

But as the grant proposed is not necessary in order to prosecute any future attempt of the like kind, and the charter of the Hudson's Bay Company does not prohibit the petitioners from the use of any of the ports, rivers, or seas included in their charter, or deprive them of the protection of the present settlements there; we humbly submit to your Lordships consideration, whether it will be proper at present to grant a charter to the petitioners, which must necessarily break in upon that of the Hudson's Bay Company, and may occasion great confusion by the interfering interest of two companies setting up the same trade against each other in the same parts, and under like exclusive charters: All which is humbly submitted to your Lordships' consideration.

*D. Ryder.*  
*W. Murray.*

10 August 1748.

(True copy.)

*W. Sharpe.*