

mittee of Parliament." After hearing counsel for and against the Company, this committee of two members decided that "considering how long the Company have enjoyed and acted under this charter without interruption or encroachment, we cannot think it advisable for his Majesty to make any express or implied declaration against the validity of it till there has been some judgment of a court of justice to warrant it." Enraged at this decision, Dobbs and his friends lost no time in taking other steps towards the accomplishment of their purpose hostile to the interests of the Honourable Merchants-Adventurers in England trading into Hudson's Bay.

Dobbs' petition rejected by a Parliamentary committee.

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