our poor subjects are, through misfortunes and want of employment, reduced to great poverty, and are not able to provide for themselves and families. If they had means to pay for their passage and other [expenses] to new settlements, they would be glad to settle in any of our provinces in America and cultivate the lands. They might not only gain a comfortable **subsistence**<sup>1</sup> for themselves and families, but also strengthen our colonies and increase the trade, navigation, and wealth of our realms.

Our provinces in North America have been frequently **ravaged**<sup>2</sup> by Indian enemies, especially South-Carolina. The neighboring savages in the last war laid waste with fire and sword and great numbers of English inhabitants were miserably massacred. Our loving subjects who now inhabit the whole southern frontier are small in numbers and, in case of a new war, will be exposed to attacks by savages. We think it is highly important to protect all our loving subjects even if they are so distant from us.

We should extend our fatherly compassion even to the meanest and most unfortunate of our people and to relieve the suffering of [Britain's] poor subjects. Therefore, it will be highly **conducive**<sup>3</sup> for accomplishing those ends that a regular colony of the said poor people be settled and established in the southern territories of Carolina. We have been well assured, that if we graciously erect a new settlement for the receiving of our loving subjects; these persons would be encouraged to contribute to the improvement of Great Britain.

Therefore, we have through special grace and knowledge, appointed John, lord-viscount Purcival, of our kingdom of Ireland, our trusty and well beloved Edward Digby, George Carpenter, James Oglethorpe, George Heathcote, Thomas Tower, Robert Moore, Robert Hucks, Roger Holland, William Sloper, Francis Eyles, John Laroche, James Vernon; William Beletha, esquires, A. M. John Burton, B. D. Richard Bundy, A. M. Arthur Bedford, A. M. Samuel Smith, A. M. Adam Anderson and Thomas Corane, and such other persons as shall be elected to be, in deed and in name, the Trustees for establishing the colony of Georgia in America...

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<sup>1</sup> Subsistence - maintaining or supporting oneself at a minimum level

<sup>2</sup> Ravaged - severely damaged; devastated

<sup>3</sup> Conducive - making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible