

Mayflower Compact

Written November 11, 1620

(This was November 21, old style calendar)

In the name of god Amen. We whose names are underwritten
the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord King James
by the grace of god, of great Britaine, France, & Ireland King,
defendor of the faith, &c
Having undertaken, for the glory of god, and advancement
of the Christian ^{faith}, and honour of our King & Country, a voyage to
plant the first Colonie in the Northern parts of Virginia. Do
by these presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of god, and
one of another, Covenant, & combine our selves together into a
Civill body politicke; for the better ordering, & preservation & fur-
therance of the ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof, to enacte,
constitute, and frame such just & equall Lawes, ordinances,
Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought
most meete & convenient for the generall good of the Colonie: unto
which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness
whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap-
Cott the 11. of November, in the year of the raigne of our sovereign
Lord King James of England, France, & Ireland the eighteenth
and of Scotland the fifth fourth. An: Dom. 1620.]