

## APPENDIX A.

[Extract—Clause 16th—from Charter of Charles II. to “the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England, trading into Hudson’s Bay.”]

“AND Our Will and Pleasure is, and we do also ordain, that it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Governor for the time being, or his Deputy to be one, to ADMIT INTO, AND BE OF THE SAID COMPANY, *all such Servants or Factors*, of or for the said company, and all such others, as to them, or the most part of them present, at any court held for the said company, the Governor or his Deputy, being one, shall be thought fit and agreeable with the orders and ordinances made and to be made for the Government of the said company.”

## EXTRACT.

*Clause 1st (Organic)—after preamble.*

“NOW KNOW YE, that we being desirous to promote all endeavours that may tend to the public good of our people, and to encourage the said undertaking”—to wit, as therein stated—“for the discovery of a “new passage into the South-Sea, and for the finding of some trade for “furs, minerals and other considerable commodities”—“have of our especial Grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do give, grant, ratify and confirm, unto our said cousin Prince Rupert,” (and seventeen others, including twelve titled noblemen, four “Esquires,” and one John Portman, “citizen and Goldsmith of London,”) “that they, *and such others as shall be admitted into the “Society* as is hereafter expressed shall be one body corporate and “politique, in deed and in name, by the name of the Governor and “company of adventurers of England, trading into Hudson’s Bay.”\*

\* Commonly, briefly, called The Hudson’s Bay Company.

† The H. B. C. could not, by law, combine or coalesce with its rival the N. W. C. save by such admission, integrally, under the charter of the former. The continuing deed-poll of 1834 was in that sense. To have attempted a partnership otherwise, would have been *ultra vires*, and entailed forfeiture of charter, at common law, in public polity. M. McL.