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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

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Nothing but necessity could have driven us to undertake the task which we are glad to say is now completed.

However imperfectly our work has been done—and none will ever know better than ourselves how many faults it has—we at least have the satisfaction of feeling that we have to some extent supplied a pressing want.

There are many who are daily consulted on questions, of foreign and colonial patent law, which cannot be answered without reference to the laws themselves. There exist many abstracts of the laws, some of them most carefully compiled, but these, though very valuable to the general public and persons who only require to know their scope and nature, do not meet the requirements of those who have to advise on points of detail.

The Commissioners of Patents formerly published from time to time the text of colonial laws and translations of foreign laws. Some years ago, most unfortunately, this was discontinued, and now many of the most important laws are out of print, and worse still, repealed enactments are sold without any warning that they are not in force.

It was under these circumstances that we determined to publish, as completely as we could without unreasonable delay, the patent laws of the world. At first it was our intention merely to make a collection, reproducing the colonial laws and reprinting the best translations we could find of the foreign laws.

The colonial laws did not present any serious difficulty; we had merely to fill up the gaps left by the Commissioners of

Patents: but with the foreign laws the case was different; the gaps were more numerous, many laws were entirely wanting, or repealed laws appeared in the place of more modern ones, and, in addition, many of the translations were free and sometimes very inaccurate.

We think we may say that in this collection of Patent Laws few gaps remain to be filled up. We cannot pretend, however, that all inaccuracies of translation have been corrected. We have done our best, and much more than we intended to do at starting. Almost all the translations have been more or less revised, but in the case of the more remote countries they are still very imperfect. The laws of all the more important European countries, on the other hand, have been entirely re-translated.

We have added an index, which we think will not be the least useful part of the book. Here, again, we have done more than we originally intended, and less than we should have liked. A complete analytical index of the laws would be most useful, but neither the space at our command nor our scanty leisure admitted of our attempting this. We think, however, that what we have done will prove useful in pointing out the clauses of the laws bearing on the points arising under the various heads we have selected.

If the saying, "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well," means that nothing ought to be attempted that cannot at once be done perfectly, such a book as this would never appear, for there are few capable of producing anything approaching to perfection, and not one of these can spare the necessary time.

We felt, however, that a beginning ought to be made. If others will assist us with additions and corrections, we will endeavour at some future time to bring this book one step nearer perfection.

## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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WE have now carefully compared the translations of all the foreign laws with the originals, except in the cases of Finland, Russia, and Turkey. The translations of the two former laws are, we believe, substantially accurate; but there is considerable doubt in the case of Turkey. From internal evidence it appears clear that this was intended to be an almost exact reproduction of the French law, but the official French version (of which we give a translation) issued by the Imprimerie Osmania in parallel column with the Turkish text, differs very considerably from the original French law.

The present volume, with the supplement recently published by the Institute of Patent Agents, contains, we believe, all existing Patent Laws except two, namely, the Tunisian law of the 26th December, 1888, and Ordinance No. 10 of 1888, of the Orange Free State. These were received too late for insertion. The law of Tunis closely follows the French law, whilst that of the Orange Free State is an almost verbatim copy of the law of the South African Republic given at page 158 of the Supplement.

As in spite of our care it is certain that the book will contain errors and omissions, we venture again to express a hope that these may be pointed out to us.

We tender our best thanks to correspondents who have already assisted us by corrections and suggestions.

*October, 1889.*

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THE  
PATENT LAWS OF THE WORLD.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

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*Law of the 11th of October, 1864.*

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CHAPTER I.

*General Provisions.*

Art. 1.

New discoveries or inventions in all classes of industry confer on their authors the exclusive right of working, for the time and upon the conditions hereinafter expressed, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 17 of the Constitution.

This right will be established by documents called patents of invention, issued in the form which will be determined by this Law.

Art. 2.

The preceding article applies not only to discoveries and inventions made in the country, but also to those made and patented abroad, provided that the applicant be the inventor or a legitimate successor to his rights and privileges, and in these cases with the formalities which will be hereinafter prescribed.

Art. 3.

Discoveries or new inventions are : New industrial products, new means and the new application of known means for obtaining an industrial result or product.

## Art. 4.

The following are not patentable: Pharmaceutical compositions; financial schemes; discoveries or inventions which have prior to the application been sufficiently made public, in this country or out of it, in works, pamphlets or printed periodicals, to enable them to be carried out; those which are purely theoretical, without their industrial application being indicated; and those which are contrary to morality or the laws of the Republic.

## Art. 5.

Patents will be granted for 5, 10, and 15 years, according to the merit of the invention and the wish of the applicant. The ratification of foreign patents will be limited to 10 years, but in no case shall it exceed the term granted for the original patent with which it shall lapse.

## Art. 6.

For the grant of a new Patent a tax of 80, 200 or 350 hard dollars shall be paid, according as it is for 5, 10, or 15 years; for the ratification of a Foreign Patent, a sum proportional to the time for which it is granted, calculated upon the same scale of fees.

## Art. 7.

The payment of the tax shall be effected in the following manner; half upon applying for the Patent, and the other half by successive annuities.

## Art. 8.

The Executive Power will regulate by a Special Decree the manner in which the offices entrusted with the collection of this tax, must pay the same in to the public treasuries.

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## CHAPTER II.

*Patent Office.*

## Art. 9.

The Patents referred to in the preceding articles will be issued by an office specially created for that purpose.

## Art. 10.

The staff of the Patent Office will consist of a Commissioner, with 1,200 hard dollars a year; four Sub-Commissioners, with, 800 hard dollars each; a secretary, with 600 hard dollars; and a porter with 240 hard dollars; the five first will be appointed directly by the President of the Republic, and the two last upon the proposal of the Commissioner.

## Art. 11.

No employé of this office may have any interest, direct or indirect, in Patents with which he has to do, under penalty of dismissal, and a fine of from one hundred to a thousand hard dollars, if the offence be proved against him.

## Art. 12.

The Commissioner is the chief of the office, and is responsible to the Government for all papers and articles deposited therein, which he must keep with the greatest care and with a most accurate list.

## Art. 13.

The Sub-Commissioners must have special knowledge of the sciences commonly applied to industry, in order to be able to examine, under the direction of the Commissioner, the inventions or discoveries for which a Patent is applied for, without which formality it cannot be granted.

## Art. 14.

This office will be attached to the Ministry of the Interior.

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**CHAPTER III.****SECTION I.***Formalities for the Grant of Patents.*

## Art. 15.

Every one who desires to obtain a Patent of Invention must address an application to the Commissioner of the Department. The application must be made on paper bearing a stamp of 25

*centavos*, and shall be lodged if in the capital, at the Patent Office, and if in the provinces, at the principal Post-office. The application shall be accompanied, in duplicate, by a description of the invention and the necessary drawings and samples for the understanding thereof and a list of the articles lodged.

Art. 16.

When the application is lodged at the Post-office, the applicant shall present, in a packet closed and sealed with his seal, the descriptions of the invention, the samples and the drawings, and he may require this packet to be forwarded intact at his cost, to the Patent Office.

Art. 17.

The Commissioner of Patents will provide the Postmasters mentioned in Art. 15, with a scheduled book, with all its pages folioed and marked by him, and with a certificate on the last page setting out accurately the number of folios which it contains, in which book shall be registered the lodging of applications, stating the date and the hour, and the order in which they are lodged. In a similar book, and in the same way, registration will be effected at the Patent Office. The registration will be effected by a short entry setting out everything that is lodged, and which will be signed by the Commissioner, the secretary and the applicant, or, in default of the latter, by his attorney with special power. Whenever the interested party requires it, an office copy of each entry shall be given to him, without other cost than that of the stamped paper on which it is issued, which shall be of the fourth class.

Art. 18.

The lodging of the application shall not be allowed without depositing, at the same time, half of the prescribed tax, the deposit of which shall be recorded in the entry mentioned in the preceding article; and any employé who, neglecting this requirement, receives the application without previously complying therewith, shall pay double the said amount as a fine; the same fine shall be paid by Postmasters, who do not forward, by the first post, to the Commissioner of Patents, the applications which have been lodged with them, which shall be evidenced by the office copy of the entry of lodging, and a certificate of the Postmaster-General, except in case of actual want of time, fortuitous circumstances, or *force majeure*.

## Art. 19.

The application must be limited to one single principal object, with the accessories and applications which have been indicated ; it must state the time for which the Patent is applied for, without containing restrictions, conditions or reservations ; it must indicate a title, which summarily and precisely designates the invention ; it must be written in Spanish, erasures or additions being attested. The drawings which accompany it must be made in ink and according to a metrical scale.

## SECTION II.

## Art. 20.

As soon as the application for the Patent is in the possession of the Commissioner, and it appears that the object for which it is applied for is one of those comprised in Art. 2, without coming within the limits of Art. 4, the Patent shall be granted, provided that the term for which it is asked does not exceed ten years. If it exceeds that time and the term applied for is considered justified, the documents shall be forwarded with a report to the Ministry of the Interior, which, after taking such steps as it thinks fit, will return them in order that the term mentioned may be granted or reduced. From these decisions there shall be no appeal.

## Art. 21.

The Patent will be issued in the name of the nation, under the authority of the Government, and it will bear the signature of the Commissioner and Secretary and the seal of the office ; and it will consist of the decree which grants it, accompanied by the duplicate of the description and of the drawings.

## Art. 22.

Directly the Patents are issued, they shall be delivered to the applicants or to their attorneys, on their presenting themselves at the office ; but if the application should have been sent in through a Postmaster, the patent shall be forwarded through the same channel, and the latter must acknowledge receipt to the Commissioner, as soon as it comes into his possession. All further office copies which are applied for shall be supplied, subject to a fee of five hard dollars each.

## ART. 21.

The grant of the Patent will not prevent the operation of the provisions of Art. 20.

## ART. 22.

When the applicant does not fulfil the requirements of Art. 16, the Patent will be refused to him, in which case half of the sum paid will be returned to him, and the other half will be forfeited by way of fine.

## ART. 23.

Against the refusal of a Patent there may be an appeal, within ten days, to the Ministry of the Interior, which, after the necessary reports, will confirm or revoke the refusal, in the former case with the loss of the whole of the sum deposited.

## ART. 24.

Every three months, the Commissioner will forward to the Government a list of the Patents granted and of those which have been refused, setting out the dates of all, and this list shall be published by the Government.

## ARTICLE III.

*Certificates of Addition or Improvement.*

## ART. 25.

Any one who improves a patented discovery or invention, shall have the right of applying for a certificate of addition, which cannot be granted for a longer time than that which has still to run to the end of the principal Patent, provided that it does not exceed ten years, except in the event of half that time having expired, or of the improvement diminishing, by one half at least, the cost of production, the time, the risk to persons or things, or having other similar results, in which cases the Commissioner will determine at his discretion the time for which it shall be granted.

## ART. 26.

In order to obtain a certificate of addition, the same formalities must be fulfilled as for a Patent, with the exception of the tax.

for which shall be paid only one fourth part of the corresponding tax for the Patent, if the applicant is the owner thereof, and one half, if he is a stranger.

Art. 29.

Should it be a stranger who has obtained the certificate of addition, he shall not enjoy the exclusive right to work his invention except on condition of paying a royalty to the first inventor, the amount of which shall be determined by the Commissioner, taking into account the importance of the improvement and the part of the original invention which is retained.

Art. 30.

The first inventor may choose between the royalty, prescribed by the preceding article, and the working of the improvement in competition with the improver. If he decides on the latter, a Patent of Addition will be granted to him with the same rights and requirements as that granted to the improver.

Art. 31.

In no case does the improver acquire the sole right to work the original invention, and the first inventor may only work the improvement under the second provision of the preceding article.

Art. 32.

If two or more persons apply at the same moment for a Certificate of Addition for the same improvement, and the applicants do not come to an agreement, it shall not be issued. This prescription applies also to Patents.

SECTION IV.

*Precautional Patents.*

Art. 33.

Every one who is occupying himself with an invention or an improvement, may apply for a Precautional Patent; it will last one year, and may be renewed each time it expires.

Art. 34.

This Patent will be obtained, upon payment of 50 hard dollars, and upon an application which must be lodged in the manner indicated in Art. 15, and in which the object and means of the invention, shall be stated.

## Art. 35.

Immediately after receiving this application the Commissioner will proceed to issue the Precautional Patent, registering it in a special book which shall be under his charge, and which he shall keep in a secret archive, together with the papers relating to these Patents.

## Art. 36.

A Precautional Patent shall not be granted for the inventions prohibited by Art. 4.

## Art. 37.

The effect of the Precautional Patent shall be that so long as it lasts, no Patent shall be granted, relating to the subject of the invention or improvement to which it refers, without previous notice to the person who has obtained it, for which purpose he must keep the office informed of his address.

## Art. 38.

A person who has obtained a Precautional Patent, may, within three months after the notice, oppose the grant of a Patent for an invention of the kind which forms the subject of his application. If he does not do so within that period, or has not given notice of change of address, he will lose all right thereto.

## Art. 39.

If a person, who has obtained a Precautional Patent, opposes the grant of the Patent applied for, the Commissioner shall hear both applicants separately, and if the inventions prove to be alike, he shall not grant the Patent to either of them, except in case they come to an agreement. If they are not alike, he shall grant the Patent applied for.

## Art. 40.

The tax paid for a Precautional Patent shall be deducted from that which has to be paid for an Industrial Patent, or for a Certificate of Addition, applied for before the former has expired.

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## CHAPTER IV.

## SECTION I.

*Transfer of Patents.*

## Art. 41.

Any person, who has obtained a Patent or a Certificate, may transfer his rights upon such conditions as he thinks fit, but the transfer must always be made by public deed, and after having paid the whole of the taxes prescribed by Art. 6. Moreover, in order that the transfer may be valid as regards third parties, it must be registered at the Patent Office, should it be in the capital, and at the proper post-office, should it be in the provinces. In order that this registration may be made, it will be necessary to produce the public deed of assignment and the Patent. Within five days after the said registration, or by the first post, should it be in the provinces, there shall be transmitted to the Patent Office, an office copy of the registration and of the original deed of assignment. As soon as these documents are received, the change that has taken place shall be recorded in a book, which shall be kept for that special purpose, and the entries in which shall be published at the end of every three months.

## Art. 42.

There are attached to the Patent all the rights which it confers on the patentee, and they are transferred with it, except when the latter specially reserves them to himself in the deed of assignment.

## SECTION II.

*Communication and Publication of Patents.*

## Art. 43.

As soon as a Patent or Certificate is issued, the Commissioner of the Department shall communicate it to the public by means of a notice in the newspapers, setting out the name of the grantee, the term of the Patent, and giving a succinct account of the discovery or invention.

## Art. 44

The descriptions, drawings, samples and models of Patents granted, not being those referred to in Art. 33, shall be kept at the Patent Office, at the disposal of every one who desires to examine them, they shall be shown gratuitously to any one who

applies, and a copy shall be given to him of all the written documents without other charge than the payment of the stamped paper, on which the copies must be issued, which shall be of the fourth class.

Art. 45.

At the beginning of each year the Commissioner of Patents shall publish in a volume a list of the Patents granted in the preceding year, with the description and drawings necessary to make known the inventions or discoveries patented. A copy of this publication shall be deposited in the Patent Office and in the post-offices referred to in Art. 15, in order that it may be consulted gratuitously by any one who desires to do so.

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CHAPTER V.

*Nullity and lapse of Patents.*

Art. 46.

Patents or Certificates obtained in contravention of Art. 4 shall be null; they shall also be null if they have been obtained with a fraudulently false title, which does not correspond with the invention; when the drawings or description are incorrect or incomplete; when in the case of a certificate, it refers to a Patent not obtained; and when, in the case of a foreign invention, the Patent, of which ratification for the Republic has been granted, has lapsed; or, if the discovery or invention which was the object of the Patent was already worked in the Republic, at the date of the Patent.

Art. 47.

Valid Patents granted, will lapse; when two years have expired from their date of issue without working the invention which forms their subject; when the working is interrupted for a like space of time, except in case of *force majeure*, or fortuitous circumstances admitted by the office; and when the time for which they have been granted expires.

Art. 48.

An action for nullity or lapsing can only be brought by any person who has an interest, before the Sectional Courts.

Art. 49.

A judicial declaration is not necessary in order that the nullity or lapsing may have the effect of making the Patented

discovery or invention public property; the fact of lapsing or nullity having occurred, is sufficient to authorize all persons freely to work the Patented objects.

Art. 50.

In the event of the owner of a lapsed or void Patent disputing the free working of the invention or discovery to which it relates, either by demands or by any other means, the said sectional judges may be applied to for the proper declaration proving the lapsing or nullity.

Art. 51.

The proceedings will be summary; any legal evidence will be admitted; nevertheless the Patentee may not produce proofs contrary to what is shown by the documents, issued by the office, which establish his privileges; the period for proof shall be determined by the judge at his discretion, but it shall never exceed six months, and this period shall only be granted in exceptional cases, referring to matters beyond the sea, and subject to sufficient security to satisfy the judgment and sentence being given by the person who applies for the same. Within a fixed period of ten days, after the expiration of the period of proof, the judge will give judgment, with express condemnation in costs against the defeated party. Against this judgment there shall be an appeal which must be brought within three days, before the Supreme Court, which, after report from the Patent Office, will finally decide without further proceedings.

Art. 52.

When the lapsing or nullity of a Patent is judicially declared and the judgment has acquired the force of *Res Judicata*, the Court shall give notice thereof to the Commissioner of Patents, in order that he may publish it in the prescribed form.

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## CHAPTER VI.

### *Falsification, its Prosecution and Penalties.*

Art. 53.

Defrauding the Patentee of his rights shall be deemed an offence of falsification and punished with a fine of from 50 to 500 hard dollars, or with imprisonment for from one to six months, and the forfeiture of the infringing articles, all without prejudice

to any compensation for losses and damages for which there may be occasion.

Art. 54.

The same penalty as in the preceding article will be incurred by those who, knowing of the falsification, co-operate therein by means of the sale, exhibition, introduction or communication of the invention.

Art. 55.

In case of repetition of the falsification within five years after punishment suffered for that offence, the penalties fixed above will be doubled.

Art. 56.

It will be an aggravating circumstance to have been a workman or employé of the Patentee, or to have obtained from the latter by surreptitious means the knowledge of the invention,

Art. 57.

An action for the application of the said penalties is private and must be brought before the said sectional courts, the Patent being produced, without which the demand shall not be entertained. The defendant may only raise as a defence, the nullity, lapse or participation in the Patent, or the exclusive ownership thereof.

Art. 58.

The plaintiff may require security from the defendant should the latter wish to continue without interruption the working of the invention, and, in default of security he may apply for the suspension of the working and the attachment of the effects which form its subject, in which case the plaintiff will, in turn, have to give suitable security, if applied for. The attachment shall be made with all the formalities of the law.

Art. 59.

Any person who without being the Patentee, or not enjoying the privileges of the Patent, invokes it as if he had the enjoyment thereof, shall be considered as a falsifier, and shall suffer the penalties reserved for them, exclusive of the forfeiture of the falsified articles.

Art. 60.

The fines imposed by this law shall be divided equally between the Treasury and the accusers.

## CHAPTER VII.

*Ratification of Provincial Patents.*

## Art. 61.

Owners of Provincial Patents, who, upon the promulgation of this Law may be in the enjoyment thereof, may apply within six months thereafter, for their confirmation, sending in for that purpose the Patent, with an application in the form prescribed by Art. 15.

## Art. 62.

Provincial Patents not ratified within the prescribed period shall not have any effect before the tribunals of the nation.

## Art. 63.

The ratification may be applied for in two ways; for that Province in which it was enjoyed, and for the whole of the Republic. In the former case it will be granted gratuitously and without previous examination; in the latter case the same procedure will have to be followed as if it were a new Patent, and the portion of the tax corresponding to the time for which it is granted must be paid in the prescribed manner.

## Art. 64.

When the ratification is granted for the Province it shall only be for the remainder of the term of the Patent, and it shall only confer rights exclusively in that Province. When it is for the whole Republic, it may be granted for a time which, added to that which has elapsed, does not exceed ten years.

## Art. 65.

A special register shall be opened, in which the ratifications effected shall be recorded.

## Art. 66.

From and after the promulgation of the present Law, all dispositions to the contrary are abrogated.

## Art. 67.

The Executive Power shall be informed hereof.

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**AUSTRIA.**


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*Law of the 15th of August, 1852.*


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WE, FRANCIS JOSEPH the First, by the grace of God Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary and Bohemia, King of Lombardy and Venice, of Dalmatia, &c. &c.,

Being desirous of granting proper protection to the inventive genius even in those provinces of our empire which hitherto have been deprived of Patent Laws, and considering that the experience earned since the promulgation of the Law of the 31st March, 1832, has shown that many reforms and enlargements are necessary, at the advice of our Ministers and of our Imperial Council we have decreed the following rules for the whole extent of our empire:—

## SECTION I.

*Of the subject of an exclusive privilege.*

## § 1.

An exclusive privilege may be granted under the restrictions stated in §§ 2, 3, 4 and 5, for every new discovery, invention, or improvement having for its object—

- a. A new product of industry; or,
- b. A new means of production; or,
- c. A new method of production;

whether such privileges be demanded by an Austrian subject or by a foreigner, unless the invention be not patentable according to §§ 2–5.

*Discovery* means the finding out an industrial process that may have been used in former times, but has since been lost sight of or remained unknown in the empire.

*Invention* means the producing a new object by new means, or

a new object by means known before, or a known object by means different from those used hitherto for the same object.

*Improvement or alteration* mean every apparatus, arrangement, or process added to an object already known or patented before, by means of which, in the object in view or in the means of arriving at it, a better result or greater economy is attained.

*New* means any discovery, invention, or improvement that, up to the time of the application for a privilege, has neither been worked nor become known through publications in the empire.

## § 2.

No privileges can be granted for preparations of food, beverages, and medicines, nor for discoveries, inventions, or improvements which cannot be worked for reasons of public health, morals, or safety, or as being contrary to the general interest of the state, according to the existing regulations.

## § 3.

A new discovery, invention, or improvement which is to be imported into the Austrian empire from abroad can only be patented during the currency of the foreign Patent; nor can such a grant be made except to the foreign patentee or his lawful assign. Under these restrictions a privilege can be granted for a discovery, invention, or improvement made abroad, provided it has not yet been published in the empire.

## § 4.

Improvements of inventions already known or patented can only be patented with the restrictive clause that such a privilege does not refer to the whole subject, but only to the improved part.

## § 5.

Scientific principles, or purely scientific theorems, cannot be patented, even if the principle or theorem admit of a direct application to industrial objects. However, Patents may be granted for every new application of such principles or theorems as lead to the creation of a new industrial product, a new means, or a new method of production.

## § 6.

Two or several discoveries, inventions, or improvements that are different from each other may only be united in one Patent

if those discoveries, inventions, or improvements relate to one and the same object, as component parts or operative means.

## SECTION II.

*Of the conditions for obtaining an exclusive privilege, and the formalities to be fulfilled.*

### § 7.

Applicants for an exclusive privilege for a new discovery, invention, or improvement must fulfil the conditions prescribed in the present law.

These conditions are :—

- a. Applying to the competent authorities by means of a petition in due form, accompanied by the prescribed documents.
- b. Payment of a fixed tax.
- c. Fulfilling the obligation of describing the new discovery, invention, or improvement clearly and completely; and, if required for the sake of clearness, of illustrating it by drawings or models, so as after its publication to enable every competent man to execute the same at the expiration of the Patent.

### § 8.

Petitions for exclusive privileges may be lodged with the governors of provinces, or with the judges of districts (judges, delegates, county magistrates), to be forwarded by them.

### § 9.

Those petitions must be arranged according to the Form A. They may be delivered by the applicant himself or his attorney. Such petitions must contain—

- a. The Christian and family name, profession, and residence of the applicant; and, in case of his not being settled in the empire, also the name, profession, and residence of an attorney domiciled in the empire. Applicants must state their Christian and family name, profession, &c., even if the privilege is to be worked under a firm bearing a different name from that of the patentee. In such cases the name of the firm chosen must be stated. It, however,



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must not correspond with that of an existing firm without the consent of the proprietor.

- b.* The name (title) of the discovery, invention, or improvement; giving the essence of it.
- c.* The number of years for which the Patent is demanded. That number of years cannot exceed fifteen, except by a special grant of the Emperor; and those inventions already patented abroad, and which are to be imported by their proprietors or their assigns, can only be patented for the unexpired term of the foreign Patent.
- d.* The statement whether the discovery, invention, or improvement is to be kept secret or not.

#### § 10.

Petitions for Patents must be accompanied by—

- a.* The due tax, or the receipt for the same, given by a public treasurer to whom the said tax had been paid. Except that tax, no other fees are to be demanded for a Patent, even in the case of a previous examination as to subject matter.
- b.* The power of attorney in case the applicant delivers his petition through an agent (§ 9).
- c.* In cases of discoveries, inventions, or improvements to be imported from abroad, the foreign Letters Patent in the original, or in an authenticated copy.
- d.* The above-mentioned (§ 7 c) description of the invention under sealed cover, on which is written the essence of the discovery, invention, or improvement, corresponding with the statement made in the petition, and the address of the applicant or his attorney.

#### § 11.

The Patent tax is in proportion to the duration of the privilege, and is the same for discoveries, inventions, improvements; for a foreigner, or a native. It amounts to one hundred florins (10*l.*) for the first five years, two hundred florins (20*l.*) for the following five years, and four hundred florins (40*l.*) for the last

five years; the annual ratio being at the rate of twenty florins (2*l.*) for each year of the first five years, or together 100 fl. :—

On the	6th year	.	.	.	.	30 fl.
" "	7th year	.	.	.	.	35 fl.
" "	8th year	.	.	.	.	40 fl.
" "	9th year	.	.	.	.	45 fl.
" "	10th year	.	.	.	.	50 fl.
" "	11th year	.	.	.	.	60 fl.
" "	12th year	.	.	.	.	70 fl.
" "	13th year	.	.	.	.	80 fl.
" "	14th year	.	.	.	.	90 fl.
" "	15th year	.	.	.	.	100 fl.

amounting to 700 fl. (70*l.*) for fifteen years, the longest period allowed.

The tax due for the whole number of years for which a Patent is applied for must be paid down at once, or a receipt for the amount must be produced, to avoid the petition being rejected.

The said tax can only be repaid in case of the privilege being annulled on public grounds, and such repayments shall be in proportion to the unexpired term.

### § 12.

The specification (§ 10), which is considered as an essential condition for obtaining an exclusive privilege, must answer the following requirements :—

- a. It must be written in German, or in the usual language of the province where the application is made, and be signed by the applicant, or the attorney named in the petition.
- b. It must contain the detailed description of the discovery, invention, or improvement, the essence of which was indicated in the petition.
- c. It must be drawn out in such a manner as to enable all competent men to manufacture the article according to this description, without the addition of new inventions, additions, or improvements.
- d. What is new and also what constitutes the object of the privilege must be clearly described or pointed out in the specification.
- e. The discovery, invention, or improvement must be

set forth in a clear and plain manner, and contain no ambiguities that might lead astray, contrary to the provisions contained in (c).

- f. It must not keep secret anything relating either to the means or mode of working; therefore it is neither permissible to indicate means that are more expensive or do not produce the same effect, nor to conceal anything which relates to the success of the operation.
- g. Should drawings, patterns, or models be required for better understanding the specification, the former must be annexed in lasting colours; besides which (in as far as it may add to clearness according to c), any other writing or description may be added which the applicant shall think fit.

§ 13.

The authority to whom a petition is presented is to examine, in the presence of the applicant,—

- a. Whether the petition is in due form, and has been signed:
- b. Whether the required documents are annexed;
- c. Whether the prescribed tax, or a receipt for the same, is enclosed.

If the authority finds the petition in good order in these respects, he inscribes, in the presence of the applicant, on the cover of the specification, the day and hour of its presentation, and the amount paid, and hands to the applicant or his attorney a certificate containing the name and residence of the applicant or his attorney, the day and hour of presentation, the payment of the tax, and the title and essence of the discovery, invention, or improvement as set forth in the petition.

From that day and hour, the priority of the discovery, invention, or improvement disclosed, is reckoned; that is, every opposition on the ground of a similar discovery, invention, or improvement made or practised after that time is considered ineffectual, and cannot refute and annul the novelty of the discovery, invention, or improvement which has been disclosed and described in due order by the applicant.

If an omission or other defect is found out on examination of the petition, the latter is returned to the applicant that he may amend the same.

## § 14.

All petitions approved of, together with their annexed documents, are transmitted to the governor of the respective province within three days at the latest, if not addressed to him directly.

## § 15.

The governor examines such petitions—

- a. As to whether the object of the petition is not evidently unfit for a privilege.
- b. As to whether the annexed documents fulfil the prescribed conditions, and particularly as to whether the description of the object of the Patent inscribed on the cover of the specification corresponds with the indication made in the petition, and whether the latter is duly signed.

Should a governor think the article to be patented absolutely unfit for a privilege according to § 2-6, he is to inform the petitioner thereof, requiring him to withdraw and give a receipt for the sealed specification, as well as to receive back the tax paid up, or otherwise to appeal to the Ministry of Commerce and Trades within the term assigned in the regulation of trades.

Should it appear that the annexed documents do not answer the requirements, or that the object of the privilege, as indicated on the cover of the sealed description, does not correspond with the contents of the petition, the governor is to keep back the petition, and to assign a proper term for the amendment of the defect. Should that term not be observed, the petition is to be returned.

All petitions in due form, and not unfit for privilege, as well as those that have been amended within the prescribed term, shall be submitted by the governors, together with the sealed specifications, and all other documents, to the Minister of Commerce and Trades.

## § 16.

The Minister of Commerce and Trades is to re-examine whether all the formalities have been fulfilled, and he has the exclusive authority to open the sealed specification and examine:

- a. Whether the specification is written in a current language (§ 12), and whether it is duly signed.
- b. Whether the object for which a patent is desired does not comprehend two or more different objects (§ 6) and requires to be divided.

- c. Whether the title of the invention is the same in the petition as on the cover of the annexed specification, and as in the specification itself; moreover, whether the specification possesses that degree of clearness and distinctness required by § 12, particularly whether the required drawings, patterns, and models are present, and whether all formal requirements about the same have been observed.
- d. Whether the object to be patented as indicated in its essential features in the petition and on the cover of the specification is not contrary to sanitary laws, or to other public regulations, whereby it becomes entirely unfit for a privilege, or fit only under certain conditions and restrictions. Besides, special care is to be taken for the required secrecy being observed, and due precautions against any possible violation of the secret are to be adopted.

## § 17.

No examination ever takes place as to the novelty or utility of the discovery, invention, or improvement before the granting of the privilege; in no case however is any guarantee given by the Government, but the Patent will be granted in this respect at the sole risk, peril and cost of the patentee.

## § 18.

In all those cases, where the checking and examination according to § 16 discloses no obstacle, the privilege is granted by the Minister of Commerce and Trades by a separate document, otherwise all petitions deemed unfit for acceptance are rejected, the motive for so doing being mentioned, and the tax being ordered to be repaid. However, where there exist defects that may be amended, such rejections take place only after the applicant has failed to amend such defects within the proper term assigned to him for that purpose.

## § 19.

The grant of a privilege releases a patentee in no case from the laws, regulations, and prescriptions that exist, or may be promulgated in the interest of public health, safety, morals, or in the interest of the state; the working of the Patent is therefore subordinate to such regulations and prescriptions as may limit or defend it, without the patentee being allowed to invoke an exceptional rule.

## § 20.

The enclosed specifications belonging to the privileges, together with the annexed documents (§ 16), are delivered to the custody and the ulterior use of the Central Record Office for Patents, as explained in Section V. of this present law.

## SECTION III.

*Of the advantages and liberties incident to exclusive privileges.*

## § 21.

An exclusive privilege secures to the patentee the exclusive use of his discovery, invention, or improvement, as laid down in his specification, for the number of years for which his Patent runs.

## § 22.

Patentees are authorized to establish workshops and to engage such workmen as are required for the complete working of the subject of their Patent to any extent; and to erect everywhere in the whole empire establishments and depôts for the manufacture and sale of the subject of their privilege, and authorize others to work their discovery, invention, or improvement, under the protection of their privilege; they may form partnerships, and work their Patent to any extent, dispose of their Patent, bequeath it, sell it, give licences, or otherwise part with it, and obtain Patents abroad for the same object.

However, those rights are strictly limited to the proper object of the patented discovery, invention, or improvement, and therefore must not be extended to similar objects, nor be used contrary to existing laws or other privileges.

## § 23.

If the privilege relates to an improvement or an alteration of a patented object it is merely limited to the individual improvement or alteration itself, and it gives to the privileged improver or alterer no right to the rest of the object that has already been patented, or of a process that is already known. On the other hand, the patentee of an object improved or altered by another patentee is not allowed to use the said improvement or alteration without his consent.

## SECTION IV.

*Of the extent and duration of exclusive privileges, and their publication.*

## § 24.

The legal effect of exclusive privileges shall be co-extensive with the Austrian territory.

## § 25.

The longest duration of privileges is fixed at fifteen years. We reserve to ourselves the right of extending that term, and such a prolongation shall be demanded by the public authorities only for highly meritorious cases.

## § 26.

Every exclusive privilege begins from the day of the delivery of the Patent. The publication of the grant of the privilege shall be made in the same manner and within the same time as is provided for laws.

## § 27.

Every Patentee whose privilege has been granted for a shorter period than the longest (§ 9 c) may claim its prolongation for one or more years within the fixed longest period, provided they demand such a prolongation before the privilege has become extinct (§ 29—2 a, b). To obtain such a prolongation a petition for the same must be delivered in due time, together with the original patent, and the tax in full for the required term of prolongation (§ 11), or the receipt for the same from a public treasurer.

The prolongation is granted by the Minister of Commerce and Trades, and is officially confirmed on the Patent.

## § 28.

Every privilege granted or prolonged by the Minister of Commerce and Trades, as well as every cession of a privilege and its extinction, is published according to § 26.

## § 29.

Privileges lose their force—

1. By nullity or by termination (recall, surrender or decree):
  - a. Such an annulment may take place if it is shown that the legal requirements for an exclusive privilege do not exist, particularly—

- aa.* If it appears that the description of the privilege is deficient, and particularly if it is not in accordance with § 12, *c—f*, and therefore insufficient.
- bb.* If any one proves legally that the patented discovery, invention, and improvement, before the day and hour of the official certificate, had already no longer the character of novelty in the empire, according to the provisions of § 1, or that the patented discovery, invention, or improvement had been imported from abroad, and that the privilege in the Austrian States has not been granted to the original proprietor of the foreign Patent, or his lawful assigns (§ 3);
- cc.* If the proprietor of a valid privilege proves that a later discovery, invention or improvement patented at a later period is identical with his earlier discovery, invention, or improvement;
- b.* If an obligation essential to the validity of the privilege is not fulfilled:
- e.* If the privilege is contrary to public law (§ 19).
2. By extinction, which takes place,—
- a.* If within one year at the latest from the date of the Patent the patentee has not begun to work his discovery, invention, or improvement in the empire, or whenever he has interrupted his works for two complete years;
- b.* If the original or prolonged term of the Patent has expired;
- c.* If the privilege is surrendered voluntarily.

It is well understood that those reasons, whereby the validity of a privilege ceases or becomes extinct, apply to purchasers of a privilege as well as to the original patentee.

### § 30.

As soon as a privilege is invalidated, the use of the discovery, invention, or improvement to which it relates is open to all under the observance of the existing laws regulating trades, and regulations relating thereto.



## SECTION V.

*Of the registration of privileges and recording of specifications.*

## § 31.

Each privilege as soon as granted is inscribed in a register at the Ministry of Commerce and Trades.

If the privilege is worked under a chosen firm that differs from the true name of the patentee, that firm must also be entered in the register.

The descriptions, drawings, models, &c., belonging thereto are kept in a special Record Office. Every alteration in a privilege is noted in the above register.

## § 32.

Any person is at liberty to obtain verbal or written information respecting granted privileges at the Patent Office, and for this purpose to inspect the register for himself. Also any person can inspect specifications kept at the same place, together with the annexes about which secrecy had not been demanded or belonging to extinct Patents; finally, every one may take copies of single parts of such privileges from the register, or from the privileges that are not to be kept secret at his own cost. On such occasions those provisions in the present law (§ 44) that relate to infringements are expressly to be pointed out to the applicants.

## § 33.

The Record Office of Patents shall submit every month to the Minister of Commerce and Trades a synopsis of the alterations made in privileges during that period by new grants, prolongations, transfers, and extinctions. A copy of that synopsis is forwarded to the governors of provinces and chambers of commerce and trades in the different provinces for the establishment of a register for giving information about patent matters, which information is to be given on demand in the proper way. At the expiration of each year a similar annual synoptical table is published.

## § 34.

The specifications of Patents expired are printed yearly, according to their apparent utility, and circulated in a proper manner.

## SECTION VI.

*Of the transfers of privileges.*

## § 35.

All exclusive privileges may be transferred entirely or partially to others, during lifetime, as well as by bequest.

## § 36.

All assignments, together with the Patent, must be submitted to the Minister of Commerce and Trades, directly, or through the governor of the province where the transfer took place, or where the petitioner resides, and for this purpose they must be duly legalized, unless they are issued by a public authority.

If the evidence of the assignment is found by the Government or ministry to be defective, it shall be returned for correction.

All duly executed assignments are to be inserted in the special register (§ 31), and that insertion is to be confirmed on the Patents themselves, and in case of a mere partial transfer a special certificate is to be delivered.

## § 37.

All registered transfers of privileges are to be published immediately. After such a publication no one is allowed to plead ignorance about the transfer.

## SECTION VII.

*Of infringements, and the proceedings in litigation.*

## § 38.

The following are to be considered as infringements, or as a violation of a Patent. When any one without the consent of the patentee:—

- a. Counterfeits or imitates the object of the Patent in the manner described in the enclosed specification, even in the case where the counterfeiting or imitating takes place in consequence of the grant of a later patent which is entirely or partially identical.

- b. Counterfeits or imitates the object of a Patent by importing or bringing such articles from abroad for sale, or for storing and exhibiting for sale; or, finally,
- c. Undertaking the sale, or even the storing or exhibiting of such articles for sale.

## § 39.

If the specification of a privilege is inserted in the open registers, the very first infringement comes under the law; but if the specification has been kept secret, the repetition only of the infringement is considered as contrary to law, both being punishable at the request of the injured party with the confiscation of the existing counterfeit goods, and a fine of from 25 fl. to 1000 fl. (2*l.* 10*s.* to 100*l.*). In case of insolvency of the guilty party, the fine is to be discharged by imprisonment at the rate of one day for 5 fl. (10*s.*). As for the tools and means exclusively used for such counterfeitings, they are to be destroyed, transformed, or made useless, according to their nature, unless a special agreement be made between the plaintiff and defendant.

The fine is to be paid into the poor-box of the place where the infringement took place. The confiscated objects are to be destroyed, unless the plaintiff agrees to take them in payment of damages given to him.

If the defendant has taken advantage of any knowledge of the discovery, invention, or improvement acquired in the service or by the trust of the plaintiff, this must be considered as an aggravating circumstance and increase the punishment.

## § 40.

Should the injured person not proceed criminally, or in cases of a first infringement of a privilege of which the specification is kept secret, the injured person is only authorized to demand the discontinuance of counterfeiting and selling counterfeit goods, and a security against the use or sale, during the term of the Patent, of the counterfeit goods found at the infringer's establishment, provided they were manufactured in the empire, and for their re-exportation in case they were imported from abroad for sale.

## § 41.

In all litigation relating to Patents the discovery, invention, or improvement is only to be judged according to the specification annexed to the petition; that specification must therefore be

taken as a basis in all cases where the decision depends on the contents of the specification, without regard to its being kept secret, and no additional alteration, however small, or statement of the object of the patent can be taken into consideration in those proceedings.

§ 42.

The Ministry of Commerce and Trades alone decides the question, whether a Patent, from any legal cause whatever, is to be considered as null and void, or as extinct (§ 29). It therefore especially decides the question of the novelty of a discovery, invention or improvement; moreover, the question as to whether it had only been imported from abroad, and was not appropriate for a privilege; finally, in contestations arising between two patentees, the Ministry decides the question of the total or partial identity of their privileges.

§ 43.

The examination and punishment of the infringements mentioned in §§ 38 and 39 belongs, except so far as other regulations be published in future, to the tribunal of the district in which they took place, according to the laws concerning trades. An appeal to the higher tribunal of the respective province is open for parties who feel themselves injured by such decisions, and in case of the first decision being modified before that tribunal, also to the Ministry of Commerce and Trades; however, such appeals must in all cases be made within fourteen days at the latest from the delivery of the judgment.

In cases of appeals the execution of the judgment is to be postponed till the confirmatory decision has been made. If, during the inquiry, the decision is found to depend upon a preliminary question belonging to the jurisdiction of civil tribunals, the parties are referred by the Criminal Court to the competent Civil Court, and in such cases the former can only give its own decision according to the legal decision of the latter. Moreover, the decision of the Criminal Court by which any one has been found guilty of infringement, and condemned to punishment, may be used by the injured party before the Civil Courts as a foundation for a claim for damages by way of compensation.

§ 44.

The Criminal Court may, if sufficient reasons exist, order an inspection or inquiry to be made by an expert, and if by these

or other means the case of an infringement is clearly made out, the Court may, at the request of the injured party, order the immediate confiscation or other effective keeping of the counterfeit articles, and the tools and means exclusively used in making them.

However, due care must be taken not to do, without a stringent necessity, any irreparable injury to the defendant, and therefore to demand, if required, security from the plaintiff for any injury and damages that may occur.

§ 45.

If during the inquiry the decision is found to depend on preliminary questions determinable by the Ministry of Commerce and Trades (§ 42), such a decision must be sought for officially, and the criminal proceedings are to be suspended till it is obtained.

However, any confiscations that may already have taken place, or any other provisional measures, may be maintained till the question is decided as to whether the proceedings are to be continued.

§ 46.

In cases of infringements where no penalty is required, but where merely the discontinuance (§ 40) of the infringement is demanded, or in cases of decisions about privileges as to the priority of the discovery, invention or improvement, or as to private rights or in cases of private claims of the injured party that have been referred by the Criminal Court to the usual course of justice, the civil tribunals are called upon to give judgment according to the existing regulations respecting summary proceedings in civil matters, wherever such proceedings have been introduced.

§ 47.

The civil tribunal likewise may, if the infringement is clearly made out, or proved by an inspection or an expert, order, at the request of the plaintiff, the immediate confiscation or other effective keeping of the counterfeit articles, either unconditionally or against proper security for damages (§ 40), and under the provisions of § 44.

Such measures, however, must be supported, like a summons, within eight days after the entry of the order, by a complaint, otherwise they will be rescinded immediately at the request of the opponent, and a claim may be made for damages for the outrage.

## § 48.

If the decision of a complaint within the jurisdiction of a civil tribunal depends on preliminary questions that are to be decided by the Minister of Commerce and Trades (§ 42), the parties are required to obtain his decision, and to produce it in the course of the proceedings.

## § 49.

Infringements of the rights of third parties, which patentees commit in working their Patent by exceeding the limits of their rights founded thereon, are to be punished by those authorities to whose competency it belongs to decide on infringements of the regulations on trades, according to the special prescriptions on that subject. The circumstance of their having used the privilege to the injury of trade must be considered as aggravating the guilt.

## § 50.

Whoever unlawfully lays claim to the invention, discovery or improvement of another in order to work an invention personally or through a third person, and thus commits a fraud or other wrongful act, is to be tried by the Criminal Courts.

## SECTION VIII.

*Special provisions relating to Patents delivered before the promulgation of the present law, that are still in force.*

## § 51.

In order to procure to the proprietors of Patents granted under the Law of 31st March, 1832, that are still in force, the advantage of a greater extension similar to those Patents granted according to the present law, they are entitled, from the promulgation of the present law, to use their Patent rights even in those provinces of the empire that were excluded from the Patent Law of 31st March, 1832. However, that extension of Patents to provinces in which the Patent Law of 31st March, 1832, had not been introduced, must not be detrimental to those who worked the respective discovery, invention or improvement already before the publication of that extension.

## § 52.

However the effective extension of a privilege granted under the Law of 1832 takes place only in as far as each patentee has given satisfactory evidence as to his Patent right to the governor of the province where he intends to exercise it, and, moreover, only after the official publication in the respective province.

## § 53.

The extension of Patents is exempt from new or additional taxes.

## § 54.

All petitions for prolongations of Patents granted according to the law of 31st March, 1832, are subject to the provisions of the present law, as soon as promulgated.

## § 55.

All infringements committed before the promulgation of the present law in those provinces in which the Patent Law of 31st March, 1832, was in operation, are to be treated according to the provisions of the latter.

## § 56.

Generally, the present law, with its restrictions mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, is substituted immediately after its promulgation for the old Patent Law of 31st March, 1832, in all matters relating to former Patents, their working, continuance, validity or annulment. However, the present law does not apply to the registrations of privileges granted or prolonged previous to its promulgation.

## FORM A.

*Petition for a Privilege.*

*[Insert address of the authorities of the respective district or province.]*

I [we] N.N. *[insert Christian and family name, profession, and domicile of the petitioner or petitioners]* beg to state that I [we] have made a new discovery, *[invention, improvement,]* consisting essentially in *[insert the comprehensive title]*.

The complete Specification drawn up according to the provisions of § 12 of the Patent Law of            is subjoined in the Appendix.

*[Insert whether the Specification is to be kept secret, and state the exact number of the drawings, models, patterns, etc., if any.]*

For this discovery [*invention, improvement,*] announced and duly specified, which I [*we*] the undersigned petitioner, believe to the best of my knowledge to be patentable and new according to the provisions of the said Patent Law, and legal for obtaining an exclusive privilege at my [*our*] own risk and responsibility, I [*we*] solicit such a privilege for the stated discovery [*invention, improvement,*] in the manner as represented in the annexed sealed Specification, under the legal clauses and conditions for the term of        years, for which purpose I [*we*] pay the entire patent tax of        florins, due according to § 11 of the said Patent Law, and request the delivery of an official certificate for securing my [*our*] prior claims.

*[Address and date.]*

*Signature[s.]*

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*Law of June 27th, 1878.*

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This Law empowers the Ministry of the Kingdoms and Countries represented in the House of Parliament to establish a Commercial and Tariff Union with the Ministry of the Countries of the Hungarian Crown. The following Article relates to Patents for Inventions.

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ARTICLE XVI.

Patents legally obtained are valid in both countries. For this purpose the conditions of the grant of such patents will be decreed on the same principles by the Legislatures of both countries by mutual understanding, and shall, when necessary, be altered in the same way.

Until this takes place the rules relating thereto which are actually existent in both countries, and which do not materially differ from each other, remain in force.

As regards proceedings in granting patents, the petition for a patent must be deposited at the Ministry of that country in which the inventor has his domicile. Foreigners may present their petitions for the grant of patents at the Ministry of one or the other of the two countries.



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The Ministry where the petition for a patent has been filed shall send the petition, after due examination, officially to the Ministry of the other country in order to obtain the approbation of the latter.

The Patent deeds will be issued separately by each Ministry for the country under its Government, but both deeds must bear the same date, and will be delivered together to the petitioner through the Ministry at which he filed the petition.

The prolongation or annulment of Patents for Inventions shall also be effected by mutual understanding.

The tax for the patent shall be paid in that country where the grant of the patent is petitioned for. For the grant of the patent in the other country a registration fee amounting to 25 per cent. of the patent tax shall be paid.

This registration fee must be paid at the same time as the patent tax, and will be remitted to the Ministry of the other country.

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*Law of December 20th, 1879.*

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This law relates to the creation of a mutual Union of Tariffs with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The following clause refers to Patents for Inventions.

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§ 9.

Patents which have been acquired in accordance with Article XVI. of the Tariff and Commercial Union of June 27th, 1878, shall be valid also for Bosnia and Herzegovina according to the Laws and Regulations existing in both countries of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

Patents cannot be acquired by Bosnian and Herzegovinian subjects, except according to the said Laws and Regulations.

Detailed rules for the execution of these principles shall be issued by the Administrations.

**BARBADOS.**

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*Act of 12th December, 1883.*

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An Act to amend the law relating to the granting of exclusive privileges to the inventors of new and useful inventions.

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*Preamble.*

Whereas it is deemed expedient to amend the law relating to the granting of exclusive privileges to the inventors of new and useful inventions; Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly of this Island, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

*Title of Act.*

I. This Act may be cited for all purposes as “The Patent Act, 1883.”

*Specification to be filed in the Colonial Secretary's Office.*

II. Every person who desires to obtain in this Island such exclusive privileges in respect of any invention as are hereinafter in this Act mentioned, shall file in the Colonial Secretary's Office of this Island a complete specification of the invention, with a copy of the same, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed.

*Fee for filing specification.*

III. Every person who files in the Colonial Secretary's Office a specification of an invention shall pay to the Colonial Secretary for the benefit of the general revenue a fee of three pounds six shillings and eight pence.

*On complying with two last preceding sections Patentees to have exclusive right for seven years.*

IV. Every person who complies with the two last preceding sections of this Act, his executors, administrators and assigns, and every of them by himself and themselves or by his and their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as he, his executors, administrators and assigns shall at any time agree with and no others from time to time, and at all times during the term of seven years from the date of the filing of the specification as aforesaid, shall and lawfully may make, use, exercise and vend within this Island the invention described in the specification so filed as aforesaid in such manner as to him, his executors, administrators and assigns, or any of them shall in his or their discretion seem meet, and he, his executors, administrators, and assigns shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity and advantage from time to time coming, growing, accruing, and arising by reason of the said invention for and during the term of years hereinbefore mentioned.

*Protection to Patentees.*

V. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, or any of them at any time during the continuance of the term hereinbefore mentioned, either directly or indirectly, to make, use, or put in practice the invention described in any specification so filed as aforesaid, or any part of the same, or in anywise counterfeit, imitate or resemble the same, or to make or cause to be made any addition thereto, or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himself or themselves the inventor or inventors thereof, without the consent, permission, license or agreement of the person who filed the specification thereof, his executors, administrators or assigns in writing, under his or their hand or hands, and seal or seals, first had and obtained in that behalf.

*Remedy for infringement of Patent.*

VI. If any person or persons whomsoever, body or bodies politic or corporate, shall during the continuance of the term hereinbefore mentioned at any time, either directly or indirectly make, use, exercise, put in practice or vend the invention described in any specification so filed as aforesaid or any part

thereof within this Island without a consent, permission, license or agreement in writing first had and obtained from the person who filed the specification thereof, his attorneys, executors, administrators or assigns under his or their hand or hands, and seal or seals, the person who filed the specification thereof, his executors, administrators and assigns, shall have and be entitled to such and the like remedies both at law and in equity in the courts of this Island against every such person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, for every such infringement or violation of the rights and privileges to which he and they is and are under this Act entitled, or against the person or persons for whose benefit the said invention or any part thereof shall have been so made, used, exercised, put in practice or vended without such consent, permission, license or agreement as aforesaid as the grantee of any Letters Patent for any invention would be entitled to in the like case by the law of England but to none other remedies; and in any action, suit or other proceeding which may be brought, instituted or taken against any such person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, it shall be lawful for the defendant to plead any such matter in defence as may be pleaded by any defendant in any action brought in any division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in England for the infringement of any patent granted by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

*No benefit unless invention a new one, or if person applying is not the true inventor, or if any invention was known elsewhere and to some other person or persons in this island.*

VII. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to confer on any person who files in the Colonial Secretary's Office a complete specification of an invention the exclusive privileges mentioned in sections four, five, and six of this Act, if the invention described in such specification is not at the time when such specification is filed a new invention as to the public use and exercise thereof within this Island, or if such person is not the true and first inventor within this Island of the invention described in such specification, or if such invention was at the time when such specification was filed an invention well known elsewhere and also known to some person or persons in this Island other than the person filing such specification.

*Not to give privilege to use the invention of any other person.*

VIII. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give to any person who files in the Colonial Secretary's Office a complete specification of an invention, or to his executors, administrators or assigns or any of them, privilege to use or imitate any invention or work whatever which has prior to the filing of such specification been found out or invented by any other person whomsoever and publicly used or exercised within this Island, and for the sole use, exercise and benefit whereof within this Island the exclusive privileges mentioned in sections four, five and six of this Act or similar privileges have, prior to the filing of such specifications, been obtained; but the person filing such specification, his executors, administrators and assigns, and all and every other person and persons who have as aforesaid previously obtained like privileges, shall distinctly use and practice their several inventions by them invented and found out.

*Rights to cease if invention not brought into operation within three years.*

IX. When the invention described in a specification filed under this Act is not brought into operation within a period of three years after the filing of the specification, the exclusive right hereby granted or intended to be granted shall be forfeited and shall cease to exist.

*Specifications to be numbered.*

X. All specifications filed under this Act in the Colonial Secretary's Office shall be numbered in that office consecutively from Number 1 upwards in the order of the dates on which they are filed.

*Form of certificate.*

XI. Whenever a specification is filed under this Act, a certificate of the following form shall be filled up and signed by the Colonial Secretary, and given to the person filing such specification.

No.

Name of inventor filing specification

Address

Date of filing specification.

Title of Invention

I hereby certify that the facts above stated are true, and that the inventor whose name and address are given above is in respect of the invention herein referred to entitled to the several privileges specified in "The Patent Act, 1883," subject to the limitations and conditions therein mentioned.

(Sgd.)

Colonial Secretary,  
Barbados.

*Numbers of certificate and specification to be the same.*

XII. The number of each certificate given in compliance with the last preceding section of this Act shall be the same as that of the specification to which such certificate relates.

*Power of renewal.*

XIII. Every person who at the date of the passing of this Act, or at any time hereafter, is, in respect of any invention, entitled under this or any other Act of the Legislature to the exclusive privileges mentioned in this Act, or to similar privileges, may on or before, but not after the expiration of such privileges obtain a renewal thereof for a second or further period of seven years, and may on or before, but not after the expiration of such further period again obtain a renewal thereof for a third period of seven years; provided always that no person shall enjoy the exclusive privileges mentioned in this Act or similar privileges for more than twenty-one years.

*Fees to be paid on renewal.*

XIV. Every person who desires to obtain a renewal of the exclusive privileges to which he is, in respect of any invention, entitled for a second or further period of seven years, shall pay to the Colonial Secretary for the benefit of the general revenue the sum of ten pounds, and shall thereupon become entitled to such exclusive privileges during such second or further period; and every person who desires to obtain a renewal of such exclusive privileges for a third period of seven years shall pay to the Colonial Secretary for the benefit of the general revenue the sum of twenty pounds, and shall thereupon become entitled to such exclusive privileges during such third period.

*Renewal certificate—Form.*

XV. The Colonial Secretary shall, on receipt of any fee under the last preceding section of this Act, fill up and give

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to the person by or on whose behalf the same is paid a certificate having on it the number of the specification of the invention to which it relates, and of the following form :

Specification No. .

I hereby certify that the exclusive privileges enjoyed by  
in respect of the invention described in the specification above referred to  
have been this day renewed for a period of seven years.

(Sgd.)

Colonial Secretary,  
Barbados.

Dated .

And the Colonial Secretary shall cause a copy of the same to be published three times in the Official Gazette.

*Copy certificate to be published in Official Gazette.*

XVI. Whenever a specification is filed under this Act the Colonial Secretary shall cause a copy of the certificate given to the person filing the same to be published three times in the Official Gazette.

*Repeal Clause.*

XVII. The Act of this Island of the twenty-sixth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, entitled, "An Act relating to the Law of Patents," is hereby repealed.

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**BELGIUM.**


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*Law of the 24th May, 1854, omitting transitory provisions.*

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## Art. 1.

Exclusive and temporary rights will be granted, under the name of Patents of Invention of Improvement or of Importation, for every discovery or every improvement capable of being worked as an article of industry or of commerce.

## Art. 2.

Patents will be granted without previous examination at the risk and peril of the applicants, without guarantee either of the reality, or of the novelty, or of the merit of the Invention, or of the correctness of the description, and without prejudice to the rights of third parties.

## Art. 3.

The duration of the patents is fixed at twenty years, except in the case provided for in Art. 14. It will commence from the day on which the Memorandum mentioned in Art. 18 shall have been drawn up.

There shall be paid for every patent an annual and progressive tax as follows:—

1st year	.	.	.	.	10 francs
2nd „	.	.	.	.	20 „
3rd „	.	.	.	.	30 „

and so on until the 20th year, for which the tax shall be 200 francs. The tax shall be paid in advance, and in no case shall it be returned.

No tax shall be required for patents of improvement when they are granted to the owner of the principal patent.



## Art. 4.

Patents confer on their owners, or persons entitled through them (*leur ayant droits*), the exclusive right:—

- a. Of working the patented article for their profit, or causing it to be worked by those whom they may authorize.
- b. Of prosecuting before the tribunals those persons who may attack their rights either by the manufacture of the products or the use of means included in the Patent, or holding, selling, exposing for sale, or importing into Belgian territory one or several infringing articles.

## Art. 5.

If the persons prosecuted by virtue of Art. 4b have acted knowingly, the tribunals shall pronounce for the benefit of the patentee or of persons entitled through him, the confiscation of the articles manufactured in contravention of the patent, and the instruments and utensils specially destined for their manufacture, or allow a sum equal to the price of the articles which may have been already sold.

If the persons prosecuted have acted in good faith, the tribunals shall prohibit them under the above mentioned penalties from using with a commercial object the machines and apparatus of production found to be infringements, and from making use for the same purpose of the instruments and utensils for manufacturing the articles patented.

In the one case and the other damages may be granted to the patentee or to persons entitled through him.

## Art. 6.

The owners of patents, or persons entitled through them, may, with the authorization of the President of the Tribunal of first instance obtained on petition, cause the inventory of the apparatus, machines and articles said to be infringements, to be made by one or several experts.

The President may by the same order prohibit the holders of the said articles from parting with them, and allow the patentee to appoint a guardian, or even place the articles under seal.

The order shall be served by an officer appointed for that purpose.

## Art. 7.

The patent shall be annexed to the petition, which shall contain election of domicile in the Commune where the inventory has to be made. The experts appointed by the President shall be sworn by him, *or by the Justice of the Peace specially authorized by him for the purpose*, before commencing their operations.

[NOTE.—The words in italics were introduced by the law of March 27th, 1857.]

## Art. 8.

The President may impose on the patentee the obligation of depositing security. In that event the order of the President will only be delivered on proof of the deposit having been made.

[NOTE.—The latter part of the original article is omitted, having been repealed by the law of July 5th, 1884.]

## Art. 9.

The patentee may be present at the inventory if he is specially authorized by the President of the Tribunal.

## Art. 10.

If the doors are closed, or should their opening be refused, the procedure shall be in conformity with Article 587 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

## Art. 11.

A copy of the official report of the Inventory shall be left with the holder of the articles inventoried.

## Art. 12.

If within a week the inventory is not followed up by a summons before the tribunal in the jurisdiction of which the inventory was made, the order issued in conformity with Article 6 shall cease to have effect, and the holder of the articles inventoried may claim the surrender of the original official report, with prohibition to the patentee of making use of or publishing its contents, all without prejudice to any damages.

## Art. 13.

The tribunals shall take cognizance of matters relating to patents as of summary and urgent business.

## Art. 14.

The author of a discovery already patented abroad, may obtain by himself or by his assigns a patent of importation in Belgium; the duration of this patent shall not exceed that of the patent previously granted abroad for the longest term, and in no case the limit fixed by Art. 3.

## Art. 15.

In the event of modifications in the object of the discovery, a patent of improvement may be obtained which shall terminate at the same time as the original patent.

However, if the owner of the new patent is not the original patentee, he cannot, without the consent of the latter, make use of the original discovery, and reciprocally the original patentee cannot work the improvement without the consent of the owner of the new patent.

## Art. 16.

Patents of importation and of improvement confer the same rights as patents of invention.

## Art. 17.

Every person who wishes to take out a patent shall be bound to deposit under seal in duplicate at the registry of one of the provincial governments of the kingdom, or at the office of a District Commissary, complying with the formalities which will be settled by a Royal Decree, a clear and complete description in one of the languages used in Belgium, and an exact drawing to a metrical scale of the object of the invention.

No deposit shall be received without the production of a receipt proving the payment of the first annuity of the tax on the patent.

A memorandum setting out the day and the hour of the delivery of the papers drawn up without charge by the provincial Registrar or by the District Commissary in a register kept for this purpose, and signed by the applicant, shall prove each deposit.

## Art. 18.

The legal date of the invention is proved by the memorandum drawn up at the time of the deposit of the application for the patent.

A duplicate of this memorandum will be given without charge to the depositor.

Art. 19.

A decree of the Minister of the Interior verifying the fulfilment of the prescribed formalities, will be delivered without delay to the depositor, and shall constitute his patent. Extracts from this decree will be inserted in the *Moniteur*.

Art. 20.

The Specifications of Patents granted shall be published verbatim or in substance by the Administration in a special collection three months after the grant of the patent. When the patentee shall require a complete publication or that of an extract supplied by him, the publication shall be made at his cost.

After the same term the public shall likewise be allowed to see the specifications, and copies of them may be obtained on paying the cost.

Art. 21.

Every transfer of patent by Act *inter vivos* or testamentary shall be registered, the fixed tax being 10 francs.

Art. 22.

*When the tax fixed by Art. 3 shall not have been paid within a month of coming due, the owner, after previous notice, shall, under penalty of being deprived of the rights which his title confers upon him, pay, before the expiration of six months from the date at which the tax was due, the sum of 10 francs, in addition to the annuity payable. Forfeiture of Patents shall be published in the "Moniteur."*

[NOTE.—The original article was repealed, and the words in italics substituted by the law of March 27th 1857.]

Art. 23.

The owner of a patent must work the patented article, or cause it to be worked in Belgium within one year from the commencement of working abroad.

Nevertheless the Government may, by a Royal Decree stating reasons, inserted in the *Moniteur* before the expiration of that term, grant a prolongation of one year at most.

At the expiration of the first year, or of the extension which may have been granted, the patent shall be annulled by a Royal Decree.

The annulment shall likewise be pronounced when the patented article, worked abroad, shall have ceased to be worked in Belgium during a year, unless the owner of the patent justifies the causes of his inaction.

#### Art. 24.

A patent shall be declared void by the tribunals for the following reasons:

- a.* When it shall be proved that the patented article has been employed, put into use or worked, by a third party within the kingdom for a commercial purpose, before the legal date of the invention, importation or improvement.
- b.* When the patentee in the description annexed to his application shall intentionally have omitted to make mention of a part of his secret, or shall have indicated it in an incorrect manner.
- c.* When it shall be proved that the complete description and exact drawings of the patented article were prior to the date of the deposit brought out in a work or printed and published collection, unless as regards patents of importation, that publication may be exclusively the result of a legal requirement.

#### Art. 25.

A patent of invention shall be declared void by the tribunals in the event of the article for which it was granted having been previously patented in Belgium or abroad.

However, should the applicant possess the qualification required by Article 14, his patent can be maintained as a patent of importation, according to the terms of the said Article.

These provisions shall, the case arising, be applied to patents of improvement.

#### Art. 26.

When the nullity or forfeiture of a patent shall have been pronounced according to the terms of Articles 24 and 25, by judgment or final decree, the cancellation of the patent shall be proclaimed by a Royal Decree.

**BRAZIL.**

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*Law of 14th October, 1882.*

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**ARTICLE I.**

The law guarantees, by the grant of a patent to the author of any invention or discovery, his proprietorship to and the exclusive use of the invention.

**Section 1.**

According to this law the following shall constitute an invention or discovery.

1. The invention of new industrial products.
2. The invention of new processes or the new application of known processes for obtaining an industrial product or result.
3. The improvement of an invention already patented if it facilitates the manufacture of the product or the use of the patented invention, or if it increases its utility.

Those products, processes, applications, and improvements shall be considered new which, up to the application for the patent, have never been employed or used within or without the Empire, nor have been described or published so that they could be employed or used.

**Section 2.**

The following inventions cannot be the subjects of patents :—

1. Those contrary to law or morality.
2. Those dangerous to public security.
3. Those hurtful to public health.
4. Those which do not offer practical industrial results.

## Section 3.

The patent will be granted by the Executive power after the fulfilment of the formalities prescribed in this law and in its regulations.

## Section 4.

The exclusive privilege for a principal invention will only be valid for fifteen years, and that for an improvement to the invention granted to the inventor will terminate at the same time as the original patent.

If, during the term of the privilege, public necessity or utility require the free use (*vulgarisação*) of an invention or its exclusive use by the State, the patent can be disappropriated in conformity with the legal formalities.

## Section 5.

The patent is transmissible by any of the modes of cession or transfer recognized by law.

## ARTICLE II.

Inventors receiving privileges in other countries may obtain confirmation of their rights in the Empire, provided they fulfil the formalities and conditions of this law and observe the further provisions in force applicable to the case. The confirmation will give the same rights as a patent granted in the Empire.

## Section 1.

The priority of right of property of an inventor who, having solicited a patent in a foreign country, shall make a similar petition to the Imperial Government within seven months, will not be invalidated by facts which may occur during this period—such as another similar petition, the publication of the invention, or its use or employment.

## Section 2.

To the inventor who, before obtaining a patent, desires to experiment in public with his inventions, or wishes to exhibit them in an official or officially recognized exhibition, will be given a document provisionally guaranteeing to him the proprietorship for a specified time and with the formalities required.

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### Section 3.

During the first year of the patent only the inventor himself or his legal successors can obtain a patent for improvements on the invention. Third parties will be permitted, however, to present their petitions within the said period in order to establish their rights.

The inventor of an improvement cannot make use of the improved article while the patent for the principal invention lasts without an authorization from its inventor. Nor can the latter employ the improvement without agreement with the former.

### Section 4.

If two or more persons petition for patents at the same time for an identical invention, the government, except in the hypothesis of section 1 of this article, will require that they previously determine the priority either by agreement or in a competent court.

## ARTICLE III.

The inventor who seeks a patent shall deposit in duplicate in the department which the Government shall designate, in a closed and sealed envelope, a specification in the national language, describing the invention with precision and clearness, its purpose and the method of using it, with the plans, designs, models, and samples which may contribute to an exact understanding of the invention and the elucidation of the specification, so that any person competent in the matter can obtain or apply the result, means, or product of which it treats. The specification shall clearly set forth the characteristic features of the invention. The rights under the patent will be limited to the said features, mention of this being made in the patent.

### Section 1.

With the documents deposited shall be presented the petition, which should be limited to one single invention, specifying its nature and its purposes or applications in accordance with the specification and the documents deposited.

### Section 2.

If it shall appear that the subject of the invention involves an infraction of section 2, Article 1, or has for its object all-



mentary, chemical, or pharmaceutical products, the Government will order a previous secret examination of one of the samples deposited, in conformity with regulations to be issued, and in accordance with the result it will or will not concede a patent. From an adverse decision there will be an appeal to the Council of State.

### Section 3.

With the sole exception of the cases mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the patent will be issued without previous examination. It will always designate the object of the privilege in a concise manner, saving the rights of third parties and without guarantee of the Government, as to the novelty or utility of the invention.

In the patent of an inventor privileged outside of the Empire it will be declared that it is valid so long as the foreign patent is in force, never exceeding the term specified in section 4, Article I.

### Section 4.

Besides the expenses and fees incurred, patentees shall pay a tax of twenty dollars for the first year, thirty dollars for the second, forty dollars for the third, the annuity for each year of the privilege being ten dollars more than the preceding annuity. In no case will the annuities be refunded.

### Section 5.

To the privileged inventor who improves his own invention will be given a certificate of improvement, which will be appended to the original patent. For this certificate the inventor will pay, once for all, an amount corresponding to the annuity about to become due.

### Section 6.

The transfer or cession of patents or certificates will have no effect until registered in the office of the Secretary of State for Affairs of Agriculture, Commerce, and Public Works.

## ARTICLE IV.

The patent having been issued, within a period of thirty days the opening of the deposited envelopes shall take place

with the formalities which the regulations shall specify. The specification shall be immediately published in the *Diario Official*, and one of the copies of the designs, plans, models, or samples will be open to the inspection of the public and the study of parties interested, copies being allowed to be taken.

#### Section 1.

In case the previous examination mentioned in section 2, Article III., has not taken place, the Government, having published the report, will order the verification of the requisites and conditions which the law requires for the validity of the privilege by means of experiments according to the procedure established by such examination.

### ARTICLE V.

A patent shall be of no effect in case of nullity or lapsing.

#### Section 1.

The patent shall be null—

1. If in its granting any one of the requirements of sections 1 and 2 of Article I. has been violated.
2. If the patentee did not have priority.
3. If the patentee has falsified the truth or concealed essential matter in the specification describing the invention, whether in its object or in the manner of using it.
4. If the title of the invention is, with fraudulent purpose, diverse from its real object.
5. If an improvement has not an indispensable relation with the principal industry, but can constitute a separate industry, or if there shall have been the state of priority referred to in Article II., section 3.

#### Section 2.

The patent shall lapse in the following cases—

1. If the patentee does not make effective use of the invention within three years, counting from the date of patent.
2. If the patentee suspends the effective use of the invention for more than one year, except by reason of *force majeure* admitted by the Government after consulting the Council

of State. By use is understood, in these two cases, the effective exercise of the patented industry, and the supply of the products in proportion to their employment or consumption. On proof that the supply of the products is evidently insufficient for the requirements of employment or consumption, the privilege can be restricted to a zone determined by a decree of the Government with the approval of the legislative power.

3. If the patentee does not pay the annuities within the terms of the law.
4. If a patentee residing out of the Empire does not appoint an attorney to represent him before the Government or in court.
5. If the patent is expressly renounced.
6. If the patent or foreign privilege for an invention also patented in the Empire ceases from any cause.
7. When the term of the privilege has expired.

### Section 3.

The nullity of a patent or of a certificate of improvement shall be declared by a decision of the commercial court (*juizo commercial*) of the capital of the Empire by means of the summary process of the decree No. 737 of November 25, 1850.

The following are competent to bring an action for nullity:—the Solicitor of the Treasury (*procurador dos feitos da fazenda*) and his assistants, to whom will be forwarded the documents and proofs corroborative of the infraction, and any interested party, with the assistance of that official and his assistants.

An action for nullity in the cases of Article I., section 2, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, having been begun, the effect of the patent and the use or employment of the invention will be suspended until the final decision. If the patent is not annulled, the patentee will be reinvested in its enjoyments for the whole term of the privilege.

### Section 4.

The lapse of patents shall be declared by the Minister and Secretary of State for Affairs of Agriculture, Commerce, and Public Works, with an appeal to the Council of State.

## ARTICLE VI.

The following will be considered infringers of the patent:—

1. Those who, without license from the patentee, manufacture the products or employ the processes or make the applications which are the subject of the patent.
2. Those who import, sell, or expose for sale, conceal, or receive for the purpose of sale products which are infringements of the privileged industry, knowing them to be such.

## Section 1.

The infringers of a patent shall be punished, for the benefit of the Treasury, with a fine from five hundred dollars to five thousand dollars, and for the benefit of the patentee, with from ten to fifty per cent. of the damage caused or which may be caused.

## Section 2.

The following will be considered as aggravating circumstances:—

1. The infringer being, or having been, an employé or workman in the establishments of the patentee.
2. The infringer having associated with an employé or workman of the patentee for acquiring knowledge of the practical method of obtaining or employing the invention.

## Section 3.

The cognizance of infringements of a privilege belongs to the district judges (*juizes de direito*) of the districts (*comarcas*) where they occur, who will issue, on the petition of the patentee or his legal representative, warrants of search, apprehension, and deposit, and will prescribe the preparatory or preliminary proceedings of the process. The sentence shall be governed by law No. 562 of July 2, 1850, and by decree No. 707 of October 9th of the same year, so far as they apply to the case. The products of which sections 1 and 2 of this Article treat, and the respective instruments and apparatus, will be adjudged to the patentee by the same sentence which condemns the authors of the infringements.

## Section 4.

The process will not hinder an action by the patentee to obtain compensation for damage caused or which may be caused.

## Section 5.

Commercial jurisdiction is competent for all cases relative to industrial privileges in conformity with this law.

## Section 6.

The following will be punished with a fine of from one hundred dollars to five hundred dollars for the benefit of the Treasury :—

1. Those who announce themselves as possessors of a patent, by using emblems, marks, placards or labels upon products or articles prepared for commerce or exposed for sale, as if they had been patented.
2. Inventors who continue to exercise an industry as patented when the patent has been suspended, annulled, or has lapsed.
3. Privileged inventors who in prospectuses, advertisements, placards, or by any mode of public notice shall mention patents without designating the special object for which they were obtained.
4. Professional men or experts who being employed under section 2, Article III., cause the general diffusion of the secret of the invention ; without prejudice in this case to such criminal or civil actions as the laws permit.

## Section 7.

The offences of which the preceding paragraph treats shall be prosecuted and judged as simple police offences, in conformity with the legislation in force.

## ARTICLE VII.

When a patent has been conceded to two or more co-inventors, or when it becomes common property by deed of gift or succession, each one of the co-proprietors may use it freely.

## ARTICLE VIII.

If a patent shall be given or left in *usufruct*, the *usufructuary* will be obliged, when his rights cease through the extinction of the *usufruct* or termination of the term of the privilege, to give to the owner of the property the value at which it shall be estimated, calculated with relation to the time which the *usufruct* has lasted.

## ARTICLE IX.

Patents of inventions already granted will continue to be governed by the law of October 26, 1830, the provisions of Article V. section 2, Nos. 1 and 2, and of Article VI. of this present law, with the exception of pending processes or actions, being applicable to them.

## ARTICLE X.

All enactments contrary to the present law are hereby repealed.

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**BRITISH GUIANA.**

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*Ordinance No. 13, of the Year 1861.*

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**An Ordinance to regulate the granting of Patents in this  
Colony.**

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*Preamble.*

Whereas it is expedient to regulate the granting of Patents for Inventions in this Colony: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Court of Policy thereof, as follows:—

*Petition for Patent to be accompanied by Affidavit and Provisional  
Specification.*

1. From and after the taking effect of this Ordinance, every Inventor desirous of obtaining protection for his invention within this colony shall petition the Governor to grant to him, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, Letters Patent for his invention, in the name of Her Majesty, under the public seal of this colony, and every petition for Letters Patent as aforesaid shall be lodged at the office of the Government Secretary, accompanied by an affidavit, signed by the petitioner, that he is the true and first inventor, and that the invention is not in use by any other person or persons within the colony, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and also by a statement in

writing, hereinafter called the provisional specification, signed by or on behalf of the petitioner, describing the nature of the invention; and all such petitions, affidavits, and provisional specifications shall be preserved in, and a registry thereof kept at, the said office.

*Petition and Affidavit of absent Inventor to be legalized—Also Complete Specification.*

2. In the event of any such inventor being resident out of the colony, the petition, affidavit, and provisional specification may be lodged by any person acting as his agent in the colony, provided that the petition and affidavit of such inventor (or his declaration in places where a declaration is allowed by law instead of an oath) be certified and transmitted under the signature and seal of any mayor, notary public, or justice of the peace, or of any British Consul, or Vice-Consul, or of any other officer authorized to administer oaths or receive declarations; and in like manner the complete specification referred to in the 4th and 12th sections may be deposited by the agent of any such absent inventor, provided the same be legalized as aforesaid.

*Applications to be referred to Attorney-General for examination and report.*

3. Every application for Letters Patent under this Ordinance, together with all documents connected therewith, shall be referred for examination and report to the Attorney-General, who shall be at liberty in examining the provisional specification to call to his aid such scientific or other person as he may think fit, and to cause to be paid to such person by the petitioner such remuneration as the Attorney-General shall appoint; and if the Attorney-General be satisfied that the provisional specification describes the nature of the invention, he shall allow the same, and give a certificate of his allowance, and such certificate shall be filed in the office of the Government Secretary, and thereupon the invention therein referred to may, during the term of twelve months from the date of the application for Letters Patent for the said invention, be used and published without prejudice to any Letters Patent to be granted for the same, and such protection from the consequences of use and publication is hereinafter referred to as provisional protection: Provided always, that in case the title of the invention or the provisional specification be too large or



insufficient, it shall be lawful for the Attorney-General to allow or require the same to be amended; it being, nevertheless, in every case, entirely at the hazard of the petitioner whether the invention is new or will have the desired effect.

*Inventors may deposit in lieu of a provisional specification, a complete specification; such deposit to confer for 12 months the like rights as Letters Patent.*

4. The applicant for Letters Patent for an invention, instead of leaving with the petition and affidavit a provisional specification as aforesaid, may, if he think fit, deposit in the Registrar's office for the counties of Demerara and Essequibo an instrument in writing under his hand (hereinafter called a complete specification), particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, of which specification an authentic copy shall be filed with the petition and affidavit, and the day of the delivery of every such petition, affidavit, and complete specification shall be recorded at the office of the Government Secretary, and a certificate thereof given to such applicant or his agent, and thereupon, subject and without prejudice to the provisions hereinafter contained, the invention shall be protected under this Ordinance for the term of twelve months from the date of the application, and the applicant shall have during such term of twelve months, the like powers, rights and privileges as might have been conferred upon him by Letters Patent for such invention issued under this Ordinance and duly sealed as of the day of the date of such application; and during the continuance of such powers, rights, and privileges under this section, such invention may be used and published without prejudice to any Letters Patent to be granted for the same; and where Letters Patent are granted in respect of such invention, then in lieu of a condition for making void such Letters Patent in case such invention be not described and ascertained by a subsequent specification, such Letters Patent shall be conditioned to become void if such complete specification deposited as aforesaid does not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed; and every such complete specification shall be open to the inspection of the public as hereinafter provided, from the time of depositing the same.

*Letters Patent granted to the first Inventor not to be invalidated by protection obtained in fraud of him.*

5. In case of any application for Letters Patent for any invention, and the obtaining upon such application of provisional protection for such invention, or of protection for the same, by reason of the deposit of a complete specification as aforesaid in fraud of the true and first inventor, any Letters Patent granted to the true and first inventor of such invention shall not be invalidated by reason of such application or of such provisional or other protection as aforesaid, or of any use or publication of the invention subsequent to such application, and before the expiration of the term of such provisional or other protection.

*Government Secretary to cause protections to be advertised and provisional specifications to be in due course deposited.*

6. Where any invention is provisionally protected under this Ordinance, or protected by reason of the deposit of such complete specification as aforesaid, the Government Secretary shall cause public notice of such provisional protection or other protection as aforesaid to be given in the Official Gazette, and the Government Secretary shall cause to be delivered to the Registrar for the counties of Demerara and Essequibo every provisional specification after the term of the provisional protection of the invention has expired, to be by him entered free of charge in "The Register of Patents" hereinafter mentioned.

*Application for Letters Patent to be advertised and oppositions may be entered.*

7. The applicant for Letters Patent, so soon as he may think fit after the invention shall have been provisionally protected under this Ordinance, or where a complete specification has been deposited at the time of filing his petition and affidavit, then so soon as he may think fit after such deposit, may give notice at the office of the Government Secretary of his intention of proceeding with his application for Letters Patent for the said invention, and thereupon the Government Secretary shall cause his said application to be advertised in the Official Gazette in such manner as he may see fit; and any person having an interest in opposing the grant of such Letters Patent for the said invention shall be at liberty to file particulars in writing of their objections to the said application in the office of the

Government Secretary within one month from the date of the notice, and all such objections shall be referred to the Attorney-General.

*Letters Patent issue on report of Attorney-General—Proviso as to appeal.*

8. When the time allowed for filing objections as aforesaid shall have expired, the Attorney-General shall report in writing to the Governor upon each application for Letters Patent as aforesaid, and also upon any opposition that may be entered thereto, and public notice of all such reports having been submitted to the Governor shall be given in the Official Gazette for two successive weeks, at the expiration of which time, if the Attorney-General shall have reported that there is no valid legal objection to Letters Patent being granted, the Governor may direct Letters Patent to issue, as hereinafter provided: Provided always, that within the said period of two weeks any party interested who may consider himself aggrieved by any such report of the Attorney-General shall be at liberty to apply by petition to the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of the colony, or Chief Justice during non-session of said Court, for their or his judgment upon the question at issue; and the Court or Chief Justice, after hearing the parties interested if they or any of them shall think proper to appear, shall give judgment accordingly, and all costs shall be in the discretion of such Court or Chief Justice; and the Attorney-General shall alter or amend his report according to such judgment if necessary.

*Duration and effect of Letters Patent.*

9. All Letters Patent for inventions under this Ordinance shall be granted by the Governor, in the name of Her Majesty, under the public seal of the colony, and the same shall extend to the whole of the colony, and shall continue in force within this colony for the term of fourteen years from the date of the original application, and during such term the patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall have full power, sole privilege, and authority, by himself and themselves, and by his and their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as he, the said patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time, and at all times during the said term of fourteen years, lawfully to make, use, exercise, and vend the

invention mentioned in such Letters Patent within this colony, in such manner as to him, the said patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any of them, shall, in his or their discretion, seem meet; and he, the said patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, accruing, and arising by reason of such invention for and during such term of fourteen years; but all such Letters Patent shall be subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned.

*No person to use or imitate the invention mentioned in the Letters Patent without the consent of the Inventor.*

10. During the continuance of the said term it shall not be lawful for any person whomsoever at any time, either directly or indirectly, to make, use, or put in practice within this colony the said invention or any part of the same, nor in any wise to counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, nor to make or cause to be made any addition thereunto, or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himself the inventor or devisor thereof, without the consent, licence, or agreement of the said patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, in writing under his or their hands, first had and obtained in that behalf; and if any person shall, at any time during the continuance of the said term, either directly or indirectly, make, use, or put in practice within this colony the said invention or any part of the same, or shall in any wise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, or make or cause to be made any addition thereto, or subtraction therefrom, whereby to pretend himself the inventor or devisor thereof, without such consent, licence, or agreement as aforesaid, every such person shall be liable to such pains and penalties as can or may be inflicted upon any person for any such breach or violation of this Ordinance, and shall further be answerable to the said patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, according to law, for his and their damages thereby occasioned.

*Letters Patent to be subject to avoidance on non-fulfilment of certain conditions as to validity and originality of the invention.*

11. All Letters Patent for inventions under this Ordinance shall be made and shall be subject to the conditions that the same shall be void, and that the powers and privileges thereby

granted shall cease and determine, if any person shall, during the continuance of the said term of fourteen years, successfully establish and prove before the Honourable the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of this colony that the grant of such letters is contrary to law, or prejudicial or inconvenient to Her Majesty's subjects in general, or that the invention mentioned in such Letters Patent is not a new invention as to the public use and exercise thereof, or that the grantee of such Letters Patent is not the true and first inventor within this colony: And such Letters Patent, or anything therein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to give privilege unto the grantee thereof, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, or any of them, to use or imitate any invention or work whatever theretofore found out or invented by any other of Her Majesty's subjects whatsoever, and publicly used or exercised in this colony, unto whom like Letters Patent or privileges shall have already been granted in this colony for the sole use, exercise, and benefit thereof.

*Letters Patent to be subject to avoidance on non-fulfilment of certain further conditions.*

12. All Letters Patent for inventions under this Ordinance shall also be made and shall be subject to the further conditions that the same shall be void, and that the powers and privileges thereby granted shall cease and determine, if the patentee shall fail or neglect to record the said Letters Patent in the Registrar's Office for the counties of Demerara and Essequibo within ten days from the date thereof, and also if the patentee shall fail or neglect to deposit in the said Registrar's office, within six months from the date of the said Letters Patent, save (and except as provided in the 4th section of this Ordinance) a clear and copious statement in writing, herein called the complete specification, under his hand, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of his invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, and also if the said instrument in writing deposited as aforesaid does not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, and also if the said patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall not supply or cause to be supplied for Her Majesty's service in this colony all such articles of the said invention as he or they shall be required to supply by the officers administering the department of Her Majesty's

service in this colony for the use of which the same shall be required, in such manner, at such times, and at and upon such reasonable prices and terms, as shall be settled for that purpose by the Governor; and further that the said Letters Patent shall be void, and that the powers and privileges thereby granted shall cease and determine, at the expiration of seven years from the date thereof, unless there be paid before the expiration of the said seven years the stamp duty in the Schedule A to this Ordinance annexed; and such Letters Patent, or a duplicate thereof, shall, on such payment, be stamped with a proper stamp, showing the payment of such duty, and notice of such payment shall be given by the Government Secretary in the Official Gazette.

*No Letters Patent to be issued after three months from the date of Attorney-General's Report, nor after the expiration of protection.*

13. No Letters Patent for inventions under this Ordinance shall be issued or be of any force or effect unless the same shall be applied for, and the stamp duty then payable in respect thereof tendered, within the period of three months from the date of the Attorney-General's report; and no Letters Patent shall be issued or be of any force or effect unless the same be granted during the continuance of the provisional protection under this Ordinance, or where a complete specification has been deposited under this Ordinance, then unless such Letters Patent be granted during the continuance of the protection conferred under this Ordinance by reason of such deposit, save that where the application to seal such Letters Patent has been made during the continuance of such provisional or other protection as aforesaid, and the sealing of such Letters Patent has been delayed by reason of a caveat, or an application to the Supreme Court or Chief Justice against or in relation to such Letters Patent, then such Letters Patent may be sealed within such extended time as the Court or Chief Justice shall be pleased to grant for enabling the applicant to apply to the Governor to order such Letters Patent to be sealed.

*Letters Patent may be granted to the Heirs, &c., of the Applicant during the term of protection or within three months after Applicant's decease.*

14. Where the applicant for such Letters Patent dies during the continuance of the provisional protection, or the protection

by reason of the deposit of a complete specification (as the case may be), such Letters Patent may be granted to the heirs, executors or administrators of such applicant during the continuance of such provisional or other protection, or at any time within three months after the death of such applicant, notwithstanding the expiration of the term of such provisional or other protection, and the Letters Patent so granted shall be of the like force and effect as if they had been granted to such applicant during the continuance of such provisional or other protection.

*Letters Patent may be dated as of the day of application.*

15. It shall be lawful to cause any Letters Patent to be issued in pursuance of this Ordinance to be sealed and bear date as of the day of the application for the same, or where the Governor thinks fit and directs, any such Letters Patent as aforesaid may be sealed and may bear date as of the day of the sealing of such Letters Patent, or of any other day between the day of such application and the day of such sealing.

*Letters Patent where antedated to be of the same validity as if sealed on the day of the date.*

16. Any Letters Patent issued under this Ordinance, sealed and bearing date as of any day prior to the day of the actual sealing thereof, shall be of the same force and validity as if they had been sealed on the day as of which the same are expressed to be sealed and bear date: Provided always, that, save where such Letters Patent are granted for any invention in respect whereof a complete specification has been deposited upon the application for the same under this Ordinance, no legal proceeding shall be had upon such Letters Patent in respect of any infringement committed before the same were actually granted.

*Letters Patent obtained in the Colony for patented extra-Colonial inventions not to continue in force after the expiration of the extra-Colonial patent.*

17. Where upon any application made after the taking effect of this Ordinance for or in respect of any invention first invented in the United Kingdom, or in any foreign country, and a patent or like privilege for the monopoly or exclusive use or exercise of such invention in the United Kingdom or in any foreign country is there obtained before the grant of such

Letters Patent in this colony, all rights and privileges under such Letters Patent shall (notwithstanding any term in the Letters Patent limited) cease and be void immediately upon the expiration or other determination of the term during which the patent or other like privilege obtained in the United Kingdom or in such foreign country shall continue in force, or where more than one such patent or like privilege is obtained abroad, immediately upon the expiration or determination of the term which shall first expire or be determined of such several patents or like privileges: Provided always that no Letters Patent for or in respect of any invention for which any such patent or like privilege as aforesaid shall have been obtained in the United Kingdom or in any foreign country, and which shall be granted in this colony after the expiration of the term for which such patent or privilege was granted or was in force, shall be of any validity.

*Letters Patent not to prevent the use of invention in foreign ships resorting to Colonial ports.—Proviso.*

18. No Letters Patent for any invention (granted after the taking effect of this Ordinance) shall extend to prevent the use of such invention in any foreign ship or vessel, or for the navigation of any foreign ship or vessel which may be in any port in this colony or in any of the waters within the jurisdiction of any of Her Majesty's Courts in this colony, where such invention is not used for the manufacture of any goods or commodities to be vended within or exported from this colony: Provided always, that this enactment shall not extend to the ships or vessels of any foreign state, of which the laws authorize subjects of such foreign state having patents or like privileges for the exclusive use or exercise of inventions within its territories to prevent or interfere with the use of such inventions in British ships or vessels, or in or about the navigation of British ships or vessels while in the ports of such foreign state, or in the waters within the jurisdiction of its courts, where such inventions are not so used for the manufacture of goods or commodities to be vended within or exported from the territories of such foreign state.

*Nothing to affect Letters Patent heretofore granted in the United Kingdom and made applicable to the Colony.*

19. Nothing herein contained shall extend to prejudice or affect any Letters Patent heretofore granted in the United



Kingdom, and made applicable by the tenor thereof to this colony, and such Letters Patent shall be in every respect as valid and effectual as if this Ordinance had not been passed: and printed or manuscript copies or extracts, certified and sealed with the Seal of the Commissioners of Patents, of every such Letters Patent, and of the specification thereto relating, and of any disclaimer or memorandum of alteration in respect thereof, shall be deposited or recorded in the Registrar's office, and notice thereof given in the Official Gazette.

*Disclaimer and Memorandum of Alteration in any part of title or specification may be entered with leave of the Attorney-General.—  
Proviso as to notice and appeal.*

20. Any person who, as grantee, assignee, or otherwise, shall obtain Letters Patent under this Ordinance, may, if he think fit, enter at the said Registrar's office, having first obtained the leave of the Attorney-General, certified by his fiat and signature, a disclaimer of any part of either the title of the invention or of the complete specification, stating the reason for such disclaimer, or may, with such leave as aforesaid, enter a memorandum of any alteration in the said title or specification, not being such disclaimer or such alteration as shall extend the exclusive right granted by the said Letters Patent; and such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration, being entered at the said office and notified by the Registrar in the Official Gazette, shall be deemed and taken to be part of such Letters Patent, or such complete specification, in all courts whatever in this colony: Provided always, that any person desirous of entering any such disclaimer or alteration shall be bound to give three weeks previous notice in the Official Gazette of his intention to enter the same: And provided further, that any party aggrieved by any decision of the Attorney-General under this section may, within two weeks from the date of such decision, apply by petition to the Supreme Court or Chief Justice to alter or amend the same; and the Court or Chief Justice, after hearing the parties interested, if they or any of them shall think proper to appear, shall give judgment accordingly, and all costs shall be in the discretion of such Court or Chief Justice; and the Attorney-General shall alter or amend his decision, according to such judgment, if necessary.

*Caveats may be entered.*

21. Any person may enter a caveat against such disclaimer or alteration at the said Registrar's office within the said period of three weeks, which caveat, being so entered, shall be referred to and heard and determined by the Attorney-General, subject to an appeal to the Court or Chief Justice in like manner as is provided in the last preceding section: Provided always, that no disclaimer or alteration shall be receivable in evidence in any action or suit pending at the time when such disclaimer or alteration was entered, but in every such action or suit the original title and complete specification alone shall be given in evidence and deemed and taken to be the title and complete specification of the invention for which the Letters Patent shall have been granted: And provided further, that such entry and notification in the Official Gazette of any disclaimer or memorandum of alteration in pursuance of the leave of the Attorney-General, shall, except in cases of fraud, and subject to the aforesaid appeal, be conclusive as to the right of the party to enter such disclaimer or alteration; and no objection shall be allowed to be made in any proceeding in this colony upon or touching such Letters Patent, specification, disclaimer, or alteration, on the ground that the party entering such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration had not sufficient authority in that behalf.

*Mode of proceeding for confirmation of the Letters Patent where the Patentee is proved not to be the Inventor though he believed himself to be so.*

22. If in any action or suit in this colony it shall be specially found by the court or jury that any person who shall have obtained Letters Patent in this colony for any invention or supposed invention was not the first inventor thereof, or of some part thereof, by reason of some other person or persons having invented or used the same or some part thereof in this colony before the date of such Letters Patent, or if such Patentee or his assigns shall discover that some other person had unknown to such Patentee invented or used the same or some part thereof in this colony before the date of such Letters Patent, it shall be lawful for such Patentee or his assigns to petition the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Court of Policy, to confirm the said Letters Patent, or to grant new Letters

Patent, the matter of which petition shall be referred to and heard before the Court of Policy, and such court, upon examining the said matter, and being satisfied that such Patentee believed himself to be the first and original inventor, and further, that such invention or part thereof had not been publicly and generally used in this colony before the date of such Letters Patent, may state by resolution their opinion that the prayer of such petition ought to be complied with, whereupon the Governor may, if he think fit, grant such prayer; and the said Letters Patent shall in such case be available in law to give such petitioner the sole right of using, making, and vending in this colony the said invention as against all persons whatever, any laws, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, that any person opposing such petition shall be entitled to be heard before the said Court of Policy and that any person party to any former suit or action touching such first Letters Patent shall be entitled to have notice of such petition before presenting the same.

*Mode of proceeding in case of application for the prolongation of the term of the patent.*

23. If any person who shall obtain any Letters Patent under this Ordinance, or any assignee of such Patentee, shall advertise for one month in the Official Gazette that he intends to apply to the Governor to grant to him, with the advice and consent of the Court of Policy, a prolongation of his term of sole using and vending his invention within this colony, and shall petition the Governor to that effect, it shall be lawful for any person to enter a caveat at the office of the Government Secretary; and the matter being referred to the consideration of the Court of Policy, the petitioner and the parties entering caveats and their respective witnesses shall be heard, whereupon, and upon hearing and enquiring of the whole matter, the Court of Policy may state by resolution their opinion that a further extension of the term in the said Letters Patent should be granted, not exceeding seven years; and the Governor may, if he think fit, thereupon grant new Letters Patent for the said invention for a further term not exceeding seven years after the expiration of the first term, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; provided always, that no such extension shall be granted unless the petition shall be presented

six months at least before the expiration of the term originally granted in such Letters Patent, and shall be thereafter prosecuted by the petitioner with due diligence, to the satisfaction of the Governor and Court of Policy.

*Witnesses may be summoned by order of Governor and Court of Policy in any Proceeding before them under this Ordinance.*

24. It shall be lawful for the Governor and Court of Policy to order any person to be summoned to appear before them to give evidence in any proceeding before them under this Ordinance; and if any person, being served with any such order or summons of the Governor and Court of Policy, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the time and place mentioned in such order or summons, such person shall be subject to a fine by the Governor and Court of Policy, not exceeding two hundred and forty dollars, to be recovered at the instance of the Attorney-General by summary execution.

*Evidence to be given before them upon oath.*

25. It shall be lawful for the Governor and Court of Policy to administer to any person who shall appear as a witness in any such proceeding, any oath or affirmation that may lawfully be administered in any court of justice, and every witness who shall wilfully give a false answer to any question that may be put to him or her, or shall swear falsely on any oath, or shall falsely affirm any matter or thing, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and on conviction thereof before the Supreme Court of Criminal Justice shall be subjected to the pains and penalties imposed on persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

*Summonses to be served by the Provost-Marshal.*

26. All summonses and orders of the Governor and Court of Policy, granted in any of such proceedings as aforesaid, shall be served and executed by the Provost-Marshal of the Colony, or his lawful deputy, and for the making and serving of each copy of any such summons or order the Provost-Marshal shall be allowed to charge the sum of fifty cents, and no more, and for travelling expenses or distance money the fees chargeable by the Marshal under Ordinance No. 27 of the year 1855, and the costs of procuring the attendance of every such witness shall be borne by the party requiring him to be summoned, unless the Governor and Court of Policy shall otherwise direct.

*Register of Patents to be kept.*

27. There shall be kept at the Registrar's office aforesaid, a book or books, to be called "The Register of Patents," which shall be kept alphabetically indexed, and wherein shall be entered and recorded in chronological order all Letters Patent granted or filed under this Ordinance (and nothing contained in section 24 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1860 shall extend or apply to any such Letters Patent), all provisional specifications after the term of the provisional protection of the invention has expired, all complete specifications, disclaimers and memoranda of alterations entered in respect of such Letters Patent, all amendments in such Letters Patent and specifications, all assignments of such Letters Patent, or of any share or interest therein, all confirmations and extensions of such Letters Patent, the expiry, vacating or cancelling of such Letters Patent, with the dates thereof, respectively, and all other matters and things affecting the validity of such Letters Patent as the Government Secretary may direct: and such register, on payment of the fee hereinafter provided, shall be open at all convenient times to the inspection of the public, subject to such regulations as the Supreme Court may make.

*In Suits for infringement of Letters Patent, particulars to be delivered and no evidence allowed not mentioned therein.*

28. In any suit for the infringement of Letters Patent the plaintiff shall deliver, with his claim and demand, particulars of the breaches complained of in the said suit, and the defendant, on pleading thereto, shall deliver with his pleading, and the plaintiff, in any proceedings to have declared void Letters Patent granted under this Ordinance, shall deliver with his claim and demand, particulars of any objections on which he means to rely at the trial in support of the defence in the said suit or of the averments in the said claim and demand in the proceedings to have declared void such Letters Patent respectively; and at the trial of such suit or proceeding no evidence shall be allowed to be given in support of any alleged infringement, or of any objection impeaching the validity of such Letters Patent, which shall not be contained in the particulars delivered as aforesaid: Provided always, that the place or places at or in which, and in what manner, the invention is alleged to have been used or published prior to the date of the Letters Patent shall be stated

in such particulars; provided also that it shall and may be lawful for any Judge of the Supreme Court to allow such plaintiff or defendant, respectively, to amend the particulars delivered as aforesaid upon such terms as to such Judge shall seem fit; provided also, that at the trial of any proceeding to have Letters Patent declared void the defendant shall be entitled to begin and to give evidence in support of such Letters Patent, and in case evidence shall be adduced on the part of the plaintiff impeaching the validity of such Letters Patent, the defendant shall be entitled to the reply.

*Supreme Court or Chief Justice may grant an Interdict in case of infringement.*

29. In any suit for the infringement of Letters Patent, it shall be lawful for the Supreme Court or Chief Justice in non-session, on the application of the plaintiff or defendant, respectively, to make such order for an interdict, inspection, or account, and to give such directions respecting such suit, interdict, inspection, and account, and the proceedings therein respectively, as to such Court or Chief Justice may seem fit.

*Particulars to be regarded in taxation.*

30. In taxing the costs in any suit, after the taking effect of this Ordinance, for infringing Letters Patent, regard shall be had to the particulars delivered in such suit, and the plaintiff and defendant, respectively, shall not be allowed any costs in respect of any particular, unless certified by the court or judge before whom the trial was had to have been proved by such plaintiff or defendant, respectively, without regard to the general costs of the cause: and it shall be lawful for the court or judge before whom any such suit shall be tried to certify on the record that the validity of the Letters Patent in the claim and demand mentioned came in question, and the record with such certificate being given in evidence in any suit or action for infringing the said Letters Patent, or in any proceeding to have the Letters Patent declared void, shall entitle the plaintiff in any such suit or action, or the defendant in such proceeding, on obtaining a final sentence, to his full costs, charges, and expenses, taxed as between attorney and client, unless the court or judge trying such action or proceeding shall certify that the plaintiff or defendant, respectively, ought not to have such full costs.

*Copies of Official Gazette and certified copies by Registrar of Letters Patent, &c., to be received in evidence.*

31. Copies of the Official Gazette containing all notices and other matters required by this Ordinance to be inserted therein, and copies certified and signed by the Registrar of all Letters Patent granted under this Ordinance, and of all specifications, disclaimers, memoranda of alterations, and all other documents recorded, deposited, or entered in his office under this Ordinance, shall be received in evidence in all proceedings relating to Letters Patent for inventions in all courts whatsoever within this colony without further proof or production of the originals.

*Patents previously granted extended to 14 years from their respective dates.*

32. All privileges granted to inventors, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, under and by virtue of any Ordinance passed previously to the taking effect hereof for the term of seven years (not being an extension of a previous term) shall be and the same are hereby extended for a further term of seven years from the expiration of the term in such Ordinances respectively limited, subject to the provisions and conditions in the Ordinances respectively contained.

*Applications for Patents now pending to be dealt with under this Ordinance.*

33. All petitions for patent rights heretofore presented to the Governor and Court of Policy, and in respect whereof no Bill has yet been introduced in said court, shall and may be dealt with under this Ordinance, and shall, for the purposes thereof, be considered as bearing even date with the publication of these presents, provided that in each case the affidavit and provisional specification hereinbefore required shall be lodged at the office of the Government Secretary within one month from the taking effect of this Ordinance.

*Solicitor-General to act in case of absence or inability of Attorney-General.*

34. In case of the absence or inability to act of the Attorney-General, the duties of his office may, for all the purposes of this Ordinance, be discharged, and the fees in respect thereof received by the Solicitor-General.

*Fees and Stamp Duties on Letters Patent to be as in Schedule A.*

35. There shall be paid in respect of Letters Patent applied for or issued as herein mentioned, the filing of complete specifications and disclaimers, reports, certificates, entries, inspections, and searches, and other matters and things mentioned in the Schedule A to this Ordinance, such fees and stamp duties as are mentioned in the said schedule and no other; and all fees and stamp duties by such schedule made payable at the office of the Government Secretary shall accrue due, and be paid to Her Majesty for the use of the colony and in support of the government thereof.

*Nothing to affect Prerogative of Crown.*

36. Nothing herein contained shall extend to abridge or affect the prerogative of the Crown in relation to the granting or withholding the grant of any Letters Patent whatever, or the terms, restrictions, conditions, or provisos thereof.

*Forms in Schedule B may be used.*

37. The several forms in the Schedule B to this Ordinance annexed may be used for and in respect of the several matters therein mentioned, and the Governor may, with the approval of the Court of Policy, cause to be varied such forms as occasion may require.

*Interpretation Clause.*

38. In the construction of this Ordinance, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless such meanings be repugnant to or inconsistent with the context (that is to say):

The expression "United Kingdom" shall mean the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland;

The expression "Invention" shall mean any manner of new manufacture, the subject of Letters Patent, and grant of privilege within the meaning of the Act of Parliament of the twenty-first year of the reign of King James the First, chapter three: [NOTE. See *post*, p. 240.]

The expressions "petition," "affidavit," "provisional specification," "Letters Patent" and "complete specification" respectively, shall mean instruments in form and to the effect in the Schedule B hereto annexed, subject to such alterations as may from time to time be made therein under the powers and provisions of this Ordinance.



*Short Title.*

39. In citing this Ordinance in other ordinances, instruments, and proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the expression "The Patent Law Ordinance, 1861."

*Commencement of Ordinance.*

40. This Ordinance shall come into operation and take effect on the publication thereof.

And that no ignorance may be pretended of this our Ordinance, these presents shall be printed and published in the customary manner.

## SCHEDULE A.

*Fees to be paid at the Attorney-General's Office.*

On examining provisional specification, to be paid on filing petition . . . . .	\$25	0
On reporting on application for Letters Patent after notice to proceed . . . . .	25	0
On giving notice of disclaimer or alteration . . . . .	25	0
On entering caveat . . . . .	25	0

*Stamp Duties to be paid at the Government Secretary's Office.*

On notice to proceed . . . . .	5	0
On the sealing of Letters Patent . . . . .	20	0
On the Letters Patent or a duplicate thereof before the expiration of the seventh year . . . . .	100	0
On petition for confirmation or prolongation of Patent . . . . .	50	0
On the sealing of grant confirming or prolonging Letters Patent . . . . .	100	0

*Fees to be paid at the Registrar's Office.*

On recording Letters Patent . . . . .	5	0
On depositing complete specification, including copy . . . . .	15	0
On entering disclaimer or alteration, including copy and notification in the Official Gazette . . . . .	10	0
On entering caveat, including copy and notification in the Official Gazette . . . . .	10	0
For copy of any of the before-mentioned documents, or of any provisional specification deposited, per page . . . . .	0	25
On inspecting register of patents, for each patent, and all documents connected therewith . . . . .	0	48

N.B.—For copies of drawing attached to specifications, the Registrar to be allowed to charge extra, subject to the approval of the Chief Justice.

## SCHEDULE B.

## FORMS.

*Petition.*

To His Excellency [*here insert the name of the Governor*] Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the colony of British Guiana, Vice-Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

The humble petition of [*name of the petitioner*] respectfully sheweth,—

That your petitioner is in possession of an invention for [*the title of the invention*], which invention he believes will be of great public utility; that he is the true and first inventor thereof; and that the same is not in use by any other person or persons in this colony, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Your petitioner, therefore, humbly prays,—

That your Excellency will be pleased to grant unto him, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, Letters Patent, in the name of Her Majesty, for the sole use, benefit and advantage of his said invention, within the colony of British Guiana, for the term of fourteen years, pursuant to the Ordinance in that case made and provided.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

*Affidavit.*

I , of , having been duly sworn, make oath and say, that I am in possession of an invention for [*the title as in Petition*], which invention I believe will be of great public utility; that I am the true and first inventor thereof; and that the same is not in use by any other person or persons in this colony to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A.B.

Sworn this                                  day of                                  A.D. ,  
before me,

A Commissioner for administering  
Oaths to Affidavits, &c.

*Provisional Specification.*

I do hereby declare the nature of the said invention [*the title of the invention*] to be as follows: [*here insert description*].

Dated this                                  day of                                  A.D.  
*(To be signed by Petitioner or his Agent.)*

*Letters Patent.*

By His Excellency [*name of Governor*], Governor and Commander-  
[L.S.] in-Chief in and over the colony of British Guiana, Vice-Admiral  
and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

Whereas            hath, by his petition, humbly represented unto me that he is in possession of an invention for

which the petitioner conceives will be of great public utility; that he is the true and first inventor thereof; and that the same is not in use by any other person or persons in this colony, to the best of his knowledge and belief; the petitioner therefore most humbly prayed that I would be pleased to grant unto him, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, Letters Patent in the name of Her Majesty, for the sole use, benefit, and advantage of his said invention, within the colony of British Guiana, for the term of fourteen years, pursuant to the Ordinance in such case made and provided; Know ye, therefore, that I, in the name and on the behalf of Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and being thereto duly authorized by the Ordinance in such case made and provided, do by these presents, give and grant unto the said           , his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, my special licence, full power, sole privilege and authority that he, the said           , his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by himself and themselves, or by his and their deputy or deputies, servants, or agents, or such others as he, the said           , his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time, and at all times hereafter during the term of years herein expressed, shall and lawfully may make, use, exercise, and vend his said invention within the colony of British Guiana, in such manner as to him the said           , his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or any of them, shall in his or their discretion, seem meet; and that he, the said           , his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, accruing and arising, by reason of the said invention for and during the term of years herein mentioned; to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said licences, powers, privileges, and advantages hereinbefore granted or mentioned to be granted, unto the said           , his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years from the            day of            in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and            next and immediately ensuing, according to the Ordinance in such case made and provided; and to the end that he the said           , his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them may have and enjoy the full benefit and the sole use and exercise of the said invention, I do, by these presents, require and strictly command all and every person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, and all others, of what estate, quality, degree, name, or condition soever they be, within this colony, that neither they, nor any of them, at any time during the continuance of the said term of fourteen years hereby granted, either directly or indirectly, do make, use, or put in practice the said invention, or any part of the same, nor in anywise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, nor shall make or cause to be made any addition thereunto or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himself or

themselves the inventor or inventors, doer or doers thereof, without the consent, licence, or agreement of the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, in writing under his or their hands first had and obtained in that behalf, upon such pains and penalties as can or may be justly inflicted on such offenders, for their contempt, and further not be answerable to the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, according to law, for his and their damages thereby occasioned: Provided always, and these Letters Patent are and shall be upon this condition, that if at any time during the said term hereby granted it shall be made to appear to the Honourable the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of this colony that this grant is contrary to law, or prejudicial or inconvenient to Her Majesty's subjects in general, or that the said invention is not a new invention as to the public use and exercise thereof, or that the said \_\_\_\_\_ is not the true and first inventor thereof within this colony as aforesaid, these Letters Patent shall forthwith cease, determine, and be utterly void to all intents and purposes, anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided also, that these Letters Patent or anything heretofore contained shall not extend or be construed to extend to give privilege unto the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, administrators, or assigns, or any of them, to use or imitate any invention or work whatsoever which hath heretofore been found out or invented by any other of Her Majesty's subjects whatsoever, and publicly used or exercised in this colony, unto whom like Letters Patent or privileges have been already granted in this colony for the sole use, exercise, and benefit thereof, it being my will and pleasure that the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and all and every other person and persons to whom like Letters Patent or privileges have been already granted as aforesaid, shall distinctly use and practise their several inventions by them invented and found out, according to the true intent and meaning of the same respective Letters Patent and of these presents: Provided likewise nevertheless, and these Letters Patent are upon this express condition, that if the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall not record these Letters Patent in the Registrar's Office for the counties of Demerara and Essequibo within ten days from the date of these presents, and also if the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of his said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, by an instrument in writing under his hand, and cause the same to be deposited in the office of the said registrar within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of these Letters Patent, and also if the said instrument in writing, deposited as aforesaid, does not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, and also if the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall not supply or cause to be supplied for Her Majesty's service in this colony all such articles of the said invention as he or they shall be required to supply by the officers administering the department of Her Majesty's service in this colony, for the use of which the same shall be required, in such manner, at such times, and at and upon

such reasonable prices and terms as shall be settled for that purpose by the Governor of this colony, and also if the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall not pay or cause to be paid at the office of the Government Secretary the sum of one hundred dollars stamp duty, on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, that then and in any of the said cases these Letters Patent, and all liberties and advantages whatsoever hereby granted, shall utterly cease, determine, and become void, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the granting of licences in such manner and for such considerations as they may by law be granted: And lastly, I do by these presents, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, grant unto the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, that these Letters Patent, or the filing thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, in all Courts of Record as well as elsewhere in this colony, and by all and singular the officers and ministers whatsoever of Her Majesty, and amongst all and every the subjects of Her Majesty in this colony, notwithstanding the not full and certain describing the nature or quality of the said invention, or of the materials thereunto conducing and belonging.

In witness whereof I have caused these Letters to be made patent this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ and to be sealed and bear date as of the said \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of Her Majesty's reign.

#### *Specification.*

To all to whom these presents shall come, I \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, send greeting.

Whereas His Excellency [*Governor's name*], Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the colony of British Guiana, &c., &c., &c., by Letters Patent, bearing date the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of Her Majesty's reign, did, in the name of Her Majesty, pursuant to the Ordinance in such case made and provided, give and grant unto me, the said \_\_\_\_\_, his special licence, that I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time, and at all times thereafter, during the term therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend within the colony of British Guiana, an invention for [*insert title as in Letters Patent*] upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, by an instrument in writing under my hand, should particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same

was to be performed, and cause the same to be deposited in the Registrar's office for the counties of Demerara and Essequibo within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent: Now know ye, that I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare the nature of my said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement; (that is to say) [*describe the invention*].

In witness whereof, I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, have hereto set my hand,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of the sub-  
scribing witnesses.

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**BRITISH HONDURAS.**

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*Law of 10th September, 1862.*

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26° VICTORIÆ, SESSIO 1<sup>a</sup>.

CAP. II.

*An Act for amending the Law for granting Patents for Inventions.*

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WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law concerning Letters Patent for inventions: *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:*

*Commissioners of Patents.*

I. The Lieutenant Governor and the members of the Executive Council for the time being respectively, together with such other person or persons as may be from time to time appointed by the Lieutenant Governor as hereinafter mentioned, shall be Commissioners of Patents for inventions; and it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor from time to time, by warrant under his hand and seal, to appoint such other person or persons as he may think fit to be a Commissioner or Commissioners as aforesaid; and every person so appointed shall be a Commissioner during Her Majesty's pleasure; and all the powers hereby vested in the Commissioners may be exercised by any three or more of them, two Members of the Executive Council being two of them.

*Authentication of documents and copies.*

II. Three or more of such Commissioners, of whom two shall be Members of the Executive Council, shall subscribe their names to all warrants for Letters Patent under this Act, and all instruments proceeding from the office of the Commissioners; and all copies or extracts from documents deposited in the Commissioners' office shall be certified by the clerk of the Commissioners, and all Courts, Judges, and other persons in this Colony shall take notice of and receive the signatures of such Commissioners in evidence, and shall also take notice of and receive in evidence, without further proof or production of the originals, all copies or extracts, certified under the hand of the said Commissioners' clerk, of or from documents deposited in such office.

*Power of Commissioners to make rules and regulations.*

III. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners from time to time to make such rules and regulations (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act), respecting the business of their office, and all matters and things which under the provisions herein contained are to be under their control and direction, as may appear to them necessary and expedient for the purposes of this Act; and all such rules shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within fourteen days after the making thereof, if the General Assembly be sitting in annual session, and if it be not sitting in annual session, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of the General Assembly in annual session; and in the meantime, and until the Commissioners shall make such rules and regulations, those contained in the schedule annexed to this Act shall be observed.

*Colonial Secretary's office to be the office of the Commissioners, and he their clerk.*

IV. The office of the Colonial Secretary shall be the office of the Commissioners for the filing of specifications, and the office of Colonial Secretary and the office of clerk of the Commissioners shall be combined; and the Colonial Secretary for the time being shall be the clerk of the Commissioners for the purposes of this Act.



*Petition and Declaration to be accompanied with a provisional specification.*

V. Every petition for the grant of Letters Patent for an invention, and the declaration required to accompany such petition, shall be left at the office of the Colonial Secretary, and there shall be left therewith a statement in writing, hereinafter called the provisional specification, signed by or on behalf of the applicant for Letters Patent, describing the nature of such invention; and the day of the delivery of every such petition, declaration, and provisional specification, shall be recorded at the said office, and endorsed on such petition, declaration, and provisional specification, and a certificate thereof given to such applicant or his agent; and all such petitions, declarations, and provisional specifications shall be preserved in such manner as the Commissioners may direct, and a registry thereof, and of all proceedings thereon, kept at the office of the Colonial Secretary.

*Every application to be referred to Attorney General.*

VI. Every application for Letters Patent made under this Act shall be referred by the Commissioners, according to such regulations as they may think fit to make, to Her Majesty's Attorney General for this Colony.

*Provisional Specifications to be referred to Attorney General, who, if satisfied, may give certificate of his allowance, which shall be filed.*

VII. The provisional specification shall be referred to the Attorney General, who shall be at liberty to call to his aid such scientific or other person as he may think fit, and cause to be paid to such person by the applicant such remuneration as the Attorney General shall appoint; and if the Attorney General be satisfied that the provisional specification describes the nature of the invention, he shall allow the same, and give a certificate of his allowance, and such certificate shall be filed in the office of the Colonial Secretary, and thereupon the invention therein referred to may, during the term of six months from the date of the application for Letters Patent for the said invention, be used and published without prejudice to any Letters Patent to be granted for the same, and such protection from the consequences of use and publication is hereinafter referred to as a provisional protection: Provided always, that in case the title of the inven-

tion or the provisional specification be too large or insufficient, it shall be lawful for the Attorney General to allow or require the same to be amended.

*Inventor may deposit in lieu of a provisional specification a complete specification, such deposit to confer for a limited time the like rights as Letters Patent.*

VIII. The applicant for Letters Patent for an invention, instead of leaving with the petition and declaration a provisional specification as aforesaid, may, if he thinks fit, file with the said petition and declaration an instrument in writing under his hand and seal (hereinafter called a complete specification) particularly describing and ascertaining, the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, which complete specification shall be mentioned in such declaration, and the day of the delivery of every such petition, declaration, and complete specification, shall be recorded at the office of the Colonial Secretary, and endorsed on such petition, declaration, and specification, and a certificate thereof given to such applicant or his agent, and thereupon, subject and without prejudice to the provisions hereinafter contained, the invention shall be protected under this Act for the term of six months from the date of the application, and the applicant shall have during such term of six months the like powers, rights, and privileges as might have been conferred upon him by Letters Patent for such invention, issued under this Act and duly sealed as of the day of the date of such application; and during the continuance of such powers, rights, and privileges under this provision, such invention may be used and published without prejudice to any Letters Patent to be granted for the same; and where Letters Patent are granted in respect of such invention, then in lieu of a condition for making void such Letters Patent in case such invention be not described and ascertained by a subsequent specification, such Letters Patent shall be conditioned to become void if such complete specification, filed as aforesaid, does not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed; and a copy of every such complete specification shall be open to the inspection of the public, as hereinafter provided, from the time of depositing the same, subject to such regulations as the Commissioners may make.

*Letters Patent granted to the first Inventor not to be invalidated by protection in fraud of him.*

IX. In case of any application for Letters Patent for any invention, and the obtaining upon such application of provisional protection for such invention, or of protection for the same by reason of the deposit of a complete specification as aforesaid, in fraud of the true and first inventor, any Letters Patent granted to the true and first inventor of such invention shall not be invalidated by reason of such application, or of such provisional or other protection as aforesaid, or of any use or publication of the invention subsequent to such application, and before the expiration of the term of such provisional or other protection.

*Commissioners to cause protections to be advertised.*

X. Where any invention is provisionally protected under this Act, or protected by reason of the deposit of such complete specification as aforesaid, the Commissioners shall cause such provisional protection or such other protection as aforesaid to be advertised in such manner as they may see fit.

*Application for Letters Patent to be advertised, and particulars of opposition may be left.*

XI. The applicant for Letters Patent, so soon as he may think fit after the invention shall have been provisionally protected under this Act, or where a complete specification has been deposited with his petition and declaration, then so soon as he may think fit after such deposit, may give notice at the office of the Colonial Secretary of his intention of proceeding with his application for Letters Patent for the said invention, and thereupon the said Commissioners shall cause his said application to be advertised in such manner as they may see fit; and any persons having an interest in opposing the grant of Letters Patent for the said invention shall be at liberty to leave particulars in writing of their objections to the said application at such place, and within such time, and subject to such regulations as the Commissioners may direct.

*Specification and objections to be referred to Attorney General.*

XII. So soon as the time for the delivery of such objections shall have expired, the provisional specification, or the complete

specification (as the case may be) and particulars of objection (if any) shall be referred to the Attorney General.

*Power of Attorney General to order by and to whom costs shall be paid.*

XIII. It shall be lawful for the Attorney General, if he see fit, by certificate under his hand, to order by or to whom the costs of any hearing or enquiry upon any objection, or otherwise in relation to the grant of such Letters Patent, or in relation to the provisional (or other) protection acquired by the applicant under this Act shall be paid, and in what manner and by whom such costs are to be ascertained; and if any costs so ordered to be paid be not paid within fourteen days after the amount shall be so ascertained, it shall be lawful for the Attorney General to make an order for the payment of the same, and any such order may be made a rule of the Supreme Court to the effect that execution may pass thereupon in common form.

*Power of Attorney General to cause a Warrant to be made for sealing Letters Patent—Lieutenant Governor to have a discretion in granting Letters Patent—Writs of Scire Facias.*

XIV. It shall be lawful for the Attorney General, after such hearing (if any) as he may think fit, to cause a warrant to be made for the sealing of Letters Patent for the said invention, and such warrant shall be signed by three of the said Commissioners, of whom two shall be members of the Executive Council, and shall set forth the tenor and effect of the Letters Patent thereby recommended to be granted, and shall direct the insertion in such Letters Patent of all restrictions, conditions, and provisos as he may deem usual and expedient in such grants, or necessary in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; and the said warrant shall be the warrant for the making and sealing of Letters Patent under this Act, granting to the applicant, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for a term not exceeding fourteen years, the sole right and liberty of making, using, exercising, and vending the said invention according to the tenor of the said warrant: Provided always, that the Lieutenant Governor shall and may have and exercise a discretion in respect of the said warrant, and any Letters Patent thereby proposed to be made under this Act; and the writ of *scire facias* shall lie for the repeal of any Letters Patent issued under this Act in the like cases as the same would lie in England for the repeal of Letters

Patent issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

*Letters Patent to be made subject to avoidance on non-payment of certain sums.*

XV. All Letters Patent for inventions granted under the provisions hereinbefore contained, shall be made subject to the condition that the same shall be void, and that the powers and privileges thereby granted shall cease and determine at the expiration of three years and seven years respectively from the date thereof, unless there be paid before the expiration of the said three and seven years respectively the sum or sums of money in the schedule to this Act annexed; and the payment of the said sums of money shall be endorsed on the warrant for the said Letters Patent, and the Colonial Secretary shall issue under his hand a certificate of such payment, and shall endorse a receipt for the same on any Letters Patent issued on such warrant, and such certificate of payment shall be evidence of the payment of the several sums respectively.

*Letters Patent under Public Seal to be valid in the Colony.*

XVI. The Commissioners, so soon after the signing of the said warrant as required by the applicant for the Letters Patent, shall cause to be prepared Letters Patent for the invention according to the tenor of the said warrant, and it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor to cause such Letters Patent to be sealed with the public seal of the Colony, and such Letters Patent so sealed shall extend to the whole of the Colony of British Honduras.

*No Letters Patent to be issued after three months from date of warrant.*

XVII. Provided always, that no Letters Patent, save as hereinafter mentioned in the case of Letters Patent destroyed or lost, shall issue on any warrant granted as aforesaid, unless application be made for the issue of such Letters Patent within three months after the date of the said warrant.

*No Letters Patent to be issued after expiration of protection given by this Act.*

XVIII. Provided also, that no Letters Patent (save Letters Patent issued in lieu of others destroyed or lost) shall be issued

or be of any force or effect unless the same be granted during the continuance of the provisional protection under this Act, or where a complete specification has been deposited under this Act, then unless such Letters Patent be granted during the continuance of the protection conferred under this Act by reason of such deposit, save that where the application to seal such Letters Patent has been made during the continuance of such provisional or other protection as aforesaid, and the sealing of such Letters Patent has been delayed by reason of any caveat or on application to the Lieutenant Governor against or in relation to the sealing of such Letters Patent, then such Letters Patent may be sealed at such time as the Lieutenant Governor shall direct.

*Letters Patent may be granted to personal representative of the applicant during term of protection, or within three months after applicant's decease.*

XIX. Provided also, that where the applicant for such Letters Patent dies during the continuance of the provisional protection, or the protection by reason of the deposit of a complete specification (as the case may be), such Letters Patent may be granted to the executors or administrators of such applicant during the continuance of such provisional or other protection, or at any time within three months after the death of such applicant, notwithstanding the expiration of the term of such provisional or other protection, and the Letters Patent so granted shall be of the like force and effect as if they had been granted to such applicant during the continuance of such provisional or other protection.

*If Letters Patent be destroyed or lost other Letters Patent may be issued.*

XX. Provided also, that in case any such Letters Patent shall be destroyed or lost, other Letters Patent of the like tenor and effect, and sealed and dated as of the same day, may, subject to such regulations as the Commissioners may direct, be issued under the authority of the warrant in pursuance of which the original Letters Patent were issued.

*Letters Patent may be dated as of the day of application.*

XXI. It shall be lawful to cause any Letters Patent to be issued in pursuance of this Act to be sealed and bear date as of the day of the application for the same.

*Letters Patent where ante-dated to be of same validity as if sealed on the day of date, but not as to infringements prior to actual sealing.*

XXII. Any Letters Patent issued under this Act, sealed and bearing date as of any day prior to the day of the actual sealing thereof, shall be of the same force and validity as if they had been sealed on the day as of which the same are expressed to be sealed and bear date: Provided always, that, save where such Letters Patent are granted for any invention in respect whereof a complete specification has been deposited upon the application for the same under this Act, no proceeding at law or in equity shall be had upon such Letters Patent in respect of any infringement committed before the same were actually granted.

*Letters Patent for patented foreign inventions not to continue in force after expiration of foreign patent.*

XXIII. Where, upon any application made after the passing of this Act, Letters Patent are granted in this Colony for or in respect of any invention first invented in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any foreign country, or in any other British colony, or by the subject of any foreign power or state, and a Patent or like privilege for the monopoly or exclusive use or exercise of such invention in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any foreign country, or in any other British colony is there obtained, before the grant of such Letters Patent in this Colony, all rights and privileges under such Letters Patent shall (notwithstanding any term in such Letters Patent limited) cease and be void immediately upon the expiration or other determination of the term during which the Patent or like privilege obtained in the United Kingdom, such foreign country, or other British colony (as the case may be) shall continue in force, or where more than one such Patent or like privilege is obtained abroad, immediately upon the expiration or determination of the term which shall first expire or be determined of such several Patents or like privileges: Provided always, that no Letters Patent for or in respect of any invention for which any such Patent or like privilege as aforesaid shall have been obtained in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in any foreign country, or in any other British colony, and which shall be granted in this Colony after the expiration of the term for which such Patent or privilege was granted or was in force, shall be of any validity.

*Letters Patent not to prevent use of inventions on board ships—  
Provisoes.*

XXIV. No Letters Patent for any invention shall extend to prevent the use of such invention in any ship or vessel not registered in British Honduras, or for the navigation of any ship or vessel not registered in British Honduras which may be in any port of this Colony or any of the waters within the jurisdiction of the courts of this Colony, where such invention is not so used for the manufacture of any goods or commodities to be vended within or exported from the Colony: Provided always, that this enactment shall not extend to the ships or vessels of any foreign state of which the laws authorise the subjects of such foreign state, having Patents or like privileges for the exclusive use or exercise of inventions within its territories, to prevent or interfere with the use of such inventions in British ships or vessels while in the ports of such foreign state, or in the waters within the jurisdiction of its courts, where such inventions are not so used for the manufacture of goods and commodities to be vended within or exported from the territories of such foreign state.

*Specifications to be filed—Enrolment not necessary.*

XXV. All Letters Patent to be granted under this Act (save only Letters Patent granted after the filing of a complete specification) shall require the specification thereunder to be filed in the Colonial Secretary's office, instead of requiring the same to be enrolled, and no enrolment shall be requisite.

*Specifications to be filed and preserved in Colonial Secretary's  
Office.*

XXVI. Every specification to be filed in pursuance of the condition of any Letters Patent shall be filed in the Colonial Secretary's office, and every provisional specification and complete specification left at the office of the Colonial Secretary, on the application for any Letters Patent, shall forthwith after the grant of the Letters Patent, or if no Letters Patent be granted, then immediately after the expiration of six months from the time of such application, be filed and preserved in the said office; and in case reference is made to drawings in any specification deposited or filed under this Act, an extra copy of such drawings shall be left with such specification.



*Copies of Specifications to be open to inspection at the office of Colonial Secretary.*

XXVII. The Commissioners shall cause true copies of all specifications (other than provisional specifications), disclaimers, and memoranda of alterations filed under or in pursuance of this Act, and of all provisional specifications after the term of the provisional protection of the invention has expired, to be open to the inspection of the public at the office of the Colonial Secretary at all reasonable times, subject to such regulations as the Commissioners may direct.

*Register of Patents to be kept.*

XXVIII. There shall be kept at the Colonial Secretary's office a book or books to be called, "the Register of Patents," wherein shall be entered and recorded, in chronological order, all Letters Patent granted under this Act, the deposit or filing of specifications, disclaimers, and memoranda of alterations filed in respect of such Letters Patent, all amendments on such Letters Patent and specifications, all confirmations and extensions of such Letters Patent, the expiry, vacating, or cancelling of such Letters Patent, with the dates thereof respectively, and all other matters and things affecting the validity of such Letters Patent as the Commissioners may direct; and such register, or a copy thereof, shall be open at all convenient times to the inspection of the public, subject to such regulations as the Commissioners may make.

*Register of Proprietors to be kept.*

XXIX. There shall be kept at the Colonial Secretary's office a book or books, entitled "the Register of Proprietors," wherein shall be entered, in such manner as the Commissioner shall direct, the assignment of any Letters Patent, or of any share or interest therein, and any license under Letters Patent, with the name or names of any person or persons having any share or interest in such Letters Patent or license, the date of his or their acquiring such Letters Patent, share, and interest, and any other matter or thing relating to or affecting the proprietorship in such Letters Patent or license; and a copy of any entry in such book, certified under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, shall be given to any person requiring the same, on payment of the fees hereinafter provided; and such copies, so certified,

shall be received in evidence in all courts and in all proceedings, and shall be primâ facie proof of the assignment of of such Letters Patent, or share and interest therein, or of the license or proprietorship as therein expressed : Provided always, that until such entry shall have been made, the grantee or grantees of the Letters Patent shall be deemed and taken to be the sole and exclusive proprietor or proprietors of such Letters Patent and of all the licenses and privileges thereby given and granted; and any writ of *scire facias* to repeal such Letters Patent may be issued to the Provost Marshal in case of the grantee or grantees residing in this Colony, and in case such grantee or grantees do not reside in the Colony, it shall be sufficient to file such writ in the Clerk of the Courts' office, and serve notice in writing thereof at the last known residence or place of business of such grantee or grantees ; and such register, or a copy, shall be open to the inspection of the public at the Colonial Secretary's office, subject to such regulations as the Commissioners may make.

*Falsification or forgery of entries in Register of Proprietors a misdemeanour.*

XXX. If any person shall wilfully make or cause to be made any false entry in the said register of proprietors, or shall wilfully make or forge, or cause to be made or forged, any writing falsely purporting to be a copy of any entry in the said book, or shall produce or tender, or cause to be produced or tendered, in evidence any such writing knowing the same to be false or forged, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be punished by fine and imprisonment accordingly.

*Entries may be expunged or varied.*

XXXI. If any person shall deem himself aggrieved by any entry made under colour of this Act in the said register of proprietors, it shall be lawful for such person to apply by motion to the Supreme Court, or by a summons to the Chief Justice in chambers, for an order that such entry may be expunged, vacated, or varied ; and upon any such application the said Court or Chief Justice respectively may make such order for expunging, vacating, or varying such entry and as to the costs of such application, as to the said Court or Chief Justice may seem fit ; and the Colonial Secretary, on the production to him of any such order for expunging, vacating, or varying any such

entry, shall expunge, vacate, or vary the same according to the requisitions of such order.

*Provisions as to disclaimers, and memoranda of alterations.*

XXXII. Any person who, as grantee, assignee, or otherwise, shall obtain Letters Patent for the sole making, exercising, vending, or using of any invention, and in case the original patentee or patentees hath or have departed with his or their whole or any part of his or their interest by assignment to any other person or persons, such patentee, together with such assignee or assignees, if part only hath been assigned, and the assignee or assignees, if the whole hath been assigned, may, if he or they think fit, lodge with the Colonial Secretary an application for leave to enter a disclaimer of any part of either the title of the invention or of the specification, stating the reason of such disclaimer, or to enter a memorandum of any alteration in the said title or specification, not being such disclaimer or such alteration as shall extend the exclusive right granted by the said Letters Patent; and all such applications shall be referred by the Commissioners to the Attorney General; and every such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration, when approved by the Attorney General, certified by his fiat and signature, and being filed in the Colonial Secretary's office with the specification to which the same relates, shall be deemed and taken to be part of such Letters Patent or such specification in all courts whatever: Provided always, that any person may lodge with the said Colonial Secretary a caveat against such disclaimer or alteration, and every such caveat shall be referred by the Commissioners to the Attorney General; and such caveat, being so entered, shall give the party entering the same a right to have notice of the application being heard by the Attorney General: Provided also, that no such disclaimer or alteration shall be receivable in evidence in any action or suit (save and except by any proceeding by *scire facias*) pending at the time when such disclaimer or alteration was filed; but in every such action or suit the original title and specification alone shall be given in evidence and deemed and taken to be the title and specification of the invention for which the Letters Patent shall have been granted: Provided also, that it shall be lawful for the Attorney General, before granting such fiat, to require the party applying for the same to advertise his disclaimer or alteration, in such manner as to the Attorney General shall

seem right, and shall, if he so require such advertisement, certify in his fiat that the same has been duly made: Provided also, that such filing of any disclaimer or memorandum of alteration in pursuance of the leave of the Attorney General, certified as aforesaid, shall, except in cases of fraud, be conclusive of the right of the party to enter such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration; and no objection shall be allowed to be made in any proceeding upon or touching such Letters Patent, specification, disclaimer, or memorandum of alteration, on the ground that the party entering such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration had not sufficient authority in that behalf: Provided also, that no action shall be brought upon any Letters Patent in which, or in the specification of which, any disclaimer or memorandum of alteration shall have been filed, in respect of any infringement committed prior to the filing of such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration, unless the Attorney General shall certify in his fiat that any such action may be brought notwithstanding the entry or filing of such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration.

*Provisions as to prolongation of terms of Letters Patent.*

XXXIII. If the grantee of any Letters Patent as aforesaid shall advertise, in such manner as the Commissioners may direct, that he intends to apply to the Commissioners for a prolongation of his term of sole using and vending his invention, and shall enter with the Colonial Secretary a petition addressed to the Lieutenant Governor to that effect, it shall be lawful for any person to enter a caveat against the same with the Colonial Secretary; and, notice being first given, to any person or persons who shall have entered such caveats, the petitioner shall be heard in person, or by his counsel or agent and witnesses, to prove his case, and the persons entering caveats shall likewise be heard in person, or by their counsel or agents and witnesses, whereupon, and upon hearing and enquiring of the whole matter, the Commissioners are hereby authorised and empowered, if they shall think fit, to authorise to issue their warrant for the grant of new Letters Patent for the said invention for a term not exceeding seven years or any shorter period than that prayed, after the expiration of the first term: Provided always, that no such extension shall be granted if a petition for the same shall not have been presented before the expiration of the term sought to be extended.

*Commissioners may in certain cases warrant extension for fourteen years.*

XXXIV. If in any petition for the extension of the term for which Letters Patent as aforesaid have been granted, presented before the expiration thereof, it be set forth that the grantee thereof has been unable to obtain a due remuneration for his expense and labour in perfecting such invention, and that an exclusive right of using and vending the same for the further period of seven years in addition to the term in such patent mentioned will not suffice for his reimbursement and remuneration, then upon consideration of the same in manner aforesaid the Commissioners may, if they think fit, grant their warrant for the extension thereof for a term not exceeding fourteen years, or any shorter period than that prayed, after the expiration of such first term.

*Grant of new Letters Patent extending period.*

XXXV. It shall be lawful to grant any such extension either to an assignee or assignees, or to the original patentee or patentees or to an assignee or assignees and original patentee or patentees conjointly.

*Warrant and Sealing such Letters Patent.*

XXXVI. In the granting of any new Letters Patent, extending the term for which the original Letters Patent were granted, the warrant of the Commissioners shall be a sufficient authority for the sealing of any new Letters Patent, and for the insertion in such new Letters Patent of any restrictions, conditions, and provisions in the said warrant mentioned; and the Lieutenant Governor shall thereupon cause Letters Patent, according to the tenor and effect of such warrant, to be made and sealed in the manner herein directed for Letters Patent issued under the certificate of the Attorney General and the Commissioners' warrant thereupon: Provided always, that such new Letters Patent shall be sealed and bear date as of the day after the expiration of the term of the original Letters Patent, which may first expire.

*In action for infringement of Letters Patent particulars to be delivered.*

XXXVII. In any action in the Supreme Court for the infringement of Letters Patent the plaintiff shall, two weeks at least previously to the entering of his complaint, deliver or

cause to be delivered to the person against whom such action is intended to be brought, particulars of the breaches intended to be complained of in such action, and the defendant, on pleading or filing any notice of defence thereto, shall deliver with his pleas or notice, and the prosecutor in any proceedings by *scire facias* to repeal Letters Patent shall deliver with his declaration, particulars of any objections on which he means to rely at the trial in support of the pleas in the said action, or of the suggestions of the said declaration in the proceedings by *scire facias* respectively; and at the trial of such action or proceeding by *scire facias* no evidence shall be allowed to be given in support of any alleged infringement, or of any objection impeaching the validity of such Letters Patent, which shall not be contained in the particulars delivered as aforesaid: Provided always, that the place or places at or in which and in what manner the invention is alleged to have been used or published prior to the date of the Letters Patent shall be stated in such particulars: Provided also, that it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Justice at Chambers to allow such plaintiff or defendant or prosecutor respectively to amend the particulars delivered as aforesaid, upon such terms as to such judge shall seem fit: Provided also, that at the trial of any proceeding by *scire facias* to repeal Letters Patent the defendant shall be entitled to begin and to give evidence in support of such Letters Patent, and in case evidence shall be adduced on the part of the prosecutor impeaching the validity of such Letters Patent, the defendant shall be entitled to the reply.

*Supreme Court may grant injunction in case of infringement.*

XXXVIII. In any action in the Supreme Court for the infringement of Letters Patent, it shall be lawful for the Court if then sitting, or if the Court be not sitting then for the Chief Justice, on the application of the plaintiff or defendant respectively, to make such order for an injunction and inspection or account, and to give such directions respecting such injunction, inspection, and account, and the proceedings therein respectively, as to such Court or Chief Justice may seem fit.

*Particulars to be regarded in taxation of costs.*

XXXIX. In taxing the cost in any action in the Supreme Court regard shall be had to the particulars delivered in such action, and the plaintiff and defendant respectively shall not be

allowed any costs in respect of any particular unless certified by the Chief Justice to have been proved by such plaintiff or defendant respectively, without regard to the general costs of the cause; and it shall be lawful for the Chief Justice to certify on the record that the validity of the Letters Patent in the declaration mentioned came in question; and the record with such certificate being given in evidence in any suit or action for infringing the said Letters Patent, or in any proceeding by *scire facias* to repeal the Letters Patent, shall entitle the plaintiff in any such suit or action, or the defendant in such proceeding by *scire facias*, on obtaining a decree, decretal order, or final judgment, to his full costs, charges, and expenses, taxed as between attorney and client, unless the Chief Justice shall certify that the plaintiff or defendant respectively ought not to have such full costs.

*Fees and payments in Letters Patent to be as in schedule.*

XL. There shall be paid in respect of Letters Patent applied for or issued as herein mentioned, the filing of specifications and disclaimers, certificates, entries, and searches, and other matters and things mentioned in the schedule to this Act, such fees as are mentioned in the said schedule; and there shall be made unto and for the use of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, to be applied to the purposes of the government of this colony, for or in respect of the warrants and certificates mentioned in the said schedule, or the paper on which the same respectively are written, the payments mentioned in the said schedule; and no other fees shall be levied, or payments, except as hereinafter mentioned, taken in respect to such Letters Patent and specifications, and the matters and things in such schedule mentioned.

*Payment of Fees to Attorney General and Colonial Secretary.*

XLI. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment to the Attorney General on the investigation of each application, caveat, disclaimer, and memorandum of alterations, including certificate or report, or certificate and report, and in cases of opposition to the granting of Letters Patent, and to the Colonial Secretary for office or other copies of documents in his office, and in respect of the additional duties imposed on him by this Act, of the fees fixed in the schedule hereunto annexed.

*Defrayment of expenses incurred under Act.*

XLII. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor and Council to allow from time to time the necessary sums for the defraying the current and incidental expenses by virtue of this Act, and the sums to be so allowed shall be paid out of such moneys as may be provided by the General Assembly for that purpose, or if no moneys be specially provided for them, from any unappropriated moneys in the Public Treasury.

*Forms in schedule may be used.*

XLIII. The several forms in the schedule to this Act may be used for and in respect of the several matters therein mentioned, and the Commissioners may, when they think fit, vary such forms where occasion may require, and cause to be printed and circulated such other forms as they may think fit to be used for the purposes of this Act.

*No Letters Patent granted hereafter out of Colony to have effect here without compliance with this Act.*

XLIV. No Letters Patent hereafter to be obtained in Great Britain or elsewhere, for the exclusive privilege of any trade or manufacture, or any invention in connection therewith, shall be of any validity or effect in this Colony unless Letters Patent for the privilege of invention in respect of which such foreign Letters Patent may have been obtained shall be granted and issued in pursuance of this Act, nor until all the provisions and requirements of this Act shall have been complied with in respect to Letters Patent.

*Interpretation of terms.*

XLV. In the construction of this Act the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless such meanings be repugnant to or inconsistent with the context:

The expression "the Commissioners" shall mean the commissioners for the time being acting in the execution of this Act:

The expression "Chief Justice" shall include any person appointed to act as Chief Justice during a vacancy in the office, and any senior or other puisne judge of the Supreme Court acting in the place of the Chief Justice



during his absence or incapacity, and also any person appointed acting Chief Justice during such absence or incapacity :

The expression "Colonial Secretary" shall include any person who shall be appointed to act as Colonial Secretary during any vacancy in the office, and any person appointed to act or acting for such officer during the absence on leave or incapacity of the Colonial Secretary :

The expression "the Attorney General" shall include any person who shall be appointed to act as Attorney General during any vacancy in the office of Attorney General, and any person appointed to act for the Attorney General during his absence or incapacity :

The expression "invention" shall mean any manner of new manufacture, the subject of Letters Patent and grant of privilege within the meaning of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the twenty-first year of the reign of King James the First, chapter three, entitled "An Act concerning monopolies and dispensations with penal laws and the forfeitures thereof": [NOTE. See *post*, p. 240.]

The expressions "petition," "declaration," "provisional specification," "warrant," and "Letters Patent" respectively shall mean instruments in the form and to the effect in the schedule hereto annexed, subject to such alterations as may from time to time be made therein under the powers and provisions of this Act.

*Short title.*

XLVI. In citing this Act in other Acts of the Legislature, instruments, and proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the expression "The Patent Law Amendment Act, 1862."

*Operation suspended until confirmation of Act, &c.*

XLVII. This Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's gracious allowance and confirmation thereof shall have been communicated to the Legislative Assembly, or made public by proclamation by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

FEEs to be paid.

1. *To Colonial Secretary.*

	\$	Rls.
On leaving petition for grant of letters patent . . . . .	0	4
On notice of intention to proceed with application . . . . .	0	2
On sealing of letters patent or duplicate . . . . .	5	0
On filing specification . . . . .	0	4
On certificate of payment at or before the expiration of the third year . . . . .	2	0
On certificate of payment at or before the expiration of the seventh year . . . . .	3	0
On leaving notice of objections . . . . .	0	2
Every search or inspection, per hour or less . . . . .	0	2
Entry of assignment or license . . . . .	1	0
Certificate of assignment or license . . . . .	1	0
Filing application for disclaimer . . . . .	0	4
Caveat against disclaimer . . . . .	0	4
Copies of documents, per folio of 90 words . . . . .	0	2
On each certificate on copy . . . . .	0	3
For preparing each advertisement . . . . .	1	0

2. *To the Attorney General.*

By the person opposing a grant of letters patent, including summons . . . . .	16	0
By the petitioner on hearing the case of opposition, including summons . . . . .	16	0
By the petitioner for the hearing previous to the fiat of the Attorney General allowing a disclaimer or memorandum of alteration in letters patent and specification . . . . .	14	0
By the person opposing the allowance of such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration, on the hearing of the case of opposition . . . . .	14	0
By the petitioner for the fiat of the Attorney General allow- ing a disclaimer or memorandum of alteration on letters patent and specification . . . . .	16	0
On investigation of each application, and certificate and report thereon . . . . .	10	0

PAYMENTS to be made to the Colonial Secretary and accounted for to  
the Public Treasurer.

On sealing letters patent . . . . .	25	0
On every assignment or license . . . . .	5	0
At or before the expiration of the third year . . . . .	50	0
At or before the expiration of the seventh year . . . . .	100	0
On duplicate of letters patent lost or destroyed . . . . .	5	0

## FORMS.

No. *Petition.*  
 To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of  
 British Honduras.

The humble petition of [*here insert the name and address of the  
 petitioner*]

Sheweth,

That your petitioner is in possession of an invention for  
 [*the title of the invention*]

which invention he believes will be of great public utility; that he is the  
 true and first inventor thereof; and that the same is not in use by any  
 other person or persons, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Excellency will be  
 pleased to grant unto him, his executors, administrators, and assigns,  
 letters patent for the colony of British Honduras, for the term of fourteen  
 years, pursuant to the statutes in that case made and provided.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

No. *Declaration.*  
 I , of , in the Colony of British Honduras , do  
 solemnly and sincerely declare that I am in possession of an invention  
 for, &c. [*the title as in petition*]

which invention I believe will be of great public utility; that I am the  
 true and first inventor thereof; and that the same is not in use by any  
 other person or persons to the best of my knowledge and belief; [*where a  
 complete specification is to be filed with the petition and declaration, insert  
 these words:—*“and that the instrument in writing under my hand and  
 seal hereunto annexed particularly describes and ascertains the nature of  
 the said invention and the manner in which the same is to be performed;”]

And I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be  
 true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the  
 session of Parliament held in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of His  
 late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled “An Act to repeal an  
 “Act of the present session of Parliament intituled ‘An Act for the more  
 “effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various  
 “departments of the state, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof,  
 “and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra judicial  
 “oaths and affidavits,’ and to make other provisions for the abolition of  
 “unnecessary oaths.”

Declared at in British Honduras, this day of A.B.  
 before me, A.D.

C.D., Judge of Supreme Court.

or

Justice of the Peace.

No. *Provisional Specification.*

I do hereby declare the nature of the said invention for  
[insert title as in petition]  
to be as follows :

Dated this [here insert description]  
day of A.D.

(To be signed by the applicant or his agent.)

*Reference.*

[To be endorsed on the Petition.]

The Commissioners of Patents for Inventions refer this petition to the Attorney General to consider what may properly be done therein.

A.B., Member of Council	}	Three of the Commissioners of Patents.
C.D., Member of Council		
E.F.		

*Certificate of the Attorney General, and Warrant thereon of the Commissioners.*

In obedience to the order of the Commissioners of Patents referring to me the petition of , of , to consider what may be properly done thereon, I do hereby certify as follows: That the said petition sets forth that the petitioner

[allegations of the petition]:

And the petitioner humbly prays,

[prayer of the petition]:

That in support of the allegations contained in the said petition, the declaration of the petitioner has been laid before me, whereby he solemnly declares that

[allegations of the declaration]:

That there has also been laid before me [a provisional specification signed , and also a certificate ,] or [a complete specification, and a certificate of the filing thereof], whereby it appears that the said invention was provisionally protected [or protected] from the day of , A.D. , in pursuance of the statute:

That it appears the said application was duly advertised:

Upon consideration of all the matters aforesaid, and as it is entirely at the hazard of the said petitioner whether the said invention is new or will have the desired success, and as it may be reasonable to encourage all arts and inventions which may be for the public good, I am of opinion that letters patent may be granted unto the petitioner, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for his said invention within the Colony of British Honduras, for the term of four years, according to the statute in that case made and provided, if the Lieutenant Governor shall be graciously pleased so to do according to the tenor and effect following:—

[As next Form.]

Given under my hand this                      day of                      A.D.                      .  
G.H., Attorney General.

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Patents for Inventions in British Honduras, do warrant hereby the issue of letters patent according to the tenor and effect above set forth.

A.B.	}	<i>Members of the</i>	}	Three of the
C.D.	}	<i>Executive Council.</i>		
E.F.				
				Commissioners of Patents.

*Letters Patent.*

BRITISH HONDURAS SS.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Whereas                      hath by his petition humbly represented unto the Lieutenant Governor of our Colony of British Honduras that he is in possession of an invention for                      , which the petitioner conceives will be of great public utility; that he is the true and first inventor thereof, and that the same is not in use by any other person or persons to the best of his knowledge and belief; the petitioner therefore most humbly prayed that we would be most graciously pleased to grant unto him, his executors, administrators, and assigns, our letters patent for the sole use, benefit, and advantage of his said invention, within our said Colony of British Honduras for the term of for teen years, pursuant to the statutes in that case made and provided:

[And whereas the said                      hath particularly described and ascertained the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, by an instrument in writing under his hand and seal, and has caused the same to be duly filed in the office of the Colonial Secretary:]

And we, being willing to give encouragement to all arts and inventions which may be for the public good, are graciously pleased to condescend to the petitioner's request: Know ye therefore, that we of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto the said                      , his executors, administrators, and assigns, our especial license, full power, sole privilege, and authority, that he the said                      , his executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by himself and themselves, or by his and their deputy or deputies, servants, or agents, or such others as he the said                      , his executors, administrators, or assigns shall at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times hereafter, during the term of years herein expressed, shall and lawfully may make, use, exercise, and vend his said invention within our said Colony of British Honduras, in such manner as to him the said                      , his executors, administrators, and assigns, or any of them, shall in his or their discretion seem meet; and that he the said                      , his executors, administrators, and assigns shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage from time to time coming,

growing, accruing, and arising by reason of the said invention for and during the term of years herein mentioned; to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said licenses, powers, privileges, and advantages herein-before granted or mentioned to be granted unto the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, and assigns for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years from the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ next and immediately ensuing, according to the statute in such case made and provided; and to the end that he the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, may have and enjoy the full benefit and the sole use and exercise of the said invention according to our gracious intention herein-before declared, we do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, require and strictly command all and every person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, and all others our subjects whatsoever, of what estate, quality, degree, name, or condition soever they be, within our said Colony of British Honduras, that neither they nor any of them at any time during the continuance of the said term of fourteen years hereby granted, either directly or indirectly, do make, use, or put in practice the said invention or any part of the same so attained unto by the said \_\_\_\_\_ as aforesaid, nor in any wise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, nor shall make or cause to be made any addition thereto or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himself or themselves the inventor or inventors, deviser or devisors, thereof without the consent, license, or agreement of the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, or assigns, in writing under his or their hands and seals first had and obtained in that behalf, upon such pains and penalties as can and may be justly inflicted on such offenders for their contempt of this our royal command, and further to be answerable to the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, and assigns according to law for his and their damages thereby occasioned; and, moreover, we do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, will and command all and singular the justices of the peace, provost-marshal, alcaldes, constables, and all other officers and ministers whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors, for the time being, that they or any of them do not nor shall at any time during the said term hereby granted in anywise molest, trouble, or hinder the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, or assigns, or any of them, or his or their deputies, servants, or agents in or about the due and lawful use or exercise of the aforesaid invention, or anything relating thereto: Provided always, and these our letters patent are and shall be upon this condition, that if at any time during the said term hereby granted it shall be made appear to us, our heirs or successors, or to the Commissioners of Patents in our said Colony of British Honduras, that this our grant is contrary to law, or prejudicial or inconvenient to our subjects in general, or that the said invention is not a new invention as to the public use and exercise thereof, or that the said \_\_\_\_\_ is not the true and first inventor thereof within this our Colony of British Honduras as aforesaid, these our letters patent shall forthwith cease, determine, and be utterly void to all intents and purposes, anything herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding:

Provided also, that these our letters patent, or anything herein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to give privilege unto the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, or assigns, or any of them, to use or imitate any invention or work whatsoever which hath heretofore been found out or invented by any other of our subjects whatsoever, and publicly used or exercised, unto whom our like letters patent or privileges have been already granted for the sole use, exercise, and benefit thereof, it being our will and pleasure that the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, and assigns, and all and every other person and persons to whom like letters patent or privileges have been already granted as aforesaid, shall distinctly use and practise their several inventions by them invented and found out according to the true intent and meaning of the same respective letters patent and of these presents: Provided likewise, nevertheless, and these our letters patent are upon this express condition [that if the said \_\_\_\_\_ shall not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of his said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, by an instrument in writing under his hand and seal, and cause the same to be filed in the Colonial Secretary's office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of these our letters patent;] [and also if the said instrument in writing filed as aforesaid does not describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed;] and also if the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, or assigns, shall not pay or cause to be paid at the office of the Colonial Secretary the sums following; that is to say, the sum of fifty dollars on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, and the sum of one hundred dollars on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_; and also if the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, or assigns, shall not supply or cause to be supplied for our service all such articles of the said invention as he or they shall be required to supply by the officers or commissioners administering the department of our service for the use of which the same shall be required, in such manner, at such times, and at and upon such reasonable prices and terms as shall be settled for that purpose by the said officers or commissioners requiring the same, that then and in any of the said cases these our letters patent, and all liberties and advantages whatsoever hereby granted, shall utterly cease, determine, and become void, anything herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the granting of licenses in such manner and for such considerations as they may by law be granted; and lastly, we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, grant unto the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, and assigns, that these our letters patent, or the filing thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said \_\_\_\_\_, his executors, administrators, and assigns, as well in all our courts of record as elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and ministers whatsoever of us,

our heirs and successors, in our said Colony of British Honduras; and amongst all and every the subjects of us, our heirs and successors, whatsoever and wheresoever, notwithstanding the not full and certain describing the nature or quality of the said invention or of the materials thereunto conducing and belonging. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness His Excellency \_\_\_\_\_, Lieutenant Governor of our said Colony of British Honduras, at Government House, Belize, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of our reign.

*Specification.*

To all to whom these presents shall come :

I \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, send greeting :

Whereas Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by her letters patent bearing date the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of her reign, did for herself, her heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said \_\_\_\_\_ her special license that I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time, and at all times thereafter during the time therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend within the Colony of British Honduras an invention for [*insert title as in letters patent*], upon the condition (amongst others) that I the said \_\_\_\_\_ by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal should particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, and cause the same to be filed in the office of the Colonial Secretary within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said letters patent: Now know ye, that I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare the nature of my said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement; (that is to say), [*describe the invention*].

In witness whereof I, the said \_\_\_\_\_, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_.

A.B. (Seal.)



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**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.**

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*Act No. 17 of 1860.*

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ACT to provide for the granting, in this Colony, of Patents for Inventions.

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*Preamble.*

WHEREAS it is expedient that the making of new and useful inventions should be encouraged by securing to their inventors, for a limited time, the exclusive enjoyment thereof: Be it enacted by the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly thereof, as follows:

*Interpretation of Terms.*

I. In the interpretation of this Act the term "invention" shall bear and have the same meaning as the term "invention" bears and has in the Act of the Imperial Parliament, the 15th and 16th of Her Majesty, chapter 83, and the term "Letters Patent" shall mean authorizations granted by the Governor under the public seal of the Colony, and the term "proceeding in the nature of a *scire facias*" shall mean as much as may be what the same term would mean if used in an Act of the Imperial Parliament.

*Power to grant Patents.*

II. It shall be lawful to make and issue, in the manner herein-after mentioned, Letters Patent granting to the true and first inventor of any invention the privilege of the sole and exclusive working, making, and enjoyment of such invention, within this colony, for any term not exceeding fourteen years from the date of such Letters Patent.

*Governor to make Rules for executing this Act.*

III. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, from time to time to make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions hereof, as may appear to be necessary and expedient for the purposes of this Act, and all such rules and regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof, if Parliament be sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within fourteen days after the next meeting in Parliament.

*Applicants for Patents to deposit Specifications.—Specification may be amended before issue of Patent.*

IV. All applications under this Act for the grant of Letters Patent for an invention shall be made as follows, that is to say, the applicant shall deposit at the office of the Colonial Secretary an instrument in writing under his hand, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, and also a copy of such instrument, and of the drawings accompanying the same, if any; and the day of the deposit of every such specification shall be recorded at the said office, and endorsed upon such specification, and a certificate thereof given to such applicant or his agent; and thereupon, subject and without prejudice to the provisions herein-after contained, the said invention shall be protected under this Act, for the term of six months next after the said deposit, and the applicant shall have during such term the like powers, rights, and privileges as might have been conferred on him by Letters Patent for such invention issued under this Act, and duly sealed, as of the day of such deposit, and during the continuance of such powers, rights, and privileges under this provision, such invention may be used and published without prejudice to any Letters Patent to be granted for the same; and where Letters Patent are granted in respect of such invention, such Letters Patent shall be conditioned to become void if such specification does not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed: Provided always, that in the case the title of the invention or the said specification be too large or insufficient, it shall be lawful for the Attorney-General herein-after mentioned, during the said term of six months, and before the grant of the Letters Patent, to allow or require such specifi-

cation to be amended, or another and sufficient specification to be deposited in lieu thereof; and every such amended or new specification shall have the same force, effect, and operation as if it had been originally deposited in its amended state.

*Patent of true Inventor not to be affected by Specification of pretended Inventor.*

V. In case of the deposit of any such specification as aforesaid, in fraud of the true and first inventor, any Letters Patent granted to the true and first inventor of any such invention shall not be invalidated by reason of such deposit, or of any use or publication of the invention subsequent to such deposit, and before the expiration of the said term of protection.

*Mode of Proceeding after deposit of Specification.*

VI. The applicant so soon as he shall think fit after the deposit of such specification as aforesaid, and of the drawings and models accompanying the same, if any, may give notice in writing at the office of the Attorney-General of his intention to proceed with his application for Letters Patent for the said invention, stating in such notice the title of the said invention, and the day on which the specification thereof was deposited at the office of the Colonial Secretary, and at the time of giving such notice shall produce the said certificate of deposit; and thereupon the said Attorney-General shall deliver to the applicant or his agent an appointment in the form contained in the second schedule to this Act, or to the like effect; and such applicant or agent shall cause the said appointment to be published once in the Government Gazette, once in some newspaper published in the city of Cape Town, and twice in some newspaper published in the town or place at or near to which the applicant uses or exercises the said invention, or (in case he does not use or exercise the same) in or near to which he resides, or if there shall be no newspaper published in such town or place, then twice in some newspaper circulating in the neighbourhood where he uses or exercises the said invention, or (in case he does not use or exercise the same) where he resides; and any persons having an interest in opposing the grant of Letters Patent for the said invention shall be at liberty to leave particulars in writing of their objections to the said application at the office of the Attorney-General within such time, not being less than one month, as the said Attorney-General by such appointment may direct.

*Attorney-General to hear Applications and Objections, and award Costs.*

VII. At the time and place named in the said appointment the applicant shall produce the newspapers containing the same, and the Attorney-General shall thereupon hear and consider the said application and all objections to the same mentioned in the said particulars, if any, and for that purpose shall obtain from the office of the Colonial Secretary the copy of the said specification, and of the drawings and models accompanying the same, if any, and may call to his aid such scientific or other person or persons as he may think fit, and may, by writing under his hand, order to be paid to such person or persons some remuneration for his or their attendance, and may also in like manner order that the costs of any hearing, upon any objection or otherwise, in relation to the grant of such Letters Patent or the protection acquired by the applicant under this Act, shall be paid, and in and by such writing shall fix the amount of such remuneration or costs, and by or to whom the same respectively shall be paid; and every such order shall be in the form contained in the third schedule to this Act or to the like effect, and may be made a rule of the Supreme Court: Provided always, that the applicant, the objectors, and their respective witnesses and evidence, shall be respectively heard, examined, and considered separately, and apart from and in the absence of the other and his witnesses and evidence.

*Attorney-General may issue Grant for Letters Patent.*

VIII. The Attorney-General after such hearing and consideration may issue a warrant under his hand for the granting of Letters Patent for the said invention, and by such warrant shall direct the insertion in such Letters Patent of all such restrictions, conditions, and provisoes as he may deem usual and expedient in such grants, or necessary in pursuance of this Act, and the said warrant shall be the warrant for the making and sealing of Letters Patent under this Act, according to the tenor of the said warrant; and every such warrant shall be in the form contained in the fourth schedule to this Act, or to the like effect.

*Letters Patent may be repealed or withheld, and Specifications cancelled.*

IX. A writ of the Supreme Court, in the nature of a writ of *scire facias* in England, shall lie for the repeal of any Letters

Patent granted under this Act, and it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, to order such Attorney-General to withhold such warrant as aforesaid, or that any Letters Patent, for the granting whereof he has issued a warrant, shall not issue, or to order the insertion in any such Letters Patent of any restrictions, conditions, and provisoes, in addition to or in substitution for any restrictions, conditions, or provisoes which would otherwise be inserted therein under this Act; and it shall also be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent aforesaid, to order any specification in respect of the invention described in which no Letters Patent may have been granted, to be cancelled, and thereupon the protection obtained by the deposit of such specification shall cease.

*Letters Patent to be void on non-performance of conditions.*

X. All Letters Patent for inventions granted under this Act shall be in the form contained in the fifth schedule to this Act, or to the like effect, and be made subject to the condition that the same shall be void, and that the powers and privileges thereby granted shall cease and determine at the expiration of three years and seven years respectively from the date thereof, unless there be paid within the said three and seven years respectively the sum or sums of money in that behalf hereby required to be paid, and the Colonial Secretary shall issue under his hand a certificate of such payment, and shall endorse a receipt for the same on the Letters Patent.

*Letters Patent to be issued within three months after warrant, and during the protection.*

XI. The Colonial Secretary, so soon after the receipt by him of the warrant aforesaid as required by the applicant, shall cause to be prepared Letters Patent for the invention according to the tenor of the said warrant; and it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to cause Letters Patent to be sealed with the public seal of the Colony, and such Letters Patent shall be made applicable to the said Colony, and shall be valid and effectual as to the whole of the same; but, except as hereinafter mentioned, no Letters Patent shall issue on any warrant granted as aforesaid, unless application be made to seal such Letters Patent within three months

after the date of the said warrant, nor unless such Letters Patent be granted during the continuance of the protection conferred under this Act by reason of such deposit as aforesaid.

*Letters Patent may issue after that time, in certain cases.*

XII. Where the application to seal such Letters Patent has been made during the continuance of such protection as aforesaid, and the sealing of such Letters Patent has been delayed from accident, and not from the neglect or wilful default of the applicant, then such Letters Patent may be sealed at such time, not being more than one month after the expiration of such protection as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, shall direct; and where the applicant for such Letters Patent dies during the continuance of such protection as aforesaid, such Letters Patent may be granted to the executors, testamentary or dative, of such applicant during the continuance of such protection, or at any time within three months after the death of such applicant, notwithstanding the expiration of the term of such protection; and the Letters Patent so granted shall be of the like force and effect as if they had been granted to such applicant during the continuance of such protection; and in case any Letters Patent shall be destroyed or lost, other Letters Patent, of the like tenor and effect, and sealed and dated as of the same day, may, subject to such regulations as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may direct, be issued under the authority of the warrant in pursuance of which the original Letters Patent were issued.

*Letters Patent to bear date of deposit of Specification.*

XIII. All Letters Patent to be issued in pursuance of this Act shall be sealed and bear date as of the day of the deposit of such specification as aforesaid, and shall be of the same force and validity as if they had been sealed on the day as of which the same are expressed to be sealed and bear date; and after any Letters Patent shall have been granted or issued under this Act it shall not be necessary or admissible to inquire or ascertain whether such appointment as aforesaid has or has not been delivered and published in the manner herein-before mentioned and directed.

*Letters Patent for Foreign Inventions not to continue after expiration of Foreign Patent.*

XIV. Where, upon any application made under this Act, Letters Patent are granted for or in respect of any invention, first invented in parts out of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, and a patent or like privilege for the monopoly or exclusive use or exercise of such invention in any parts out of the Cape of Good Hope is obtained before the grant of such Letters Patent in the Cape of Good Hope, all rights and privileges under such Letters Patent shall, notwithstanding any term in such Letters Patent limited, cease and be void immediately upon the expiration or other determination of the term during which the patent or like privilege obtained in such part out of the Cape of Good Hope shall continue in force, or, where more than one such patent or like privilege is obtained abroad, immediately upon the expiration or determination of the term which shall first expire or be determined of such several patents or like privileges: Provided always, that no Letters Patent for or in respect of any invention for which any such patent or like privilege as aforesaid shall have been obtained abroad, granted in the Cape of Good Hope after the expiration or determination of the term for which such patent or privilege was granted or was in force, shall be of any validity.

*Letters Patent not to prevent the use of Inventions in foreign ships resorting to ports in the Colony.*

XV. No Letters Patent for any invention, granted after the passing of this Act, shall extend to prevent the use of such invention in any foreign ship or vessel, or for the navigation of any foreign ship or vessel which may be in any port of the Cape of Good Hope, in case such invention is not so used for the manufacture of any goods or commodities to be vended within or exported from the same.

*Specification to be filed in office appointed by Governor, after issue of Patent or expiring of Protection.*

XVI. Every specification deposited at the office of the Colonial Secretary as aforesaid, and the drawings and models accompanying the same, if any, shall forthwith, after the grant of the Letters Patent, or if no Letters Patent be granted, then immediately on the expiration of six months from the time of

such deposit, be transferred to and kept in such office as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, shall from time to time appoint for that purpose.

*Notice of application to disclaim or make alterations.*

XVII. Any person who shall obtain Letters Patent under this Act, or in case such person shall depart with the whole or any part of his interest by assignment, such person, together with the assignee (if part only has been assigned), or the assignee alone (if the whole hath been assigned), may apply to the Attorney-General for leave to enter a disclaimer of any part of either the title of the invention or of the specification, or a memorandum of any alteration in the said title or specification, not being such disclaimer or such alteration, as shall extend the exclusive right granted by the said Letters Patent; and thereupon the Attorney-General shall deliver to such patentee and assignee, or either of them, or to their or either of their agents, an appointment in the form contained in the sixth schedule to this Act, or to the like effect, and such patentee or assignee shall thereupon cause such disclaimer (stating the reason for the same) or such memorandum of alteration to be written at the foot of such appointment, and shall cause the same respectively to be published in the manner hereinbefore required, with respect to the said first-mentioned appointment, and any person having an interest in opposing the said application shall be at liberty to leave particulars, in writing, of their objections to the same, at the office of the Attorney-General, within such time, not being less than one month, as the said Attorney-General by such appointment may direct: Provided always, that where such application as aforesaid shall be for leave to enter a disclaimer of any part of the title of the said invention, or a memorandum of any alteration in such title, the Attorney-General may dispense with such appointment and publication, and in that case shall certify in the fiat hereinafter mentioned, that he has dispensed with the same.

*Application for Disclaimer to be heard.*

XVIII. At the time and place named in such appointment, the said patentee and assignee, or one of them, shall produce the newspapers containing the same, and the said disclaimer or memorandum of alteration at the foot thereof; and the Attorney-General shall thereupon hear and consider the said



application, and all objections to the same mentioned in the said particulars, if any, and all such power and authority shall and may be exercised on such occasion by the Attorney-General, as by virtue of the provisions herein-before contained can and may be exercised in relation to the hearing and considering an application for Letters Patent, and objections to the same, and shall and may be enforced in the same manner.

*How Disclaimer may be entered, and Alterations made.*

XIX. After such hearing and consideration, or without such hearing and consideration where the said appointment and publication shall have been dispensed with, as aforesaid, such patentee and assignee, or either of them, may, by leave of the Attorney-General, to be certified by a fiat under his hand (to be written at the foot of the same parchment with the said disclaimer or memorandum), enter such disclaimer, stating the reason for the same, or such memorandum of alteration; and at the time of entering such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration shall deposit a copy thereof in the office next hereinafter mentioned, and such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration being filed in such office as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, shall from time to time appoint for that purpose, shall be deemed and taken to be part of such Letters Patent or such specification, and subject to the several incidents thereof in all colonial courts, and shall be valid and effectual in favour of any person in whom the rights under the said Letters Patent may then be, or hereafter become, legally vested; and no objection shall be allowed to be made in any proceeding upon, or touching such Letters Patent, specification, disclaimer, or memorandum of alteration, on the ground that the person entering such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration had not sufficient authority in that behalf: Provided always, that no action shall be brought upon any Letters Patent in which, or on the specification of which, any disclaimer or memorandum of alteration shall have been filed in respect of any infringement committed prior to the filing of such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration (unless the Attorney-General shall certify in his said fiat that any such action may be brought, notwithstanding the entry or filing of such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration); and no such disclaimer or alteration shall be receivable as evidence in any action or suit (save and except in any proceeding, as aforesaid, in the nature of a *scire facias*) pending at the time

when such disclaimer or alteration was filed as aforesaid; but in every such last-mentioned action or suit the original title and specification alone shall be given in evidence, and be deemed and taken to be the title and specification of the invention for which the Letters Patent have been or shall have been granted: Provided also, that when any such fiat shall have been granted or issued under this Act, it shall not be necessary or material to inquire or ascertain whether such appointment as last aforesaid has or has not been delivered and published or dispensed with in accordance with this Act; and such filing of any disclaimer or memorandum of alteration, in pursuance of the leave of the Attorney-General certified as aforesaid, shall, except in cases of fraud, be conclusive as to the right of the party to enter such disclaimer or memorandum of alteration under this Act.

*Copies of Specification, Disclaimers, &c., to be open for inspection.*

XX. The copies of all specifications, and the drawings and models accompanying the same, if any, and of all disclaimers and memoranda of alterations respectively deposited under or in pursuance of this Act, shall be open to the inspection of the public at all reasonable times after the grant of Letters Patent, or if no Letters Patent be granted, then immediately on the expiration of six months from the time of such deposit, but subject to such regulations as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may make in that behalf.

*Mode of obtaining Extension of the Term.*

XXI. If any person having obtained Letters Patent under this Act, or in case such person shall have departed with his whole, or any part of his interest by assignment, if such person, together with the assignee (where part only hath been assigned), or if the assignee alone (where the whole hath been assigned), shall, six months before the expiration or other termination of such Letters Patent, present to the Governor a petition for the extension of the term in such Letters Patent mentioned, and shall set forth in such petition that he or they has or have been unable to obtain a due remuneration for his or their expense or labour in perfecting such invention, and that an exclusive right of using and vending the same for some further period, to be named in such petition, in addition to the said term, is necessary for his or their reimbursement and remuneration, it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, to refer

the consideration of the said petition to commissioners to be appointed for that purpose in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

*Mode of obtaining Confirmation of invalid Patent.*

XXII. If in any suit or action it shall be proved or specially found by the verdict of a jury that any person who shall have obtained Letters Patent for any invention or supposed invention was not the first inventor thereof, or of some part thereof, by reason of some other person having invented or used the same or some part thereof, before the date of such Letters Patent, or if such patentee or his assigns shall discover that some other person had, unknown to such patentee, invented or used the same or some part thereof before the date of such Letters Patent, such patentee or his assigns may petition the Governor to confirm the said Letters Patent, or to grant new Letters Patent, and it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, to refer the consideration of the said petition to commissioners to be appointed for that purpose in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

*Governor to appoint Commissioners.*

XXIII. For the purpose of considering any such petition as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor, if, with the advice aforesaid, he shall think fit, to issue and direct in the name of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, to five or more persons, of whom some of the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two, a commission reciting such petition, and requiring and authorizing such persons or any three of them, of whom one of the said judges shall be one, to meet at some time, not being less than two months from the publication of the said commission in the Government Gazette, and at some place to be respectively fixed in the said commission, and then and there to consider the said petition, and to report to the Governor, in case such petitioner shall have prayed for an extension of the term in the Letters Patent mentioned, whether any and, if any, what further extension of the said term should be granted, according to the prayer of the said petition, and upon what, if any, conditions, or, in case such petitioner shall have prayed for a confirmation of the Letters Patent, or for a grant of new Letters Patent, whether such confirmation or grant should be made.

*Notice of Commission to be published, and Caveats entered.*

XXIV. Two months at least before the time named in the said commission for the consideration of any such petition as aforesaid, the petitioner shall cause to be published in the same manner as is herein-before required with respect to the said first-mentioned appointment, an advertisement of the contents of the said commission in the form contained in the seventh schedule to this Act, or to the like effect; and any person having an interest in opposing the said petition shall be at liberty to enter a caveat against the same at the office of the Colonial Secretary at any time, not being less than one week before the time named in the said commission for the execution thereof.

*Commissioners to hear all Parties, and report.*

XXV. At the time and place fixed in the said commission for that purpose, the commissioners shall meet and proceed to consider such petition, and the petitioner shall be heard by his counsel and witnesses, to prove his case as stated in such petition, and the publication of the said last-mentioned advertisement as required by this Act; and the persons entering caveats shall likewise be heard by their counsel and witnesses; and all such witnesses shall be examined upon oath or affirmation, which oath or affirmation such commissioners as aforesaid are hereby authorized and required to administer, and thereupon, and upon hearing and inquiry of the whole matter, in case such petitioner shall have prayed for an extension as aforesaid, the said commissioners may report whether any, and, if any, what further extension of the said term should be granted; and the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered, if he, with the advice aforesaid, shall think fit, to grant to the petitioner new Letters Patent for the said invention, for a term not exceeding fourteen years after the expiration of the first term, anything herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and such new Letters Patent shall be sealed and bear date as of the day after the expiration of the term of the first Letters Patent; or, in case such petitioner shall have prayed for a confirmation or grant as aforesaid, such commissioners, upon examining the said matter, and being satisfied that such patentee, as aforesaid, believed himself to be the first and original inventor, and being satisfied that such invention, or part thereof, had not been publicly and generally used before the date of such first

Letters Patent, may report to the Governor their opinion that the prayer of such petition ought to be complied with, whereupon the Governor may, if he, with the advice aforesaid, shall think fit, grant such prayer; and the said Letters Patent shall be available at law and in equity to give to such petitioner the sole right of using, making, and vending such invention, as against all persons whatsoever, anything herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: Provided that any person, party to any former action or suit touching such first Letters Patent as last aforesaid, shall be entitled to have notice in writing of the time and place fixed, as aforesaid, for the first meeting of the said commissioners to consider the said petition, and after any such report shall have been made, it shall not be material to inquire or ascertain whether any such advertisement as last aforesaid has or has not been published, or whether any such notice as last aforesaid has or has not been given in the manner herein-before directed in that behalf.

*Indexes to Specifications, Disclaimers, &c.*

XXVI. The Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may cause indexes to all specifications, disclaimers, and memoranda of alterations heretofore or to be hereafter enrolled or deposited as aforesaid, to be prepared in such form as may be thought fit, and such indexes shall be open to the inspection of the public at such places as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, shall appoint, and subject to the regulations to be made as herein-before provided.

*Register of Patents to be kept.*

XXVII. There shall be kept at the office to be appointed as aforesaid, a book or books to be called "The Register of Patents," wherein shall be entered and recorded in chronological order all Letters Patent granted under this Act, the deposit and filing of specifications, disclaimers, and memoranda of alterations filed in respect of such Letters Patent, all amendments in such Letters Patent and specifications, all confirmations and extensions of such Letters Patent, the expiry, determination, vacating, or cancelling such Letters Patent, with the dates thereof respectively, and all other matters and things affecting the validity of such Letters Patent as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may direct; and such register or a copy thereof shall be open

at all convenient times to the inspection of the public, subject to such regulations as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may make in that behalf.

*Register of Proprietors to be kept.*

XXVIII. There shall be kept at the same office a book or books entitled "The Register of Proprietors," wherein shall be entered, in such manner as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, shall direct, the assignment of any Letters Patent, or of any share or interest therein, any licence under Letters Patent, and the district to which such licence relates, with the name or names of any person having any share or interest in such Letters Patent or licence, the date of his or their acquiring such Letters Patent, share, and interest, and any other matter or thing relating to or affecting the proprietorship in such Letters Patent, or licence; and a copy of any entry in such book, certified as herein-after mentioned, shall be given to any person requiring the same, and shall be *primâ jaciæ* proof of the assignment of such Letters Patent, or share, or interest therein, or of the licence or proprietorship as therein expressed: Provided always, that until such entry shall have been made, the grantee or grantees of the Letters Patent shall be deemed and taken to be the sole and exclusive proprietor or proprietors of such Letters Patent, and of all the licences and privileges thereby given and granted, and such register, or a copy, shall be open to public inspection subject to such regulations as the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, may make.

*Falsification or forgery of entries.*

XXIX. If any person shall wilfully make, or cause to be made, any false entry in the said registry, or shall wilfully make or forge, or cause to be made or forged, any writing falsely purporting to be a copy of any entry in the said book, or shall produce or tender, or cause or suffer to be produced or tendered in evidence, any such writing, knowing the same to be false or forged, he shall be guilty of the crime of contravening this section of this Act, and shall upon conviction be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding five years.

*Entry may be expunged, or varied, by order of Supreme Court.*

XXX. If any person shall deem himself aggrieved by any entry made under colour of this Act in the said register, it shall be lawful for such person to apply by motion to the Supreme Court for an order that such entry may be expunged, vacated, or varied; and upon any such application, such court may make such order for expunging, vacating, or varying such entry, and as to the costs of such application as to such court may seem fit; and the officer having the care and custody of such registry, on the production to him of any such order, shall expunge, vacate, or vary the said entry according to such order.

*Penalty for unauthorized user of word "Patent."*

XXXI. If any person shall write, paint, print, mould, cast, carve, engrave, stamp, or otherwise mark upon anything made, used, or sold by him, for the sole making or selling of which he hath not, or shall not have obtained Letters Patent, the name or any imitation of the name of any other person who hath or shall have obtained Letters Patent for the sole making or vending of such thing, without leave in writing of such patentee or his assigns: or if any person, shall, upon such thing not having been purchased from the patentee, or some person who purchased it from or under such patentee, or not having had the licence or consent in writing of such patentee or his assigns, write, paint, print, mould, cast, carve, engrave, stamp, or otherwise mark the word "Patent," the words "Letters Patent," or the words "By the Queen's Patent," or any words of the like kind, meaning, or import, with a view of imitating or counterfeiting the stamp, mark, or other device of the patentee, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, one half to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and the other half, with full costs of suit, to any person who shall sue for the said penalty by action of debt: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to subject any person to any penalty in respect of stamping, or in any way marking the word "Patent" upon anything for the sole making or vending of which Letters Patent before obtained shall have expired or otherwise determined.

*In actions for infringement, particulars of breaches and objections to be delivered.*

XXXII. In any action for the infringement of Letters Patent, the plaintiff shall deliver with his declaration particulars of the

breaches complained of in the said action, and the defendant on pleading thereto shall deliver with his pleas, and the prosecutor in any proceedings in the nature of *scire facias* to repeal Letters Patent, shall deliver with his declaration particulars of any objections on which he means to rely at the trial in support of the pleas in the said action, or of the suggestions of the said declaration respectively; and at the trial of such action or proceedings, no evidence shall be allowed to be given in support of any alleged infringement, or of any objection impeaching the validity of such Letters Patent, which shall not be contained in the particulars delivered as aforesaid: Provided always, that the place or places at or in which and in what manner the invention is alleged to have been used or published prior to the date of the Letters Patent, shall be stated in such particulars: Provided also, that it shall and may be lawful for any judge at chambers to allow such plaintiff, or defendant, or prosecutor respectively, to amend the particulars delivered as aforesaid, upon such terms as to such judge may seem fit: Provided also, that at the trial of any proceeding to repeal Letters Patent, the defendant shall be entitled to begin and give evidence in support of such Letters Patent, and in case evidence shall be adduced on the part of the prosecutor impeaching the validity of such Letters Patent, the defendant shall be entitled to the reply.

*Particulars to be regarded in taxing Costs.*

XXXIII. In taxing the costs in any action for infringing Letters Patent, regard shall be had to the particulars delivered in such action; and the plaintiff and defendant respectively shall not be allowed any costs in respect of any particular, unless certified by the court before which the trial was had, to have been proved by such plaintiff or defendant respectively; and it shall be lawful for the court before which any such action shall be tried, to certify on the record that the validity of the Letters Patent in the declaration mentioned came in question, and the record with such certificate being given in evidence in any suit or action for infringing the said Letters Patent, or in any proceeding in the nature of a *scire facias*, to repeal the Letters Patent, shall entitle the plaintiff in any such suit or action, or the defendant in any such proceeding, on obtaining a decree or judgment, to his full costs, charges, and expenses, to be taxed as between attorney and client, unless the court making such judgment, decree, or order shall certify that the plaintiff or defendant respectively ought not to have such full costs.



*Fees on obtaining Patents.*

XXXIV. There shall be paid in respect of Letters Patent applied for or issued as herein mentioned, the depositing of specifications, disclaimers, and memoranda of alterations, warrants, certificates, entries, and searches, and other matters and things respectively mentioned in the last schedule to this Act, such fees as are enumerated in that schedule; and such of the said fees as are thereby made payable to the Attorney-General, as well as the residue thereof, shall form part of the colonial revenue.

*English Patents subject to this Act.*

XXXV. All Letters Patent which shall be granted in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland after the first day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, for any invention, shall, so far as the same relate to this said Colony, be utterly void and of none effect, and in nowise be put in execution: But all such Letters Patent granted in the said United Kingdom on or before that day, and which, if this Act had not been passed, would have been valid in this Colony, shall be deemed and taken to have been granted under this Act and may be dealt with accordingly.

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SCHEDULES.

## THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

To all to whom these presents shall come, I, John Doe, of Cape Town, Engineer, send greeting: Whereas I am desirous of obtaining Letters Patent for securing unto me Her Majesty's special licence that I, my executors and assigns, and such others as I or they should at any time agree with, and no others, should and lawfully might, from time to time and at all times during the term of fourteen years (to be computed from the day on which this instrument shall be left at the office of the Colonial Secretary), make, use, exercise, and vend within the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, an invention for [*insert the title of the invention*]; and in order to obtain the said Letters Patent, I must, by an instrument in writing under my hand, particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, and must also enter into the covenant herein-after contained; Now know ye that the nature of the said invention and the manner in which the same is to be performed are particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement, that is to say [*describe the invention*]. And I do

hereby, for myself, my heirs and executors, covenant with Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, that I believe the said invention to be a new invention as to the public use and exercise thereof, and that I do not know or believe that any person other than myself is the true and first inventor of the said invention, and that I will not deposit these presents at the office of the Colonial Secretary with any such knowledge or belief as last aforesaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Cape Town this        day of        186 .

#### SECOND SCHEDULE.

Patent for [*insert the title as in the specification*].

This is to notify that John Doe, of, &c., did on the        day of        instant (or last) deposit at the office of the Colonial Secretary in Cape Town, a specification or instrument in writing under his hand, particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, and that by reason of such deposit the said invention is protected and secured to him exclusively for the term of six calendar months thence next ensuing. And I do further notify that the said John Doe has given notice in writing at my office, of his intention to proceed with his application for Letters Patent for the said invention, and that I have appointed [Thursday] the        day of        next, at o'clock in the        noon, at my office, to hear and consider the said application and all objections thereto; and I do hereby require all persons having an interest in opposing the grant of such Letters Patent to leave, before that day, at my office in Cape Town, particulars in writing of their objections to the said application, otherwise they will be precluded from urging the same.

Given under my hand, this        day of        186 .

W. P., Attorney-General.

#### THIRD SCHEDULE.

Upon hearing the objection of A.B., to the grant to John Doe, of Letters Patent for [*insert the title as in the specification*], I do by this writing under my hand order that the said A. B. shall pay to the said John Doe the sum of        for the costs of such hearing [or to E. F. the sum of        as a remuneration for his attendance at such hearing.]

Given under my hand, this        day of        186 .

W. P., Attorney-General.

#### FOURTH SCHEDULE.

I have heard and considered the application of John Doe for Letters Patent for [*insert the title as in the specification*], and also all objections to the same, and having perused the specification and the usual and necessary advertisements, am of opinion that as it is entirely at the hazard of the said applicant whether the said invention is new and will have the desired success, Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent may be issued in the form

contained in the fifth schedule to the Act [*with the following additional clauses, that is to say: here set them out, if any*].

Given under my hand, this            day of            186 .

W. P., Attorney-General.

#### FIFTH SCHEDULE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Whereas John Doe, of            in the division of            engineer, hath represented that he is desirous of obtaining our Royal Letters Patent for securing unto him our special licence that he, his executors and assigns, and such others as he or they should agree with, and no others, should and lawfully might make, use, vend, and exercise within our Colony of the Cape of Good Hope an invention for [*insert the title of the invention*], and by an instrument in writing under his hand deposited in the office of the Colonial Secretary, the said John Doe hath particularly described and ascertained the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed: And we, being willing to give encouragement to all arts and inventions which may be for the public good, are graciously pleased to confer upon the said John Doe the privileges herein-after mentioned. Know ye, therefore, that we of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion have given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto the said John Doe, his executors and assigns, our especial licence, full power, sole privilege, and authority, that he, the said John Doe, his executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by himself and themselves, or his and their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as he or they shall at any time agree with, and no others, during the term herein expressed, shall and lawfully may make, use, exercise, and vend his said invention within our said Colony, in such manner as to him, his executors and assigns, or any of them, shall seem meet; and that he, his executors and assigns, shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage, from time to time coming, growing, accruing, and arising by reason of the said invention, during the said term: to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said licences, powers, privileges, and advantages unto and by the said John Doe, his executors and assigns, for and during and unto the full end and term of            years now next ensuing. And to the end that he, his executors and assigns, and every of them, may have and enjoy the full benefit and the sole use and exercise of the said invention, according to our gracious intention, we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, require and strictly command all and every person and persons, whatsoever, of what estate, quality, degree, name, or condition soever they be within our said Colony, that neither they, nor any of them, at any time during the said term, either directly or indirectly, do make, use, or put in practice the said invention, or any part of the same, so attained unto by the said John Doe as aforesaid, nor in any wise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, nor

shall make or cause to be made any addition thereunto, or subtraction from the same, whereby to pretend himself or themselves the inventor or inventors, deviser or devisors thereof, without the consent, licence, or agreement of the said John Doe, his executors or assigns, in writing under his or their hands first had and obtained in that behalf, upon such pains and penalties as can or may be justly inflicted on such offenders for their contempt of this our Royal command; and further to be answerable to the said John Doe, his executors and assigns, according to law, for his and their damage thereby occasioned: Provided always, and these our Letters Patent are and shall be upon this condition, that if at any time during the said term hereby granted it shall appear that this our grant is contrary to law, or prejudicial or inconvenient to our subjects in general, or that the said invention is not a new invention as to the public use and exercise thereof, or that the said John Doe is not the first and true inventor thereof within this Colony, these our Letters Patent shall forthwith cease, determine, and be utterly void to all intents and purposes, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; Provided also, that these our Letters Patent, or anything herein contained, shall not extend, or to be construed to extend, to give privilege unto the said John Doe, his executors and assigns, or any of them, to use or imitate any invention or work whatsoever which hath heretofore been found out or invented by any other of our subjects whatsoever, and publicly used or exercised, unto whom our like Letters Patent or privileges have been already granted for the sole use and exercise and benefit thereof, within our said Colony; it being our will and pleasure that the said John Doe, his executors and assigns, and all and every person and persons to whom like Letters Patent or privileges have been already granted as aforesaid, shall distinctly use and practise their several inventions by them invented and found out, according to the true intent and meaning of the same respective Letters Patent and of these presents: Provided likewise nevertheless, and these our Letters Patent are upon this express condition, that if the said instrument in writing does not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, and also, if the said John Doe, his executors or assigns, shall not pay at the office of the Colonial Secretary of our said Colony the sum of        pounds within three years next after the date of these presents, and the sum of        pounds within seven years next after such date, that then, and in any of the said cases, these our Letters Patent and all liberties and advantages whatsoever hereby granted shall utterly cease, determine, and become void, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the granting of licences in such manner and for such considerations as they may by law be granted: And, lastly, we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, grant unto the said John Doe, his executors and assigns, that these our Letters Patent shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged

in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said John Doe, his executors and assigns.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and to be sealed and bear date as of the            day of

THE SIXTH SCHEDULE.

*Patent for [insert the title].*

This is to notify to all whom it may concern that John Doe, of, &c., has applied to me for leave to enter a disclaimer of part [or memorandum of alteration, as the case may be] of the said invention, the particulars whereof are stated below; I do therefore appoint [Thursday] the day of            next, at            o'clock in the            noon, to hear and consider the said application and all objections to the same. And I do hereby require all persons having an interest in opposing the said application to leave, before that day, at my office, in Cape Town, particulars in writing of their objection to the same, otherwise they will be precluded from urging such objections.

Given under my hand this            day of

W. P., Attorney-General.

The following is the disclaimer [*or as the case may be*] which I desire to make in, &c. [*the applicant must here set forth what he wishes to enter, and sign it.*]

THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

*Patent for [insert the title].*

Notice is hereby given that I have presented a petition to his Excellency the Governor, praying for the confirmation of [*or extension of the term in*] the said Patent, and that a commission has issued authorizing and requiring certain commissioners therein named to consider and report upon the subject to the said Governor, which said commissioners will meet for that purpose on the            day of            next, at            o'clock in the noon, at            . All persons objecting to the said confirmation [*or extension*] must enter a caveat against the same at the office of the Colonial Secretary in Cape Town, otherwise they will be precluded from objecting to it.

Dated this            day of

JOHN DOE.

THE LAST SCHEDULE.

	£	s.	d.
On depositing specification . . . . .	2	10	0
To the Attorney-General for any "appointment" . . . . .	2	4	6
On obtaining Letters Patent . . . . .	2	10	0
At or before the expiration of the third year . . . . .	10	0	0
At or before the expiration of the seventh year . . . . .	20	0	0
To the Attorney-General with particulars of objections . . . . .	2	4	6
On presenting petition for extension or confirmation . . . . .	2	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Every search and inspection . . . . .	0	1	0
Entry of assignment or licence . . . . .	0	10	0
Certificate of assignment or licence . . . . .	0	10	0
Filing memorandum of alteration or disclaimer . . . . .	2	10	0
Entering any caveat . . . . .	2	10	0
Copy or extract of any writing per common law folio . . . . .	0	1	0

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**CEYLON.**

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*Ordinance No. 6. 1859.*

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An ORDINANCE for granting exclusive Privileges to Inventors.

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*Preamble.*

Whereas it is expedient for the encouragement of Inventors of new manufactures, that certain exclusive privileges in their inventions should be granted to them in Ceylon; it is enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

*Short Title of Ordinance.*

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Inventions Ordinance, 1859."

*Commencement of Ordinance.*

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the day of passing the same.

*Inventor may petition for leave to file Specification.—Form, &c., of Petition.*

3. The inventor of any new manufacture may petition the Governor for leave to file a specification thereof. Every such petition shall be in writing, in the form or to the effect

mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, and shall be signed by the petitioner, or, in case the petitioner shall be absent from Ceylon, by an authorized agent, and shall state the name, condition, and place of residence of the petitioner, and the nature of the invention.

*Order to file Specification.*

4. An *alien ami*, whether resident in Ceylon or not, may petition for leave to file a specification under this Ordinance.

*Power to refer Petition for Inquiry and Report.*

5. Upon such petition, the Governor may, with the advice of the Executive Council, make an order authorizing the petitioner to file a specification of the invention: Provided always, that before making such order, the Governor shall refer the petition to any person or persons for inquiry and report, and such person or persons shall be entitled to a reasonable fee for such inquiry and report, to be paid by the petitioner; the amount of fee, in case of dispute, to be settled by the District Court of Colombo in a summary manner.

*Petitioner entitled to exclusive Privilege for Fourteen Years.—  
Extension of Time.*

6. If within the space of six months from the date of such order, the petitioner cause a specification of his invention to be filed, in manner hereinafter mentioned, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, may, in the Form D. in the Schedule to this Ordinance appended, under the public seal of the Island of Ceylon, grant to the petitioner, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the sole and exclusive privilege of making, selling, and using the said invention in Ceylon, and authorizing others so to do, for the term of fourteen years from the time of filing such specification; and for such further term, if any, not exceeding fourteen years from the expiration of the first fourteen years, as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may think fit to direct, upon petition to be presented by such inventor, at any period, not more than one year, and not less than six months, before the expiration of the exclusive privilege hereby granted.



*Order to file Specification may be made subject to Conditions.*

7. An order, authorizing the filing of a specification, or for extending the term of such exclusive privilege as aforesaid, may be made subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may think expedient.

*Specification to be in Writing, and to describe Invention.*

8. Every specification of an invention filed under this Ordinance shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the petitioner, and shall particularly describe and define the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be carried out.

*Petition and Specification to be left with the Colonial Secretary; and to be accompanied by Declaration.—Date of Delivery to be indorsed on Petition.*

9. Every petition for leave to file a specification, and every specification filed under this Ordinance, shall be left with the Colonial Secretary, and shall be accompanied by a declaration in writing, signed by the petitioner, in the form or to the effect mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked A. and B. respectively; and if the inventor be absent from Ceylon, the petition and specification shall also be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the agent who shall present or file the same, to the effect that he verily believes that the declaration purporting to be the declaration of the inventor was signed by him, and that the contents thereof are true; which declaration shall be in the form hereunto annexed, marked C. The date of the delivery of every such petition and specification shall be indorsed on the same respectively, and shall be also recorded at the office of the Colonial Secretary.

*False Statement in Declaration punishable as Perjury.*

10. Any person who shall wilfully and corruptly make any false statement in any declaration required by this Ordinance shall be liable to the pains and penalties of perjury.

*Payment of Fees.*

11. No specification shall be filed until the petitioner shall have paid all fees payable under this Ordinance.

*To be open to Inspection.*

12. The specification, or a copy thereof, shall be open at all reasonable times, at the office of the Colonial Secretary, to public inspection, upon payment of a fee of five shillings.

*Book for the Registry of Petitions, Specifications, &c.*

13. A book shall be kept in the office of the Colonial Secretary, wherein shall be entered every such petition and specification, and every order made upon such petition, or relating to the invention therein mentioned, and every grant of exclusive privilege. Every specification and every such grant as aforesaid shall be numbered according to the order in which it is entered in such book; and a reference shall be made in such book, in the margin of the entry of each specification, to every order relating to the invention.

*Inspection of Registry Book.—Certified Copy of Entry to be given.*

14. Such book, or a copy thereof, shall be open at all convenient times for the inspection of any person, upon payment of a fee of five shillings; and the said Colonial Secretary shall cause a copy of any entry therein, certified under his hand, to be given to any person requiring the same, on payment of the expense of copying.

*Certified Copy to be primâ facie Evidence.*

15. Every such certified copy shall be *primâ facie* evidence of the document of which it purports to be a copy.

*When exclusive privilege does not attach.*

16. No person shall be entitled to any exclusive privilege under the provisions of this Ordinance,

If the invention, at the time of presenting the petition for leave to file the specification, was not a new invention in Ceylon, or

If the petitioner is not the inventor or importer thereof into Ceylon, or

If the specification filed does not particularly describe the nature of the invention, and in what manner the same is to be carried out.

*Invention not publicly used or known before application to file Specification to be deemed new Invention.—Knowledge of invention fraudulently acquired.—Public use by actual Inventor.*

17. An invention shall be deemed a new invention within the meaning of this Ordinance, if it shall not, before the time of applying for leave to file the specification, have been publicly used in Ceylon. The public use of an invention prior to the application for leave to file a specification shall not be deemed a public use within the meaning of this section, if the knowledge thereof shall have been obtained surreptitiously, or in fraud of the inventor, or shall have been communicated to the public in fraud of the inventor, or in breach of confidence. Provided the inventor shall, within six months after the commencement of such public use, apply for leave to file his specification, and shall not previously have acquiesced in such public use. Provided also, that the use of an invention in public by the inventor thereof, or by his servants or agents, or by any other person by his licence in writing, shall not be deemed a public use thereof, within the meaning of this Ordinance.

*Inventor having obtained Patent in England may petition for it here.  
—Proviso.*

18. If an inventor who, prior to the time of applying for leave to file a specification of an invention under this Ordinance, shall have obtained Her Majesty's Letters Patent for the exclusive use of such invention in any part of the United Kingdom, but not extending to this Island, shall petition the Governor for leave to file a specification of such invention, it shall be competent to the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to make an order authorizing the petitioner to file a specification of the invention and exemplification of the Letters Patent granted to him. On this being done, the petitioner shall be entitled to the sole and exclusive privilege of making, using, and selling the said invention in Ceylon for the term or terms mentioned in the 6th section. Provided the petition for leave to file the specification shall state that such Letters Patent have been granted, and shall also state the date thereof, and the term during which the same are to continue in force.

*Exclusive Jurisdiction vested in the District Court of Colombo.*

19. And whereas it is expedient that sole jurisdiction over all actions, suits, and proceedings arising in respect of this Ordinance should be vested in the District Court of Colombo, to the exclusion of other courts having jurisdiction under the 24th and 29th sections of the Letters Patent of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, bearing date the 18th day of February, 1830; And whereas by Letters Patent of Her present Majesty, bearing date the 28th day of January, 1843, it is declared that it shall be competent to the Governor, by any law or ordinance to be by him from time to time made, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, to make provision for the better administration of justice within this Island, anything in the said Letters Patent of King William the Fourth to the contrary notwithstanding: It is therefore enacted that the said District Court of Colombo shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction over all such actions, suits, and proceedings as aforesaid, wheresoever the same may arise, and to the exclusion of all other District Courts in the Island, subject, however, to appeal, as hereinafter provided.

*Particulars to be delivered.*

20. In any suit for the infringement of such exclusive privilege the plaintiff shall deliver with his libel particulars of the breaches complained of in the said suit, and the defendant, in pleading thereto, shall deliver, with his answer, particulars of the grounds (if any) upon which he means to contend that the plaintiff is not entitled to an exclusive privilege in the invention. In like manner, upon any application to the said District Court under the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th sections of this Ordinance, the applicant shall deliver particulars of the objections on which he means to rely. At the trial of any such suit or issue, no evidence shall be allowed to be given in support of any alleged infringement or of any objection impeaching the validity of such exclusive privilege, which shall not be contained in the particulars delivered as aforesaid. If it be alleged that the invention was publicly known or used prior to the date of the petition for leave to file such specification, the places where and the manner in which the invention was so publicly known or used, shall be stated in such particulars. Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Court in which the suit or pro-

ceeding is pending, or in which the issue is tried, to allow the plaintiff or defendant respectively to amend the particulars delivered as aforesaid, upon any such terms as shall seem fit.

*Defect in Specification or Petition, or want of novelty in Invention, &c., no defence to such Action.—The actual use of an Invention before date of Petition a defence to such Action.*

21. No such suit shall be defended upon the ground of any defect or insufficiency of the specification of the invention, nor shall any such suit be defended upon the ground of a misdescription of the invention in the petition; unless the defendant shall show that he is the actual inventor or derives title from him.

*Application to District Court of Colombo to declare exclusive Privilege not to have been acquired, on following grounds.*

22. It shall be lawful for any person to apply by motion to the District Court of Colombo for a rule to show cause why the court should not declare that an exclusive privilege in respect of an invention has not been acquired under the provisions of this Ordinance, by reason of all or any of the objections following, (to be specified in the rule,) that is to say:—

*Invention not new.*

That the said invention was not, at the time of presenting the petition for leave to file the specification, a new invention; or

*Petitioner not the Inventor, &c.*

That the petitioner was not the inventor thereof, and in addition thereto, either that the applicant was the inventor, or that the inventor has dedicated or made known the invention to the public, or has acquiesced in the public use thereof; or

*Invention not described in Specification.*

That the specification filed does not particularly describe and define the nature of the invention, or in what manner the same is to be carried out; or

*Fraud in Petition or Specification.*

That the petitioner has fraudulently inserted in the petition or specification, as part of his invention, something which was not new or whereof he was not the inventor; or

*False Statement in Petition.*

That the petitioner has wilfully made a false statement in his petition; or

*Fraudulent Misdescription of Part of Invention in Specification.*

That some part of the invention, or the manner in which that part is to be carried out as described in the said specification, is not thereby sufficiently described and defined, and that such defect or insufficiency was fraudulent, and is injurious to the public.

*Like Application as to Part of an Invention.*

23. Any person may in like manner apply to the said District Court for a rule to show cause why that Court should not declare that an exclusive privilege has not been acquired under the provisions of this Ordinance, in any part of the invention to be specified in the rule, by reason of all or any of the objections following (to be specified in the rule), that is to say:—

That such part of the invention was not new at the date of the petition for leave to file the specification; or

That the petitioner was not the inventor of that part of the invention, and, in addition thereto, either that the applicant was the inventor of that part, or that the inventor has dedicated or made known the same to the public, or has acquiesced in the public use thereof; or

That that part of the invention, and the manner in which it is to be carried out, is not sufficiently described and defined in the specification, and that such defect or insufficiency is injurious to the public.

*Application by Queen's Advocate on breach of special condition.*

24. It shall be lawful for the Queen's Advocate or any Deputy Queen's Advocate to apply to the said District Court for a rule calling upon the petitioner, his executors, administrators, or assigns, to show cause why the question of the breach of any special condition upon which the leave to file a specification has been granted, or any other question of fact on which the revocation of the exclusive privilege by the Governor under the power hereinafter reserved may, in the judgment of the said Governor, depend, should not be tried in the form of

an issue directed by the said Court; and if the rule be made absolute, the Court, unless the breach or other matter of fact be admitted, may thereupon direct such issue to be tried, and certify the result of such trial to the Governor. The costs of such trial, and also the costs of such proceedings, shall be in the discretion of the said Court.

*When exclusive Privilege shall cease.*

25. Every exclusive privilege under this Ordinance shall cease if the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall declare by notification in the Government Gazette that the same, or the mode in which it is exercised, is mischievous to the State, or generally prejudicial to the public; or if a breach of any special condition on which the petitioner shall have been authorized to file a specification, or upon which the term of the exclusive privilege shall have been extended, shall be proved to the satisfaction of the aforesaid District Court, and if the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall thereupon declare that such exclusive privilege shall cease.

*District Court may direct Issue for Trial.*

26. The said District Court may, if it think fit, direct an issue for trial before the same Court of any question of fact arising upon an application under Sections 22, 23, 24 of this Ordinance, and such issue shall be tried accordingly, in a summary manner.

*Judgment.*

27. If it shall appear to the said District Court at the hearing of any application under the provisions of Sections 22 and 23 of this Ordinance that, by reason of any of the objections therein mentioned, the said exclusive privilege in the invention or in any part thereof has not been acquired, the Court shall give judgment accordingly, and shall make such order as to the costs of and consequent upon the application as it may think just; and thereupon the petitioner, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall, so long as the judgment continues in force, cease to be entitled to such exclusive privilege.

*Amendment of Specification.*

28. If the Court, at the hearing of any such application as last aforesaid, shall think that the petitioner has, in the description of his invention in the petition or specification, included something which at the date of the petition was not new, or whereof he was not the inventor, or that the specification is in any particular defective or insufficient, but that the error, defect, or insufficiency was not fraudulently intended, the said Court may adjudge the said exclusive privilege to have been acquired and to be valid save as to the part thereof affected by such error, defect, or insufficiency; or if the Court shall think that the error, defect, or insufficiency can be amended without injury to the public, it may adjudge the exclusive privilege in the whole of the invention to be valid, and may, upon such terms as shall appear reasonable, order the specification to be amended in any of the said particulars; and thereupon the petitioner, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall, within the time limited by the Court for the purpose, file a specification amended according to such order.

*Misdescription in the Petition, if not fraudulent, not to defeat the Privilege.*

29. An exclusive privilege shall not be defeated upon the ground that there is any misdescription of the invention in the petition, unless such description was fraudulent.

*Entry in Registry Book of Judgment, and declaring Privilege not to have been acquired.*

30. Whenever it shall be adjudged by the said District Court that an exclusive privilege as to the whole or any part of an invention has not been acquired, the Colonial Secretary shall, upon the production of the judgment or order, cause an entry thereof to be made in the said book hereinbefore directed to be kept, and shall cause a reference to such entry to be made in the margin of the entry of the specification contained in such book.

*In what case actual Inventor entitled to Assignment of an exclusive Privilege fraudulently obtained.*

31. If upon proceedings instituted within two years from the date of a petition to file a specification the inventor shall prove to the satisfaction of the said District Court that the



petitioner was not the inventor, and that at the time of the petition he knew, or had good reason to believe, that the knowledge of the invention was obtained by himself, or by some other person surreptitiously or in fraud of the inventor, or by means of a communication made in confidence by the actual inventor, to him or to any person through whom he derived such knowledge, the Court may compel the petitioner to assign to the inventor any exclusive privilege obtained under this Ordinance, and to account for and pay over the profits thereof.

*Service of Proceeding.*

32. A book shall be kept in the office of the Colonial Secretary, (such book to be open to inspection without fee,) wherein every person filing a specification under this Ordinance shall cause to be stated, under a number corresponding with the number of the specification, some place in Ceylon where service of any rules or proceedings, for the purpose of cancelling or revoking his exclusive privilege, may be made. Any person, partnership, or company, from time to time being proprietors of, or having shares or interest in such exclusive privilege, shall cause to be entered in such book, under such number as aforesaid, their names, together with the name of some place for the service of such proceedings as aforesaid. All such rules and proceedings shall be deemed sufficiently served on any such person, partnership, or company, if a copy thereof be left at the place entered in such book, or (if any other place be substituted for the same, by entry in the said book) at the place last substituted, by delivering the same to any person resident at or in charge of such place, or if there be no person resident at or in charge of such place, or if such place be not within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the Court, by causing such rule or proceeding to be sent by post, by a registered letter directed to such person, partnership, or company, at such place; and if any such person, partnership, or company shall neglect to make or cause to be made such entry, then service of such rule or proceeding may be effected by affixing a copy thereof to some conspicuous part of the Court House, or in such other manner as the Court may direct, provided that notice of any rule obtained or proceeding taken under either of the Sections 22, 23, and 24, shall be served on all persons appearing to be proprietors, or to have shares or interests in the exclusive privilege under the provisions of this section, and it shall not be necessary to serve such notice on any other person.

*Prerogative in respect to Letters Patent saved.*

33. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall abridge or affect the prerogative of the Crown in relation to the granting or withholding the grant of any Letters Patent for inventions, or otherwise, or affect or interfere with any Letters Patent for an invention heretofore granted or hereafter to be granted by the Crown.

*Right of Appeal saved.*

34. All decisions and orders of the District Court of Colombo, made under the authority of this Ordinance, shall be subject to an appeal to the Supreme Court, and every such appeal shall be brought on and prosecuted in such manner and shall be subject to such regulations as now exist or shall be hereafter made by law; and subject to the rules and limitations contained in the 52nd clause of the charter, any party or parties to any suit or proceeding under this Ordinance may appeal to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, in her, his, or their Privy Council, from any final judgment, decree, or sentence of the Supreme Court, or against any rule or order made by such Supreme Court, and having the effect of a final or definitive sentence.

*Stamp of Petition.*

35. Every petition for leave to file a specification under the provisions of this Ordinance, or for the extension of the term of an exclusive privilege, shall be written or printed on a stamped paper of the value of ten pounds.

*Interpretation.*

36. In the construction of this Ordinance, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such constructions:—

The word “invention” shall include an improvement.

The word “manufacture” shall be deemed to include any art, process, or manner of producing, preparing, or making an article, and also any article prepared or produced by manufacture.

The word “inventor” when not used in conjunction with the word “actual” shall include the importer of an invention not publicly known or used in Ceylon.

The words "inventor" and "actual inventor" shall include the heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns of an inventor or actual inventor, as the case may be.

The word "assigns" shall include grantees of the sole use or benefit in Ceylon, of an invention, or of the sole use of an exclusive privilege, for a limited time.

The words "Colonial Secretary" shall include any person acting as or for the Colonial Secretary.

The words "Queen's Advocate" shall include any person acting as or for the Queen's Advocate.

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## SCHEDULE.

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### FORM OF PETITION.

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*To the Governor of Ceylon.*

The petition of [*here insert name, addition, and place of residence*] for leave to file a specification under the Inventions Ordinance, 1859.—  
Sheweth,

That your Petitioner is in possession of an invention for [*state the title of the invention*], which invention he believes will be of public utility; that he is the inventor or owner of the said invention [*or, as the case may be, the assignee, or the executor, or administrator, or heir of the inventor or owner of the said invention*]; and that the same is not publicly known or used in Ceylon, to the best of his knowledge and belief [*or, as the case may be, that he is the first importer into Ceylon of the said invention, and that the same is not publicly known or used in Ceylon*].

*If Letters Patent have been obtained for the invention, state according to the requirements of Section 18.*

The following is a description of the invention [*here describe it*].

Your Petitioner therefore prays leave to file a specification of the said invention, pursuant to the provisions of the Inventions Ordinance, 1859.

And your Petitioner, &c.

(Signed)

The            day of

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### FORMS OF DECLARATION.

#### A.

I [*here insert name, addition, and place of residence*] do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am in possession of an invention for [*state the*

*title of the invention as in the petition*]; that I believe the said invention will be of public utility; that I am the inventor or owner of the said invention [*or, as the case may be, the assignee, or executor, or administrator, or heir of the inventor or owner of the said invention; or, that I am the first importer of the said invention into Ceylon*]; and that the same is not publicly known or used in Ceylon, to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, my said invention is truly described in my petition for leave to file a specification thereof.

(Signed)

The day of

## B.

I [*here insert name, addition, and place of residence*] do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I am in possession of an invention for [*state the title of the invention*], which invention I believe will be of public utility; that I am the inventor or owner of the said invention [*or, as the case may be, the assignee, or executor, or administrator, or heir of the inventor or owner of the said invention; or, that I am the first importer of the said invention into Ceylon*], and that the same is not publicly known or used in Ceylon to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that, to the best of my belief, the instrument in writing under my hand hereunto annexed particularly describes and defines the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be carried out.

(Signed)

The day of

## C.

I of do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I have been appointed by the said his Agent for the purpose of and I verily believe that the declaration purporting to be the declaration of the said marked ( ) was signed by him, and that the contents thereof are true.

(Signed)

The day of

## FORM OF GRANT.

## D.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas A.B. of C.D. has presented to us [*insert name of Governor*] Governor of Ceylon, a petition (numbered in the book of petitions for exclusive privilege in inventions in the Colonial Office), praying for leave

to file a specification of a certain invention, intituled [*here insert title of invention*], and we have with the advice and consent of the Executive Council made an order, dated the            day of            18    , authorizing the said A.B. to file a specification of the said invention; and whereas the said A.B. did on the            day of            18    , file a specification in accordance with the said order, and the same is entered in the Book of Specifications in the Colonial Office, and bears the number            therein; and whereas the said Governor and the Executive Council are agreed that the said A.B. hath done all things to entitle him to exclusive privilege in the invention in the said petition and specification instituted, mentioned, and described, for the term of            years; Now know ye that we, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do grant to the said A.B., his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, the exclusive privilege of making, selling, and using [*as the case may be*] the said invention in the said specification described in Ceylon for the term of            years, in terms of and subject to the provisions of the Inventions Ordinance, 1859. [*Here insert any condition under which the Grant is made.*]

(Signed) [*Signature of Governor.*]

**CHILI.**

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*Law of 9th September, 1840.*

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**Art. 1.**

The author or inventor of an art, manufacture, machine or instrument, preparation of materials or any improvement thereof, who seeks to obtain the exclusive right to it assured by Art. 152 of the Constitution, shall present at the Ministry of the Interior a faithful, clear, and succinct description of the work or invention, declaring that the discovery is original and unknown in the country, accompanying it with samples, drawings, or models, as the circumstances of the case may require, and soliciting a patent which may establish his proprietorship.

**Art. 2.**

The Minister of the Interior shall name a Commission of one or more experts to examine the work or invention, and inform him as to its originality; they, in presence of the applicant inventor, making oath to the faithful discharge of their duty, and also to religiously guard during the whole time prescribed by the Law the secret which may be communicated.

**Art. 3.**

After due investigation, the President of the Republic shall grant the exclusive privilege for a term not exceeding ten years, and shall order the issue of the said patent, which shall be authenticated by his signature, and sealed with the seal of the Republic.

## Art. 4.

This patent shall be registered in full in a book kept for that purpose in the office of the Ministry of the Interior.

## Art. 5.

Before the delivery of the patent to the applicant, he shall show by a proper receipt that he has paid into the General Treasury the sum of 50 *pesos*, and that he has deposited in the National Museum samples, drawings or models, and a specification in full, to the satisfaction of the examining Commission, and shown to be satisfactory by the signature of each one of its members, which shall contain a complete, minute, and specific description distinguishing the invention or discovery from other matters previously known and employed, and defining the method or principles adopted, so as to enable any other competent person to construct or use the same invention, so that the public can avail themselves of its benefits at the expiration of the term of the patent.

This specification shall be closed in presence of the Commission, the title or subject of the privilege being written on the envelope, and the proprietor shall declare that he has faithfully fulfilled the conditions here imposed, and the Commission shall certify thereto. The proprietor during the term of his privilege may examine the specification as often as he pleases, in order to see if it remains sealed and closed as when he lodged it.

## Art. 6.

In the National Museum a room shall be set apart for the reception of the samples, drawings or models, and a secure chest for the safe keeping of the closed specifications mentioned in the preceding article, which shall not be opened or published before the expiration of the term of the privilege or patent, except in cases of Arts. 11, 12, 15.

## Art. 7.

The 50 *pesos* mentioned in Art. 5 shall go towards the maintenance of the room in the Museum.

## Art. 8.

*The introducers of arts, industries, or machines invented elsewhere, and entirely unknown or not established nor employed in Chili, can*

*obtain exclusive privileges on the same terms and conditions as for new discoveries or inventions, but for a term not exceeding eight years, according to the utility or the difficulties in their employment, according to the judgment of the Minister having before him the report of the Commission. Simple variations or changes of form or proportion of machines or things already existing shall not be entitled to a patent.*

[NOTE.—This clause was repealed by the law of the 25th July, 1872.]

#### Art. 9.

Property in a patent or privilege is transferable like anything else, but in such cases the Minister of the Interior must first be informed, the reasons causing the transfer being stated. If these are found to be sufficient, the transfer shall be noted in the transfer book, and if not, the provisions of Art. 11 shall come into operation.

#### Art. 10.

Any person constructing protected articles by the same method as that set out in the privilege shall pay a fine of from 100 *pesos* to 1000 *pesos*, the articles so constructed, and the machines, engines, instruments, or tools, made use of being confiscated; the value thereof being divided between the Treasury and the proprietor of the patent or privilege without prejudice to an action for the damages and losses caused.

#### Art. 11.

A patent which has been surreptitiously obtained, that is to say, by false testimony or not in the name of the inventor, or for an industry already established in the country in the same manner, shall immediately be annulled, and the person who obtained it shall be condemned in the costs of the inquiry, and shall be punished with a fine of from 100 to 1000 *pesos*, or shall incur imprisonment of from three to twelve months.

#### Art. 12.

In case of dispute between individuals who have obtained a privilege for the manufacture of one and the same product it shall be decided by arbitration without appeal, one arbitrator being named by each party, and a third by the Minister of the Interior.



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**Art. 13.**

Privileges granted may be general, taking effect throughout the whole territory of the Republic, or particular, comprising one of the Departments or provinces.

**Art. 14.**

For each privilege a proportionate term shall be fixed for the establishment of the machinery, engines, or manufactures, on the expiration of which the term of the privilege shall commence to run.

**Art. 15.**

If, at the expiration of this term for the establishment, the invention has not come into work, the privilege shall lapse, as shall it also do if after establishment it be abandoned for more than one year, or if the products are adulterated, becoming inferior to the samples or models lodged.

**Art. 16.**

Renewal of a patent can only be granted when accidents or unforeseen circumstances render the patentees really deserving of it, and it shall be sought at least six months before the expiration of the privilege.

**Art. 17.**

The present law shall not invalidate the mining "ordenanza" with respect to privileges in that branch, nor what is established in the law of 24th July, 1834, with reference to the proprietorship of works of literature and the fine arts.

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*Decree of 1st August, 1851.*

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Having noticed in several reports of the experts nominated for the concession of exclusive privileges, that the necessary demonstration of the specialty to which the privilege relates

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has not been submitted to the Government, and it being indispensable for the due fulfilment of the law to correct this abuse,

I have granted and decreed that those persons who, as experts, are nominated under the provisions of Art. 2 of the law of 9th September, 1840, shall not only report as to the usefulness of the invention, or introduction, but also as to the inconveniences which might result to industry or commerce from the grant of the privilege, also as to the difficulties and expenses incurred by the petitioners, in order to regulate in view of these the time for which the privilege should be granted, and the term for the establishment of the privileged industry.

They shall also show whether it relates to an invention, or only to an industry newly introduced into the country, and specify the conditions which in their judgment should be required for the clear recognition of the invention, introduction or industry, which by granting of the privilege shall be otherwise prohibited.

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By the law of Sept. 1st, 1874 (Lei de Impuestos) 50 *pesos* must be paid in stamps before the issue of the patent in addition to the 50 *pesos* mentioned in Art. 5.

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**COLOMBIA.**

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*Law No. 35, May 13th, 1869.*

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**Art. 1.**

All new discoveries or inventions, in whatever kind of industry, give to the inventor under the conditions and for the time mentioned in this law a right to the exclusive benefit of his invention or discovery. This right is secured by documents issued by the Executive Power of the Union, called "Patents of Invention."

**Art. 2.**

Any Colombian or foreigner who shall invent or improve any machine, mechanical apparatus, combination of materials, or process, of use: .l application to industry, arts or sciences, or any manufacture or industrial product, may obtain from the Executive Power a patent of privilege, securing to him or to his lawful representatives, for a term of from five to twenty years, the exclusive right to make, sell, or use his invention or improvement.

**Art. 3.**

No privileges shall be granted for the importation of natural or manufactured products from foreign countries.

**Art. 4.**

Inventors who have obtained patents in other countries for their discoveries, and who apply for one in Colombia may obtain the said patent of invention, provided such discovery has not become public property.

When a patent of invention is granted in Colombia for an invention or improvement which has already been patented in a foreign country, the Colombian patent shall be cancelled immediately upon the expiration of the term of the privilege granted for the foreign patent.

Art. 5.

In order to obtain a privilege of invention or improvement, the person interested must apply either personally or through his attorney to the Executive Power, specifying the invention or improvement of which he is the author, explaining it with clearness, and asking for the patent; and if this be granted, he is required before he can receive it to furnish within forty days an exact drawing or model of the said machine or mechanical apparatus, or a full and complete description of the new method or process, or a sample of the manufacture, or product, if it will keep, in order that the same may be deposited in the office of the proper Secretary of State, to be used should any question arise touching the privilege.

Art. 6.

Every patent shall contain a copy of the present law, and of the Decree of grant in which shall be specified the invention, improvement, or new industry, and the term of its duration, and shall declare the patentee to be in possession of the privilege, and it shall be published in full twice at least in the Official Gazette of the Nation.

Art. 7.

The grant of a patent for an invention, improvement or new industry shall be without previous inquiry as to the utility of the article, or as to whether it be really an invention or improvement. The Government does not declare, on granting it, that the invention or improvement is genuine or useful, or that the patentee is really the inventor, or that the article is new, or that the descriptions or models are exact; as those interested in the matter are at liberty to prove the contrary before the law courts.

1. The Executive Power shall announce in the Official Gazette thirty days before granting the patent the application that has been made for obtaining the said patent.

Art. 8.

Patents shall not be issued unless all the formalities of this law are fulfilled, or in case the invention, improvement, or new

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industry, should be prejudicial to public health or security, or to morality or to existing rights.

Art. 9.

When the term of the patent has expired, the manufacture, sale, or use of the patented invention or improvement shall become free; the descriptions furnished by the inventor shall be published, and copies of the corresponding drawings or models may be supplied to any applicant at his expense.

This will likewise take place when, before the expiration of the said term, the privilege is declared null and void.

Art. 10.

Offences of imitation, falsification and the like against the proprietor of patented articles or industries, shall be prosecuted in accordance with the penal laws of the country.

Art. 11.

Besides the case mentioned in Art. 4, patents become void when they have been granted to the prejudice of the rights of a third party, which shall be decided by the tribunals of the States.

Art. 12.

A patent for a new industry shall also lapse whenever a whole year elapses without its being worked except in the case of fortuitous circumstances and *force majeure*.

Art. 13.

The grant of a patent shall be subject to a tax payable by the grantee to the National Treasury of from five to ten *pesos* for every year of the privilege. In all cases the person who applies for a patent shall state the number of years of its term within the maximum fixed, and shall deposit at the General Treasury the sum of ten *pesos*, which he shall forfeit if the patent is not granted, and which shall be taken in part payment of the patent fee should it be granted.

Art. 14.

The law of May 15th, 1848, respecting "Patents of Invention or improvement of machines and industrial apparatus," is hereby repealed.

**DENMARK.**

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*Report by Mr. Strachey.*

*(From the Commissioners of Patents' Journal.)*

1. No laws have been passed in Denmark on the subject of protection to inventions.

Inventors are protected by Royal Letters Patent, granted through the Ministry of the Interior, in accordance with rules prescribed by the traditional practice of that department.

2. A person who wishes his invention to enjoy "Gueret," or monopoly, must address the Ministry of the Interior, accompanying his demand by detailed specifications and drawings.

3. The Ministry forwards these papers to the Polytechnic School with a request that the director will report on the applicant's scheme. The director, after consulting, if necessary, the Professors of the Institute, reports to the Ministry whether the alleged invention is new and deserving of protection. He also states the period for which, in his opinion, the "Gueret" or patent should be granted.

4. The Ministry always adopts the director's conclusion. It is understood that a patent will be allowed whenever the alleged invention really contains something novel in principle or practice. Generally speaking, the applicant's request is granted.

5. The patents usually run for three, four, or five years. Important inventions are protected for ten years, and in special cases for fifteen years.

Patents granted to foreigners never run for more than five years.

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6. The fee charged at the Ministry of the Interior for the whole transaction is 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* (17 dollars). The time occupied in the correspondence is about two months.

7. The patent is forfeited (1) if it is shown that a similar invention has been used in Denmark before; or (2) if the patentee does not carry out his invention within the year, and continue to employ it.

*Copenhagen, 24th December, 1872.*

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*Ordinance No. III. 1879.*

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To repeal Ordinance No. XXIV. of 1877 and to make other provisions in lieu thereof for the issue of Letters Patent.

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*Privileges.*

I. Every inventor shall be entitled, under the conditions and restrictions hereinafter enacted, to the sole exclusive right of and in his invention.

*Interpretation Clause.*

II. In the interpretation of this Ordinance the word "invention" shall mean and include any manner of new manufacture, also every new process of manufacture, and every new method of application of known processes, and improvements in any known process.

The word "inventor" shall include the heirs, executors, administrators or assigns of an inventor.

*Form of Letters Patent and Privileges conferred.*

III. The right and privilege granted to inventors shall be conferred by Letters Patent under the Seal of the Colony in Form contained in Schedule A hereto, whereby the inventor shall be entitled to the sole and exclusive privilege of using, selling, or making his said invention in the Colony, and of authorizing others so to do, for the term of fourteen years from the date of the Letters Patent.



*Letters Patent not to be granted in certain cases.*

IV. No person shall be entitled to Letters Patent—

- a. If the invention is of no utility.
- b. If the invention at the time of presenting the petition was not a new invention.
- c. If the petitioner is not the true and first inventor thereof.
- d. If the petition or any specification contain a wilfully false statement.

And the Attorney-General may make an application to the Supreme Court on any such grounds for the cancellation or revocation of any Letters Patent.

*Proceeding in application for Letters Patent.*

V. Every person desirous of obtaining Letters Patent under this Ordinance shall file in the Office of the Colonial Secretary a petition in the form contained in Schedule B, signed by him or his agent or attorney, setting forth the residence of the inventor and the title of the invention. To the petition shall be annexed a specification (or instrument in writing), particularly describing and ascertaining the nature of the said invention and the manner in which the same is to be produced or performed, and with such specification or instrument in writing shall be filed the drawings necessary to elucidate the same, and such petition, and all documents and drawings accompanying the same, shall be in duplicate.

*Petition to be accompanied by Declaration.*

VI. Every petition and specification particularly describing the nature of an invention shall be accompanied by a declaration in writing, signed by the petitioner, or his agent or attorney for him, in the form contained in Schedule C hereto.

*Petition, Specification, &c., to be recorded.*

VII. The Colonial Secretary shall cause to be filed every petition and specification, with accompanying drawings, if any, explaining the nature of any invention; and also any certificate granted by the Attorney-General, and every Letters Patent issued, and a memorandum of any order relating thereto.

*Records may be inspected.*

VIII. Such records shall be open to the inspection of all persons, at any reasonable hour, upon the payment of a fee of four shillings, and any person may have a copy of any document recorded on payment for the same at the rate of eight-pence for every folio of seventy-two words.

*Certified copies to be received as evidence.*

IX. Copies of any documents so recorded, certified as correct by the Colonial Secretary, shall be received in evidence in any court of law in the Colony.

*Specification may be amended.*

X. A specification may be amended on application to the Attorney-General, provided that if the Attorney-General shall refuse to allow such specification to be amended the same may be amended by leave of the Governor in Council, and when so amended shall, except as to suits and proceedings relative to the exclusive privilege claimed by any inventor pending at the time, have the same effect as if no amendment had been made, and no extension or enlargement of any exclusive privilege before acquired should be effected thereby.

*Provisional Certificate.*

XI. When any applicant has filed his petition for Letters Patent, the Governor shall direct the same to be referred by the Colonial Secretary to the Attorney-General, with one of the duplicates of such petition and the specification, and all other accompanying documents and drawings, and a certificate of the filing of the petition; and the Attorney-General shall, if he deem the invention as *primâ facie* entitled to protection, issue a certificate to that effect, as in form contained in Schedule D, and the inventor shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, be protected for a period of six months in like manner as by Letters Patent; Provided nevertheless, that it shall be competent to the Attorney-General to extend the period of such protection pending the decision as to any opposition made to the granting of any Letters Patent as to him shall seem necessary.

*Where issue of Certificate is refused by Attorney-General appeal may be made.*

XII. If in any case the Attorney-General shall refuse to issue such certificate as hereinbefore provided, an appeal shall lie from the decision of the Attorney-General so refusing such certificate to the Governor in Council, who may direct the same to be issued by the Clerk of the Council in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as shall seem fit, provided that such application shall be made to the Governor in Council within one month from the time of the decision of the Attorney-General refusing a certificate being made known to the applicant for Letters Patent, or to his agent or attorney: provided also that any certificate to be issued by direction of the Governor in Council shall be issued within three months from the date of such appeal, and upon the issue of such certificate like proceedings shall be had and taken as if such certificate had been issued by the Attorney-General.

*Procedure where no opposition is made to application.*

XIII. Within two months of the issue of the certificate of the Attorney-General, or, where the Attorney-General has refused to issue such certificate, from the date of issue of the same by the Clerk of the Council, as provided in the next preceding section, the applicant for Letters Patent shall give notice in the form contained in Schedule E hereto, twice in the Royal Gazette, and one other paper published in Fiji; and if no notice of opposition to the application for Letters Patent be sent to the Attorney-General within three months of the date of publication of the first of such notices, the Attorney-General shall report such fact to the Governor in Council, and the Governor in Council shall, within three months from the date of such report, cause Letters Patent to be issued with such reservations, provisoes, and conditions as may be deemed fit.

*Where application is opposed, holder of Certificate may appeal.*

XIV. Any person desiring to oppose such application shall, within the time last mentioned in the next preceding section, give notice in writing of his opposition to such application and of the grounds thereof to the Attorney-General, who shall, after hearing the parties to and against such application, and such witnesses as he may deem necessary, decide the same and