

Commodities, and gave them the sole Property of all the Lands they should discover, together with an exclusive Trade to all the Countries within *Hudson's Streights*, not in Possession of any of his Subjects, or of any other Christian Power, with the Royalties of Mines, Minerals, Gems, and Royal Fish, to enable them to find out the Passage, extend the Trade, and to plant the Countries they should discover, paying two Elks and two black Beavers whenever, and as often as his Majesty and his Successors should enter their Territories, granting to them the greatest privileges, as Lords Proprietors, saving only their Faith and Allegiance to the Crown of *Great Britain*.

The Petitioners beg leave to observe, that the said Company have not since effectually, or in earnest searched for the said Passage, but have rather endeavoured to conceal the same, and to obstruct the Discovery thereof by others; nor have they made any new Discovery either upon the Coast, or in the Inland Countries adjoining to *Hudson's Bay*, since the Grant of their Charter, nor have they taken Possession of, or occupied any of the Lands granted to them, or extended their Trade into the Inland Parts of the adjoining Continent, nor made any Plantations or Settlements, except four Factories and one small trading House, in all which they have maintained in Time of Peace about one hundred and twenty Persons, Servants to the Company; nor have they allowed any other of his Majesty's Sub-

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