

Land Factories, which your Petitioners cannot erect unless they have Lands granted and secured to them for that Purpose.

Therefore, and in consideration of the Premises, and as this is a Matter of Publick and National Concern, and as this Honourable House has always been ready to retrieve, extend, and protect the *British* Trade and Commerce from all illegal, prejudicial, and exclusive Grants and Monopolies.

Your Petitioners most humbly pray this Honourable House to take the State and Condition of the said Trade to *Hudson's* Bay and the Countries adjoining into their Consideration, and take such Methods as shall be effectual for laying open the said Trade, and for vesting Powers in his Majesty to incorporate your Petitioners, and their Associates, and to grant to them and their Successors for ever the Property of all the Lands in the Countries between *Hudson's* Streights, and the South Sea or Western Ocean of *America*, not already occupied by the said Company, which your Petitioners shall settle and plant in a limited Time, or which your Petitioners shall hereafter discover and plant, in order to enable your Petitioners to settle those Countries, extend the Trade and Navigation of *Great Britain*, and to ascertain the said North-west Passage, as to this Honourable House shall seem meet; or that this Honourable House will please to take such other Methods as they shall judge most proper for attaining these

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