

## Concessions and Agreement <sup>[1]</sup>

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See also: [Fundamental Constitutions](#) <sup>[2]</sup>.

The [Concessions and Agreement](#) <sup>[3]</sup> was a document issued by the [Lords Proprietors](#) <sup>[4]</sup> of Carolina on 7 Jan. 1665 to a group of Barbadian planters represented by [Maj. William Yeamans](#) <sup>[5]</sup>. Although the Barbadians intended to settle in the [Cape Fear](#) <sup>[6]</sup> region, the Concessions and Agreement applied to Carolina in its entirety. As such, it was Carolina's first written constitution. The Concessions and Agreement also provided for a method of land distribution and guaranteed settlers freedom of conscience in religion.

From the existing records, it appears that some aspects of the Concessions and Agreement were operative by mid-1665. The document remained in effect until early 1672, when it was superseded by the [Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina](#) <sup>[2]</sup>.

#### Reference:

Mattie Erma Edwards Parker, ed., *North Carolina Charters and Constitutions, 1578-1698* (1963).

#### Additional Resources:

Concessions and Agreements, DocSouth: <https://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/index.html/document/csr01-0036> <sup>[3]</sup>

#### Subjects:

[Colonial period \(1600-1763\)](#) <sup>[7]</sup>

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[Encyclopedia of North Carolina, University of North Carolina Press](#),<sup>[10]</sup>

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