...by them done (this their condition considered) might be as firme as any patent; and in some respects more sure.
The forme was as followeth.

My name of God amen: the whose names are underwriten.
The loyal subjects of our dread soveraigne Lord King James
By y' grace of God, of great Britaine, France, and Ireland, king,
defender of Faith, &c.

Hauing under taken, for y' glorie of God, and advancement
of y' Christian, and honour of our king e country, a voyage to
plant y' first Colonic in y' Northernmost parts of Virginia; God
by these presents solemnly & mutually in y' presence of God, and
one of another, covenant & combine our selves together into a
Ciuitall body politic, for y' better ordering, preservation, 
therarance of y' ends aforesaid, and by virtue hereof to execute,
constitute, and frame such just & equal lames, ordinances,
acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought
most neede & convenient for y' general good of y' Colonic: unto
which we promise all due submission and obedience.
In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap-
codd 24th of November, m'y year of y' reign of our soveraign
Lord king James of England, France, & Ireland, m'y eighteen
and of Scotland m'y fifth, fourtn. Sir: Dom. 1607.

After this they chose, or rather confirmed Mr. John carver (a man
Godly & well approved amongst them) their governour for that
year, and after they had provided a place for their goods or
comons stores (which were long in melting for want of heat,
foules of y' winter weeds, and sickness of divers) and beyond
some small collops for their habitation; as time would adme,
they made and consultled of lames, e orders, both for their
Ciuitall & military governments, as y' necessitie of their condition
did require. Still adding therunto as urgent occasion
in severall times, and cases did require.

In these hard & difficult beginnings they found some discontent
or murmurers amongs them, and mutinous speeches & carriages
in other; but they were sooner quelled, overcome, by y' wise,
dom, patience, and just & equal carriages of things, by y' God,
and better part hath claw faithfully togetherness in y' main,
but that which was most sad, a lamentable, was that in 2
or 3 months time caus'd of their company died, especially
in Jan, & February, being y' depth of winter, and wanting
causes & other comforts, being unforited with y' Governres &