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Monument to the Members of the First General Assembly
In Honour of the First General Assembly of Virginia

Here on the thirtieth day of July A.D. 1619 summoned by Sir George Yeardley Governor General of Virginia under authority from the London Company, pursuant to the charter granted by King James I, was convened in the church at Jamestown the first General Assembly of Virginia.

This Assembly composed of the governor, the Council of State and two burgesses elected by the people from each of the eleven plantations was the beginning of representative government in the colonies of England and laid the foundation of the liberties of America.

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Also
In honour of
Sir George Yeardley, Governor General,
Sir Edwin Sandys,
Treasurer of the London Company
And
Henry, Earl of Southampton, his successor
For their distinguished services in obtaining for
The colony of Virginia
The Ordinance and Constitution of Government
Dated November 18, 1618,
Under authority whereof the first
General Assembly of Virginia
Was here held
July 30, 1619.
Dedicated by the
Norfolk Branch
Of the
Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities
July 30, 1907.

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The Councell of Estate
Capt. Francis West Master John Rolfe
Capt. Nathaniel Powell Revd William Wickham
Master John Pory Master Samuel Maddock
The Burgesses
For James Citty
Captain William Powell Ensigne William Spense
For Charles Citty
Samuel Sharpe Samuel Jordan
For the City of Henricus
Thomas Dowse John Polentine
For Kiccowtan
Captaine William Tucker William Capp
For Martin Brandon Captain John Brandon's Plantation
Mr. Thomas Davis Mr. Robert Stacy
For Smythes Hundred
Capt. Thomas Graves Mr. Walter Shelley
For Martin's Hundred
Mr. John Boys John Jackson
For Argall's Gifte
Mr. Pawlett Mr. Gourgainy
For Flowerdieu Hundred
Ensigne Edmund Rossingham Mr. Jefferson
For Captain Lawne's Plantation
Captaine Christopher Lawne Ensigne Washer
For Captaine Ward's Plantation
Captaine Ward Lieutenant Gibbes

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“Sir George Yeardley, the Governour, being sett downe in his accumstomed place, those of the Counsel of Estate sat next to him on both handes, excepe onely the Secretary, then appointed Speaker, who sat right before him, and forasmuche as men's affaires doe little prosper where God's service is neglected, all the burgesses tooke their places in the quire till a prayer was said by Mr. Bucke, the minister, that it would please God to guide and to sancitifie all our proceedings to His owne glory and to the good of this plantation.”

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