

Attachment C: How Did Our Government Begin?

1607 – 1618

King – Controlled the colony

- Governor appointed by the king to rule the colony. The governor carried out the king's wishes.
- Council made up of members selected by the Virginia Company of London

1619

Virginia General Assembly created. Made up of two branches

- Council: This was made up of members appointed by the Virginia Company of London (mostly wealthy and powerful planter families). The council provided advice to the colony's governor.
- House of Burgesses: These representatives were voted to the House of Burgesses. At the time, there were 11 settlements, and each settlement elected two representatives. Their job was to make laws for the new colony.

Democracy: a government that is run by the people it governs