

his Successors, by the Incroachments of the *French*,

The Petitioners most humbly pray, that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to incorporate the Petitioners, and the other Subscribers for finding out the said Passage, or such of them, and such other Persons as they shall engage in the said Undertaking, and their Successors for ever, and grant to them the Property of all the Lands they shall discover, settle and plant, in a limited Time in the northern Continent of *America*, adjoining to *Hudson's Bay* and Streights, not already occupied and settled by the present Company of Adventurers trading to *Hudson's Bay*, with the like Privileges and Royalties as were granted to the said Company. And that his Majesty would be pleased to grant unto the Petitioners (during the Infancy of their Settlements) an exclusive Trade for such a Term of Years as may be granted to Discoverers of new Arts and Trade, to all such Countries into which they shall extend their Trade by Land or by Water, not already granted by Act of Parliament to other Companies, reserving to the present Company of Adventurers trading to *Hudson's Bay*, all the Forts, Factories, and Settlements they at present occupy and possess, with a reasonable District round each of their Possessions and Factories; or that his Majesty would be pleased to grant the Petitioners such other Relief and Encouragement, as to his Majesty in his great Wisdom should seem meet.