

*year, and before being admitted to execute the office of Committee should take a corporal oath as aforesaid, and the Governor or the Deputy-Governor for the time being was required to be present at each such election.*

*And whereas by the said original charter the Governor and Company were empowered to assemble themselves and hold court for the Company and the affairs thereof, and it was thereby declared that it should be lawful for them and the greater part of them present at such assembly, whereof the Governor or his Deputy for the time being should be one, to make, ordain, and constitute such and so many laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances as to them or the greater part of them being there present should seem necessary and convenient for the good government of the Company, and at their pleasure to revoke and alter the same or any of them as the occasion should require :*

*And whereas by the said original charter the Governor or Deputy-Governor for the time being was required to be present at the admission into the Company of servants, factors, and other persons :*

*And whereas by the said original charter it was declared that it should be lawful in all elections and bye-laws to be made by the general court of the Adventurers of the said Company, that every person should have a number of votes according to his stock, that was to say, for every hundred pounds by him subscribed or brought into the present stock one vote, and that any of those who had subscribed less than £100 might join their respective sums to make up £100 and have one vote jointly for the same, and not otherwise :*

*And whereas by a deed under the seal of the Company, dated the 19th November, 1869, certain rights of government and other rights and*