

In compliance with your Lordship's request, I herewith hand a printed copy of the first and only Charter for incorporating the Hudson's Bay Company, granted by His Majesty King Charles the Second, in the year 1670, together with copy of the licence given to the Company by Her Majesty on the 30th May, 1838 (under the provisions of the Act 1 & 2 Geo. IV, cap. 66) of the exclusive trade with the Indians in such parts of North America as are not part of the lands or territories granted to the Company by their Charter, and not forming any of Her Majesty's provinces in North America or of any lands or territories belonging to the United States of America or other foreign Power.

The grant of exclusive trade was first made on the 6th December, 1821, to "the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading to Hudson's Bay," in conjunction with "William McGillivray, of Montreal, in the Province of Lower Canada, Esquire, Simon McGillivray, of Suffolk Lane, in the City of London, merchant, and Edward Ellice, of Spring Gardens, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire."

These gentlemen subsequently surrendered their interest to the Hudson's Bay Company, to whom Her Majesty was pleased to make the grant of 1838.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. H. PELLY, Governor.

Extract from the Royal Charter for Incorporating the Hudson's Bay Company.

(Appendix to Report, p. 411.)

And further, our will and pleasure is, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, we do grant unto the said Governor and Company, and to their successors, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor and Company, and their successors, from time to time, to assemble themselves, for or about any the matters, causes, affairs, or businesses of said trade, in any place or places for the same convenient, within our dominions or elsewhere, and there to hold court for the said Company and the affairs thereof; and that, also, it shall and may be lawful to and for them, and the greater part of them, being so assembled, and that shall then and there be present, in any such place or places, whereof the Governor or his deputy for the time being to be one, to make, ordain, and constitute such and so many reasonable laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances as to them, or the greater part of them, being then and there present, shall seem necessary and convenient for the good government of the said Company, and of all Governors of Colonies, forts, and plantations, factors, masters, mariners, and other officers employed or to be employed in any of the territories and lands aforesaid, and in any of their voyages; and for the better advancement and continuance of the said trade or traffic and plantations, and the same laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances so made, to put in, use, and execute accordingly, and at their pleasure to revoke and alter the same or any of them, as the occasion shall require: And that the same Governor and Company, so often as they shall make, ordain, or establish any such laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances, in such form as aforesaid, shall and may lawfully impose, ordain, limit, and provide such pains, penalties, and punishments upon all offenders, contrary to such laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances, or any of them, as to the said Governor and Company for the time being, or the greater part of them, then and there being present, the said Governor or his deputy being always one, shall seem necessary, requisite, or convenient for the observation of the same laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances; and the same fines and amerciaments shall and may, by their officers and servants from time to time to be appointed for that purpose, levy, take, and have, to the use of the said Governor and Company, and their successors, without the impediment of us, our heirs or successors, or of any the officers or Ministers of us, our heirs or successors, and without any account therefore to us, our heirs or successors, to be made: All and singular which laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances, so as aforesaid to be made, we will to be duly observed and kept under the pains and penalties therein to be contained; so always as the said laws, constitutions, orders, and ordinances, fines, and amerciaments, be reasonable and not contrary or repugnant, but as near as may be agreeable to the laws, statutes, or customs of this our realm,