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Cap. xlvii.

An Act for enabling "The Patent Galvanized Iron Company" to purchase and work certain Letters Patent. [30th *June* 1848.]

WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Twenty-ninth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, the sole Privilege of making, using, exercising, and vending a certain Invention called "An Improvement in coating or covering Iron and Copper for the Prevention of Oxydation" within *England* and *Wales*, *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and *Man*, and Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations abroad, was granted unto *Henry William Craufurd*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for the Term of Fourteen Years: And whereas by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Fifth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, the sole Privilege of making, using, exercising, and vending a certain Invention called

Letters Patent dated 29th April 1837.

Letters Patent dated 5th May 1838.

"An improved Method of preventing the Oxydation of Metals" within *England* and *Wales*, *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and *Man*, and Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations abroad, was granted unto *Pierre Armand Lecomte de Fontainemoreau*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for the Term of Fourteen Years: And whereas a Specification of each of such Inventions was duly enrolled: And whereas in each of such Letters Patent is contained a Provision against the same, or the Benefits thereof, being vested in or in trust for more than Twelve Persons or their Representatives at any one Time as Partners dividing or entitled to divide the Profits obtained by virtue of the same respectively: And whereas on the Third Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, a Company which is intended to consist of more than Twelve Persons was provisionally registered under the Act for the Registration, Incorporation, and Regulation of Joint Stock Companies, by the Name of "The Patent Galvanized Iron Company," for the Purpose of bringing such Inventions into more extensive Use, and for other Purposes connected therewith: And whereas such Inventions are of great public Benefit and Utility, and it is desirable that the same should be brought into more extensive Use, and that Object would be greatly promoted if such Patent Privileges were permitted to be vested in such Company, when completely registered under such Act, 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 when such Company shall have been completely registered under such Act, this Act shall take effect as if such Company had been incorporated by this Act: Provided always, that this Act or any thing therein contained shall not have the Effect of incorporating such Company.

This Act to take effect when Company completely registered under 7 & 8 Vict. c. 110.

II. And be it enacted, That the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, save so far as the Provisions thereof are inconsistent with or modified by the Provisions of this Act, shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act: Provided always, that the Company shall not purchase or take any Lands otherwise than by Agreement with the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers thereof.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. incorporated with this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act for any Purpose it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Patent Galvanized Iron Company's enabling Act, 1848."

Short Title.

IV. And

Interpretation of Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That in the Construction of this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; that is to say, the Word "Capital" shall mean the Capital or Joint Stock for the Time being of the Company; the Word "Share" shall mean a Share in the Capital; the Expression "General Meeting" shall mean a General Meeting of the Shareholders; the Expression "Letters Patent" shall include all Authorities and Privileges thereby granted, and all Profits and Advantages which may be had or enjoyed under or in respect of the same Letters Patent, Authorities, and Privileges respectively.

Quantity of Land limited.

V. And be it enacted, That the Quantity of Land to be held by the Company at any one Time shall not exceed Five thousand Acres.

Recited Patents may be assigned to the Company.

VI. And be it enacted, That after the Company shall have been completely registered the Patentee or Grantee in each of the recited Letters Patent respectively named, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and every other Person in whom such Letters Patent or any Part thereof shall for the Time being be vested, may at any Time sell or dispose of and assure all or any Part of his Share and Interest therein unto or in trust for the Company.

Other Patents may be assigned to the Company.

VII. And be it enacted, That as regards any and every now existing or future Letters Patent conferring on any Person the sole Privilege of making, using, exercising, and vending any Invention relating to the Prevention of the Oxydation of Metals, or to any other Branch of the Business for the Time being of the Company, and which Invention shall be an Improvement of or otherwise connected with the recited Inventions or either of them, the Patentee or Grantee in such Letters Patent respectively named, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and every other Person in whom such Letters Patent or any Part thereof respectively shall for the Time being be vested, may at any Time after the Company shall have been completely registered sell or dispose of and assure all or any Part of his Share and Interest therein unto or in trust for the Company.

Assignments of Patents not to cause Forfeiture.

VIII. And be it enacted, That, notwithstanding the Company shall at any Time consist of more than Twelve Persons, any such Sale, Disposition, or Assurance of any such Letters Patent or Part thereof shall not render the Letters Patent or the Part thereof so sold, disposed

disposed of, or assured void or voidable in anywise howsoever, or cause such Letters Patent or any Part thereof to become void or voidable, or to be otherwise prejudicially affected, any Provision whatsoever in the same respective Letters Patent to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

After Assignments Patent's Right may be exercised by the Company.

IX. And be it enacted, That after such Sale, Disposition, or Assurance of any such Letters Patent or Part thereof, the Letters Patent or Part respectively so sold, disposed of, or assured shall be vested in the Company, and may be exercised and enjoyed by the Company and their Assigns without causing any Cesser, Determination or Forfeiture thereof; and all such Letters Patent which or whereof any Part shall be so sold, disposed of, or assured shall thenceforth be construed, take effect, be had, and be enjoyed to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if there had never been any Provision against or restrictive of selling, disposing of, or assuring the same to or in trust for, or vesting the same for or in trust for, more than Twelve Persons, or otherwise howsoever.

Power for Company to grant Licences.

X. And be it enacted, That after any such Sale, Disposition, or Assurance of any such Letters Patent unto or in trust for the Company, the Company may from Time to Time, by any Writing under the Seal of the Company, and the Hands of any Two of the Directors, grant any Licence to any Person to make, use, exercise, or vend the Inventions comprised in such Letters Patent or any of them, or any Part thereof, either generally or subject to such Payments, Conditions, Limitations, or Restrictions as to the Company shall seem fit.

Licences may be granted to the Company without causing Forfeiture.

XI. And be it enacted, That any such Patentee, Grantee, and other Person respectively may, to the Extent of his Share or Interest in or under any such Letters Patent, grant or join in granting unto or in trust for the Company any Licence or Authority to make, use, exercise, and vend the Invention to which such respective Letters Patent shall relate, or any Part thereof; and such Grant, or any Number, although exceeding Twelve, of like Grants, shall not render such Letters Patent, or the Privileges they respectively conferred, or any of them, void or voidable, or otherwise prejudicially affect the same, any Provision whatsoever in the same respective Letters Patent to the contrary thereof contained in anywise howsoever notwithstanding.

Disclaimers may be made under the Seal of the Company.

XII. And be it enacted, That in case the Company shall at any Time in pursuance of the Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late

late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Law touching Letters Patent for Inventions*, or of any other Act of Parliament, obtain the Leave of Her Majesty's Attorney General or Solicitor General to enter with the Clerk of the Patents any Disclaimer of any Part of the Title of the Invention comprised in any Letters Patent or Patent Privilege of or belonging to the Company, or of any Part of the Specification of any such Invention, or to enter with such Clerk a Memorandum of any such Alteration in any such Title or Specification, then and in every such Case such Disclaimer or Memorandum may be made under the Seal of the Company, and when so made shall or may in pursuance of such Leave be entered, filed, and enrolled according to the Provisions of such Act, and no Acknowledgment of any such Disclaimer or Memorandum shall be necessary previous to the Enrolment thereof. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 83.

Act not to prejudice Rights of Parties under a certain Award.

XIII. And whereas by an Award bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight under the Hands of Sir *John Jervis* Knight, Sir *Frederick Thesiger* Knight, and *Matthew Davenport Hill* Esquire, made pursuant to an Agreement of Reference between *Edmund Morewood* and *George Rogers*, Owners of certain Patents relating to the coating of Metals, of the one Part, and *John James Siordet*, *John Charles Louis Meyer*, *Robert Louis Siordet*, *Henry Patteson*, *William Malins*, *George Rawlinson*, and *Charles Rawlinson*, Owners of or interested in the said Letters Patent granted to the said *Henry William Craufurd*, of the other Part, the said Arbitrators decided and directed that certain Matters and Things should be done and observed by the said Parties in difference for determining divers legal Proceedings relating to their several Inventions; and the said Arbitrators also further decided and directed that certain Rights relating to the said Inventions should be preserved to the said Parties respectively without Hindrance from the others of them, and for the said Parties using and enjoying their own Inventions respectively without Hindrance or Molestation directly or indirectly from the others of them; be it therefore enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice the said Award or the Rights of the Parties respectively thereunder, but the same and the Directions thereby given shall be binding on and observed by the said incorporated Company, in case such Company shall become Owners of or interested in the said Letters Patent granted to the said *Henry William Craufurd*, in the same Manner and to the same Extent to all Intents and Purposes as such Award and the Directions thereof are now or will be binding on and ought to be observed by the Parties to the said Agreement of Reference, Owners of or interested in such last-mentioned Letters Patent as aforesaid.

Expenses of Act.

XIV. And be it enacted, That all Expenses of preparing and passing this Act shall be paid out of the first Monies which shall come to the Hands of the Company or the Directors.

Public Act.

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

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