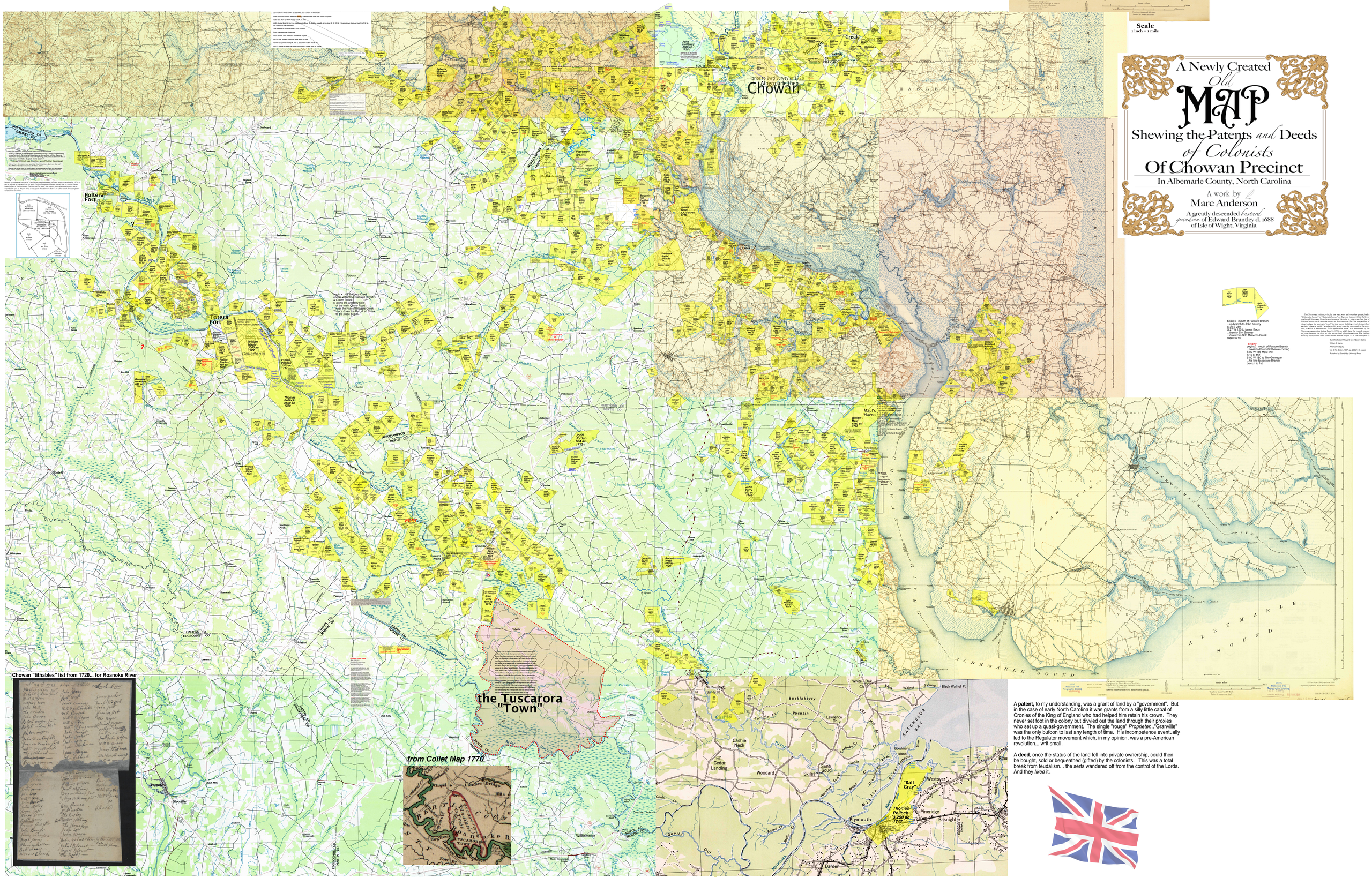

A **patent,** to my understanding, was a grant of land by a "government". But in the case of early North Carolina it was grants from a silly little cabal of Cronies of the King of England who had helped him retain his crown. They never set foot in the colony but divvied out the land through their proxies who set up a quasi-government. The single "rouge" *Proprietor*..."Granville" was the only bufoon to last any length of time. His incompetence eventually led to the Regulator movement which, in my opinion, was a pre-American revolution... writ small.

A **deed**, once the status of the land fell into private ownership, could then be bought, sold or bequeathed (gifted) by the colonists. This was a total break from feudalism... the serfs wandered off from the control of the Lords. And they *liked* it.