

Primary Source

King Charles the Second grants the Hudson's Bay Company with rights to Rupert's Land 1670.

The Royal Chyarter for incorporating The Hudson's Bay Company, A.D, 1670

Charles the Second By the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith &c To All to whome these presentes shall come greetings WHEREAS Our Deare and entirely Beloved Cousin Prince Rupert Count Palatyne of the Rhyne Duke of Bavaria and Cumberland &c Christopher Duke of Albemarle William Earle of Craven Henry Lord Arlington Anthony Lord Ashley Sir John Robinson and Sir Robert Vyner Knightes ... have at their owne great cost and charge undertaken an EXPEDITION for Hudsons Bay in the North west part of America for the discovery of a new Passage into the South SEa and for the finding some Trade for Furr's Mineralls and other considerable Commodities and by such their undertakeing have already made such discoveries as doe encourage them to proceed further in pursuance of their said designe by meanes where of there may probably arise very great advantage to us and our Kingdome AND WHEREAS the said undertakers for their further encouragement in the said designe have humbly besought us to Incorporate them and grant unto them and their successors the sole Trade and Commerce of all those Seas Streights Bays Rivers Lakes Creekes and Soundes in whatsoever Latitude they shall bee that lye within the entrance of the Streights common called Hudsons Streights together with all the Landes Countryes and Territoryes upon the Coastes and Confynes of the Soundes aforesaid which are not now actually possessed by any of our Subjectes or by the Subjectes of any other Christian Prince or State. NOW KNOW YEE that Wee being desirous to promote all Endeavours tending to the publique good of our people and to encourage the said undertaking of our people and to encourage the said undertakeing HAVE of our especiall grace certaine knowledge and meere mocion Given granted ratified and confirmed And by these Presentes for us our heires and Successors DOE give grant ratifie and confirme unto our said Cousin Prince Rupert Duke of Albemarle William Earle of Craven Henry Lord Arlington Anthony Lord Ashley Sir John Robinson Sir Robert Vyner ...

← Important

Citation: Royal Charter for Incorporating the Hudson's Bay Company, 1670

<https://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/courses/lawdemo/DOCS/RC1670.htm>