

Concessions and Agreement ^[1]

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The [Concessions and Agreement](#) ^[3] was a document issued by the [Lords Proprietors](#) ^[4] of Carolina on 7 Jan. 1665 to a group of Barbadian planters represented by [Maj. William Yeamans](#) ^[5]. Although the Barbadians intended to settle in the [Cape Fear](#) ^[6] 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 The document remained in effect until early 1672, when it was superseded by the [Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina](#) ^[2].

Reference:

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Additional Resources:

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

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