

*The present  
City of London  
1607.*

*Assistants* consisting of 12 which are to be chosen annually, by (and out of) a general Court of the *Adventurers*, between the 15 and 25 of *March*. The first and present *Governour* appointed by his Majesty, in his *Royal Charter*, is Sir *Arthur Ingram* Knight, Mr. *John Turner*, Deputy *Governour*, and the 12 *Assistants* are Sir *Tho Bonfoy*, Knight and Alderman of the City of *London*, Mr. *Nicholas Warren*, Mr. *William Bulkly*, Mr. *William Throgmorton*, Mr. *John Page*, Mr. *John Webber*, Mr. *Henry Negus*, Mr. *Robert Bevin*, Mr. *Thomas Warren*, Mr. *Rowland Ingram*, Mr. *William Mafkeline*, and Mr. *William Read*. To whose care the management of the affairs of this society is committed, who for the Negotiation thereof have their meetings monthly, or weekly as occasions serve, at their house situate in *Leaden-hall-street London*.

*Their Seal  
and Ar-  
chipriment*

This Company by their said *Charter* have granted them the use of a common *Seal*, with liberty to alter the same at their pleasure. And for their *Atchievement*, they bear as followeth, viz. *Argent St. Georges Cross*, and on a chief *Azure*, a *Lyon of England*, between two bunches of grapes, or, and for their *Crest* on an *Helmet* and *Wreath* of their *Colours*, the *Mountain* called the *Pike Thenerise*, proper, *Mantled Gules*, doubled *Argent*, and for their supporters two *Falcons*.

And these are the several Companies of *Merchants*, that are at this day Incorporated into *Societies*, or *Fellowships*: others there are, though not Incorporated, yet maintain a very considerable trade and much to the benefit of this Kingdom: as those called the *Spanish*, *French*, *Italian*, and *Dutch Merchants*. The trade to which places, though not prohibited, as are to those places aforeaid, as *Eastland*, *Turkey*, the *East-Indies*, &c. yet is chiefly managed and negotiated by peculiar *Merchants*, which use the said trade, of which a word or two.

*The Span-  
ish Mer-  
chants and  
their trade.*

The *SPANISH MERCHANTS*, or *Merchants* trading into *Spain*, *Portugal*, &c. are found very beneficial to this Nation, importing several good *Commodities* as the *Wines* of *Xeres*, *Mallaga*, *Bastard*, *Candado*, and *Alicant*, also *Oyles*, *Olives*, *Sugars*, *Ginger*, *Fruits*, *White Marble*, *Plate*, *Allom*, *Aniseeds*, *Liquorice*, *Soda-virilla*, *Soapes*, *Rosin*, &c. for which they export, *Bayes*, *Sayes*, *Serges*, *Perpetuances*, *Cloths* drest and dyed, and all

*English Manufactures*, *Lead*, *Shot*, *Iron*, *Tinn*, *Calve-skins*, *Herrings*, *Pilchers*, *Salmon*, *Poor John*, or *Bacalaw*, &c.

*The French  
Merchants  
and their  
trade.*

The *FRENCH MERCHANTS*, or *Merchants* trading into *France*, are found to import several good *Commodities*, as *Wines*, *Oyles*, *Almonds*, *Paper*, which is used by us for *Printing*, *Oade*, coarse and fine *Linnen*, *Tabby*, and other *Silks*, *Canvases*, *Buckrams*, *Salt*, *Cards*, *Glass*, &c. for which they export *English Cloths*, *Bayes*, *Kersies*, *Cottons*, or *Frizes*, *Pilchers*, *Herrings*, *New-land Fish*, *Lead*, *Tinn*, *Galls*, &c.

*The Italian  
Merchants  
and their  
trade.*

The *ITALIAN MERCHANTS*, or *Merchants* trading into the parts of *Italy*, as *Leghorne*, *Venice*, *Naples*, *Genoa*, *Sicily*, &c. are very beneficial to this Kingdom, importing divers rich *Commodities*, as *Wines*, *Silk raw*, and wrought into several *Tabrics*, as *Taffeties*, *Sattins*, *Velvets*, *Plushes*, *Damasks*, &c. also *Cloth of Gold* and *Silver*, *Grogams*, *Fustians*, *Alomes*, *Aniseeds*, *Rice*, *Almonds*, *Saffron*, *Brimstone*, *Venice Gold* and *Silver*, *Venice-treacle*, *Quicksilver*, *Argall*, *Looking*, and *Drinking glasses*, *Anchor-voce*, *Marble*, &c. and the *Commodities* which are exported by them are *English Cloths*, *Bayes*, *Sayes*, *Serges*, *Perpetuances*, *Kersies*, *Lead*, *Tinn*, *Pewter*, red and white *Herrings*, *Pilchers*, *Pickled Salmon*, *New-land-fish*, *Calve-skins*, *Russia hides*, *Tallow*, *Tobacco*, &c. together with the *Druggs* and *Spices* of *India*, *Persia*, and *Arabia*.

*The Dutch  
Mer-  
chants  
and their  
trade.*

The *DUTCH MERCHANTS*, or *Merchants* trading into the *Low Countries*, *Holland*, *Flanders*, &c. are likewise found to import several good *Commodities*, as *Butter*, *Cheese*, *Tapestries*, excellent *Pictures*, *Tape*, *Salt-peter*, *Quicksilver*, *Rhenish Wines*, *Furs*, *Corn*, with several other *Merchandizes*, which are the product of other *Countries*, which by reason of the great trade which the *Dutch* drive to all the known parts of the world, are there found, and had at cheap rates, and the *Commodities* which they export are *Woollen-Cloths*, *Lead*, *Tinn*, *Sheep*, and *Cow skins*, with all other *English Commodities*, or *Manufactures*.

Likewise besides these *Merchants* there are others which drive a considerable trade, and much to the good and benefit of the Nation, and such are those who drive a trade to the *English Plantations*, as *BARBADOS*, *VIRGINIA*, *NEW-ENGLAND*, *JAMAICA*, &c. in their exporting not only of all *English Commodities*,

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land, &c.  
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*Manila  
Luzon  
&c.*

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land, &c.  
Merchants  
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