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Engraving of King Charles II of England, 1736. Image from the North Carolina Historic Sites.

<sup>[6]</sup>Land Grants, or gifts of land to individuals in perpetuity, were instrumental in the growth and development of North Carolina beginning in 1663 with the granting of the first [Carolina charter](#) <sup>[7]</sup> by King Charles II. That charter endowed a great theoretical swath of land from the neighborhood of St. Augustine, Florida, to what became the Virginia line, and westward from the Atlantic Ocean-disregarding French and Spanish claims and the homelands of indigenous nations-all the way to the South Seas (Pacific Ocean). The grantees, the eight [Lords Proprietors](#) <sup>[8]</sup> who had helped restore the Stuarts to the throne of England, shared equal control over the land but were generally ineffectual speculators.

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