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## EXTRACTS.

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*The Charter of King Charles the Second to the Hudson's Bay Company, after sundry Clauses relative to the Incorporation, and Constitution of the Company, and the Grant of the Territory, which is declared to be "henceforth reputed as one of our Plantations or Colonies in America, called Rupert's Land;" contains the two following Clauses :—*

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“ 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 the 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, or 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, Constitu-

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tions, 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 said Trade or Traffick and Plantations: and the same Laws, Constitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, so made, to be 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 said 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 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 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 and Ministers of Us, our Heirs and Successors, without any Account therefore to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be made. All and singular which Laws, Constitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, so as afore-said 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, Constitution, 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.

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“ And further, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, We do for Us, our Heirs and Successors, grant to and with the said Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson’s Bay, that all Lands, Territories, Plantations, Forts, Fortifications, Factories, or Colonies, where the said Company’s Factories and Trade are or shall be, within any of the ports or places afore limited, shall be immediately and from henceforth under the power and command of the said Governor and Company, their Successors and Assigns, saving the faith and allegiance due to be performed to Us, our Heirs and Successors as afore-said; and that the said Governor and Company shall have liberty, full power and authority, to ap-

point and establish Governors and all other Officers to govern them, and that the Governor and his Council of the several and respective places where the said Company shall have Plantations, Forts, Factories, Colonies, or Places of Trade within any of the Countries, Lands, or Territories hereby granted, may have power to judge all persons belonging to the said Governor and Company, or that shall live under them, in all causes, whether Civil or Criminal, according to the Laws of this Kingdom, and to execute Justice accordingly."