

*Norway* in  $60^{\circ}$  to the Southward of the Latitude of *London* in  $51^{\circ} 30'$

That your Petitioners are willing and desirous to use their utmost Endeavours to extend the *British* Trade and Navigation by promoting the Settlement of these Inland Countries, by civilizing, converting and making Friendship with the Natives, and by pushing on Discoveries, as well over Land as by Sea, to the Western Ocean of *America*; but which they cannot attempt with any Prospect of Success, whilst the said Company are in Possession of their present Charter. For notwithstanding the Illegality of the exclusive Trade thereby granted to the Company, and the Right your Petitioners may have notwithstanding to carry on the same Trade which the Company now carries on, and to have the use of any of the Ports, Rivers, or Seas included in their Charter, or to the Protection of their present Settlements there, yet it is a Fact very notorious, and which your Petitioners are ready to make appear in the clearest and fullest Manner, that the said Company being interested to defeat and prevent all Attempts for the said Purposes, have obstructed your Petitioners and others concerned in the two late Attempts for Discovery of the said Passage, and denied them the Use or Protection of their Settlements.

Besides all which your Petitioners humbly beg leave to represent that it will be absolutely impracticable for your Petitioners to carry on and extend the Peltry or any other Trade in these Parts, without having Settlements and