





Patent may  
be assigned  
to the Com-  
pany without  
causing a  
Forfeiture.

poses: And whereas the said Invention is of great public Benefit and Utility, and it is desirable that the same should be brought into extensive Use, and that Object would be greatly promoted if the said Patent Privilege were permitted to be vested in the said Company, with the Powers and under the Provisions herein-after contained; but the same cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the said *Charles Low*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and for every Person in whom the said Letters Patent, or any other Letters Patent for the same Invention, or any Part thereof, already or to be at any Time or Times hereafter granted, or the Privileges thereby respectively granted or to be granted, or any Part thereof, now are or shall at any Time hereafter be vested, at any Time to sell, transfer, assign, and dispose of or otherwise assure the said respective Letters Patent and the Privileges thereby respectively granted, and all his and their Part, Share, Right, Title, and Interest of, in, or to the same or any Part thereof, and also the Rights, Profits, and Advantages in or by such Letters Patent or any of them respectively comprised, given, granted, or conferred, or any Part thereof, unto or in trust for the said Company.

Patents for  
Improvements may  
also be  
assigned,

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said *Charles Low*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and for any Patentee or Grantee named in every or any other Letters Patent at any Time heretofore or hereafter to be made granting any Right or Privilege of working, using, exercising, or vending of any Invention, all or any Part of which shall be any Manner of Improvement in the Manufacture of Copper, and for every Person in whom any such Letters Patent and the Privileges thereby respectively granted, or any Part thereof, now are or at any Time hereafter shall be vested, at any Time hereafter, or after the making of such Letters Patent respectively, to sell, transfer, assign, and dispose of or otherwise assure such Letters Patent respectively, and all his Part, Share, Right, Title, and Interest of, in, or to the same, and the Privileges thereby respectively given or granted or to be given or granted, or any Part thereof, and all or any Part of the Rights, Profits, Benefits, and Advantages in or by such Letters Patent or any of them comprised, given, granted, or conferred unto or in trust for the said Company.

Assignments  
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III. And be it enacted, That no such Sale, Transfer, Assignment, Disposition, and Assurance as aforesaid of any of such Letters Patents as aforesaid, or of all or any Part of every or any Right, Power, Privilege, Benefit, or Advantage given or granted by any such Letters Patents respectively, and whether any such Part of any such Privilege shall extend to the whole or any Part of the Countries, Districts, or Places comprised in such Privileges or not, shall render the Letters Patent and Privileges, or any Part thereof, or the Parts, Shares, Rights, Titles, and Interests thereby sold, transferred, assigned, or disposed of, or any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, void or voidable in anywise howsoever, or cause such Letters Patents, Privileges, Parts, Shares, Rights, Titles, and Interests, or any of them, or  
any



any Part thereof respectively, to cease, determine, or become void or voidable, or be forfeited, repealed, or cancelled in anywise howsoever, although the Persons composing the Company shall exceed Twelve in Number either at the Time of the making or Execution of any such Sale, Transfer, Assignment, Disposition, or Assurance, or at any Time afterwards; and that every of such Letters Patents as aforesaid the whole or any Part of which shall or may be so sold, transferred, assigned, disposed of, or assured as aforesaid, or the whole or any Part of the Rights, Powers, Privileges, Authorities, Benefits, and Advantages comprised in or given or granted by which shall or may be so sold, transferred, assigned, disposed of, or assured as aforesaid, shall, from and after such Sale, Transfer, Assignment, Disposition, or Assurance as aforesaid, be construed, taken, and considered, operate, enure, and take effect as to the whole or the Part or Parts thereof which shall have been sold, transferred, assigned, disposed of, or assured as aforesaid, in such and the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if no such Condition, Proviso, Restriction, or Clause as herein-before mentioned or referred to, or any Condition, Proviso, or Clause whatsoever for the Cesser, Determination, or Avoidance of such Letters Patents, in case of such Letters Patents or the Liberties or Privileges thereby respectively granted becoming vested in or in trust for more than the Number of Twelve Persons or their Representatives at any One Time as Partners dividing or entitled to divide the Benefits or Profits to be obtained by reason of such Letters Patents respectively, or any other Condition, Proviso, or Clause against or restrictive of the selling, transferring, assigning, or otherwise assuring or disposing of such Letters Patents, Privileges, Benefits, and Advantages, had ever been inserted, expressed, or contained in or by such Letters Patents as aforesaid or any of them.

After Assignment the Patents and Privileges to be freed from the Conditions against Assignment to more than Twelve Persons.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said *Charles Low*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, as to the said recited Letters Patent, and for every Patentee or Grantee named or to be named in each of the other Letters Patents herein-before mentioned or referred to, and for the Executors, Administrators, and Assigns of every such Patentee or Grantee, and for every Person in whom any of such Letters Patents respectively as aforesaid or the Privileges thereby granted, or any Part thereof, now are or at any Time hereafter shall be vested, so far as relates to or respects his and their Right, Title, Part, Share, and Interest in and to such Letters Patents and Privileges respectively, to give or grant unto or in trust for the said Company, any Leave, Licence, Power, or Authority to work, use, exercise, or put in practice and vend the Invention comprised in the Privilege, or any Part thereof; and such Gift or Grant of Leave, Licence, Power, or Authority shall not, nor shall any Number (although exceeding Twelve) of similar Gifts or Grants of Leave, Licence, Power, or Authority, render the said Letters Patents and Privileges or any of them void or voidable in anywise howsoever, or cause the same Letters Patents and Privileges or any of them, or any Part thereof, to cease, determine, or become void or voidable, or be forfeited, repealed, or cancelled in anywise howsoever, any Condition, Proviso, Restriction, or Clause whatsoever in the aforesaid Letters Patents or any of them expressed or contained to the contrary thereof in anywise howsoever notwithstanding.

Licences may be granted to the Company without causing a Forfeiture.

V. And



Disclaimers  
may be made  
under the  
Seal of the  
Company.  
5 & 6 W. 4.  
c. 83.  
7 & 8 Vict.  
c. 69.

V. And be it enacted, That in case the said Company shall at any Time hereafter, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Law touching Letters Patent for Inventions*, and an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled 'An Act for the better Administration of Justice in His Majesty's Privy Council, and to extend its Jurisdiction and Powers,'* or in pursuance of either of the said Acts of Parliament or of any other Act of Parliament, obtain the Leave of Her Majesty's Attorney General or Solicitor General for *England* or *Ireland*, or of Her Majesty's Lord Advocate or Solicitor General for *Scotland*, to enter with the Clerk of the Patents of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland* respectively any Disclaimer of any Part of either the Title of the Invention mentioned or comprised in any Letters Patent or Patent Privilege of or belonging to the said Company, or of any Part of the Specification of any such Invention, or to enter with such Clerk a Memorandum of any Alteration in any such Title or Specification as aforesaid, then and in every such Case such Disclaimer or Memorandum of Alteration shall or may be made under the Seal of the said Company, and signed by Two Directors or Officers of the said Company, and, when so made, shall or may, in pursuance of such Leave as aforesaid, be entered, filed, and enrolled according to the Provisions of the said Act, and no Acknowledgment of any such Disclaimer or Memorandum of Alteration shall be necessary previous to the Enrolment thereof.

Power to  
grant  
Licences.

VI. And be it enacted, That after any such Sale, Transfer, or Assignment as aforesaid of any such Letters Patents as aforesaid, or after the Grant of any such Licence as aforesaid, unto or in trust for the Company, it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time, by any Writing under the Seal of the said Company and the Hands of any Two of the Directors of the said Company, to grant any Licence or Sub-Licence to any Person to use, exercise, or vend the Invention or Inventions comprised in any such Letters Patent, or Licence, or any Part thereof, either generally or under or subject to such Payments, Conditions, Limitations, or Restrictions as to the said Company shall seem fit; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said Company to grant a Sub-Licence in any Case where by the Terms of the Licence granted to the said Company the said Company shall be restrained from granting Sub-Licences.

Expenses of  
Act.

VII. And be it enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid and discharged by the Company in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Public Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.