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MILL'S PATENT.

ANNE, by the grace of God, &c., to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

WHEREAS our trusty and welbeloved subiect, HENRY MILL, hath, by his humble petition, represented unto vs, that he has, by his great study, paines, and expence, lately invented and brought to perfection "AN ARTIFICIAL MACHINE OR METHOD FOR THE IMPRESSING OR TRANSCRIBING OF LETTERS SINGLY OR PROGRESSIVELY ONE AFTER ANOTHER, AS IN WRITING, WHEREBY ALL WRITINGS WHATSOEVER MAY BE ENGROSSED IN PAPER OR PARCHMENT SO NEAT AND EXACT AS NOT TO BE DISTINGUISHED FROM PRINT; THAT THE SAID MACHINE OR METHOD MAY BE OF GREAT VSE IN SETTLEMENTS AND PUBLICK RECORDS, THE IMPRESSION BEING DEEPER AND MORE LASTING THAN ANY OTHER WRITING, AND NOT TO BE ERASED OR COUNTERFEITED WITHOUT MANIFEST DISCOVERY;" and having, therefore, humbly prayed vs to grant him our Royall Letters Patents for the sole vse of his said Invention for the term of fourteen yeares,—

KNOW YEE that wee, being willing to give encouragement to all arts and inventions that may be of publick vse and benefit, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have given and granted, and by these presents, for vs, our heires and successors, do give and grant, unto the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, especial licence, full power, sole priviledge and authority, that he, the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and every of them, by himselfe and themselves, or by his or their deputy and deputies, servants or agents, or such others as he, the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, or assignes,

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shall at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times during the term of yeares herein expressed, shall and lawfully may exercise, work, vse, and enioy, within that part of our kingdom of Great Britain called England, our dominion of Wales, and town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, his said new Invention as is above described, in such manner as to 5 him, the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, or any of them, shall in their discretions seem meet, and that he, the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, shall and may have and enioy the whole profit, benefit, cōmodity, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, accruing, and arising by reason of the said Invention, for 10 and during the full term of yeares herein menčoned, to have, hold, exercise, and enioy the said lycence, powers, priuiledges, and advantages herein-before granted or menčoned to be granted vnto the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, for and during and vnto the full end and terme of fourteen yeares from the date of these presents next and immediately 15 ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended according to the statute in this case made and provided. And to the end that the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and every of them, may have and enioy the full benefit and the sole vse and-exercise of the said Invenčon, according to our gratiuous intenčon herein-before declared, wee doe by these presents, for 20 vs, our heires and successors, require and strictly cōmand all and every person and persons, bodies politick and corporate, and all other our subiects whatsoever, of what estate, quality or degree, name or condičon soever they be, within that part of our said kingdom of Great Britain called England, our dominion of Wales, and town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed aforesaid, that neither 25 they or any of them, at any time during the continuance of the said term of fourteen yeares hereby granted, either directly or indirectly, do make, vse, or put in practice the said Invention, or any part of the same, so attained vnto by the said Henry Mill as aforesaid, nor shall in any wise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, nor shall make or cause to be made any addition there- 30 unto or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himselfe or themselves the inventor or inventors, devisor or devisors, thereof, without the licence, consent, or agreement of the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, or assignes, in writing vnder his or their hand^e and seales, first had and obtained in that behalfe, vpon such pains and penalties as can or may be iustly inflicted on 35 such offenders for their contempt of this our royal command, and further to be answerable to the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, according to law, for his and their damages thereby occasioned. And moreover wee do by these presents, for vs, our heires and successors, will and

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cōmand all and singular our justices of the peace, mayors, sheriffs, bayliffs, constables, headboroughs, and all other officers and ministers whatsoever of vs, our heires and successors, for the time being, that they or any of them do not, nor shall at any time hereafter during the term hereby granted, in any
5 wise molest, trouble, or hinder the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, or assignes, or any of them, or his or their deputies, servants, or agents, in or about the due and lawfull making vse or exercise of the aforesaid Invention or any thing relating thereto: Provided always, and these our Letters Patents are and shall be vpon this condition, that if at any time
10 during the said term hereby granted, it shall be made appear to vs, our heires or successors, or any six or more of our or their Privy Councill, that this our grant is contrary to law, or preiudiciall or inconvenient to our subiects in generall, or that the said Invençon is not a new invençon as to the publick vse and exercise thereof within that part of our said kingdom of Great Britain
15 called England, our dominion of Wales, and town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, and not invented and found out by the said Henry Mill as aforesaid, then, vpon signification and declaration thereof, to be made by vs, our heires or successors, vnder our or their signet or privy seale, or by the lord^e or others of our or their Privy Councill, or any six or more of them, vnder their
20 their hand^e, these our Letters Patents shall forthwith cease, determine, and be vtterly void, to all intents and purposes, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: Provided also, that these our Letters Patents, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to give priviledge to the said Henry Mill, his executors,
25 administrators, or assignes, or any of them, to vse or imitate any invention or work whatsoever which hath heretofore been found out or invented by any other of our subiects whatsoever, and publickly vsed or enioyed within that part of our kingdom of Great Britain called England, our dominion of Wales, and town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed aforesaid, vnto whom like Letters Patents or
30 priviledges have been already granted as aforesaid, our royall will and pleasure being that such other our subiects, and the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, shall distinctly vse and practice their several inventions by them invented and found out, according to the true intent and meaning of the same respective Letters Patents, and of these presents. And,
35 lastly, wee do, by these presents, for vs, our heires and successors, grant vnto the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, that these our Letters Patents, or the inrollment thereof, shall be in and by all thing^e good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectuall in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and adiudged in the most

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favourable and beneficiall sense for the best advantage of the said Henry Mill, his executors, administrators, and assignes, as well in all courts of record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and ministers whatsoever of vs, our heires and successors, within that part of our said kingdom of Great Britain called England, our dominion of Wales, and town of Berwick-vpon- 5 Tweed aforesaid, and amongst all and every the subiects of vs, our heires and successors, whatsoever and wheresoever, notwithstanding the not full and certain describing the nature or quality of the said Invention, or of the materialls thereto conducing and belonging.

In witnesse, &c. Witnesse our selfe, at Westminster, the Seventh day 10 of January.

By Writt of Privy Seale.

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