

Types of Colonies

CHARTER

- Established by settlers who had been given a charter.
- Colonists elected their own governor and legislators.
- The MOST democratic type of colony.
- Charter: a document giving power and rights to a person or group
- Connecticut & Rhode Island

PROPRIETARY

- Ruled by proprietors who were free to rule as they wished.
- Generally the proprietors appointed the governor and members of the upper house of the legislature, while colonists elected the lower house.
- Amount of control colonists had depended on the PROPRIETOR
- Proprietors: individuals or groups (usually friends of the king) to whom Britain had granted land.
- Delaware, Maryland, & Pennsylvania

ROYAL

- Ruled directly by Britain. The king appointed a governor and council, known as the upper house. The colonists elected an assembly, called the lower house. The governor and council usually did whatever the king told them to.
- The LEAST democratic type of colony.
- Georgia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia

THE KING

- All three are ultimately controlled by the King.