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RATHBURNE & BURGESS' PATENT.

JAMES, by the grace of God Kinge of Englande, Scotland, Fraunce, and  
Irelande, Defendor of the Faith, &c., to all justices of peace, mayors,  
sherriffe, bailiffes, constables, and all officers, ministers, and subiectes of vs,  
our heires and successors, to whome it shall or maie appertaine, and to everie  
5 of them, greetinge.

WHEREAS wee are informed that amongste forraine nations there are  
faire, curious, and artificiall descripçons, plottē, and mappes made and sett  
forth of their principall citties and townes of greatest noat, which beinge exactlie  
drawne out in mettall and printed of, are dispersed and sent abroad into all  
10 partes, to the greate honor and renoune of those princes in whose domynions  
they are, and that of our cittie of London, being the chiefe and principall in  
this our kingdome of England, there hath never been made or taken any true  
or pfecte descripçon, but false and meane draughtē cutt out in wood, and soe  
dispersed abroade, to the greate disparagement and disgrace of soe famous and  
15 wortheie a state : And whereas our lovinge subiecte, Aron Rathborne, Gentle-  
man, practiçoner in the mathematiques, hath a greate desire to take a pfecte  
survaie as well of the said cittie of London as of divers others places within  
this our kingdome of England hereafter mençoned, and to make suche exacte  
plottē, mappes, and descripçons thereof as hath not been hitherto pformed by  
20 anie, and hath humblie besought vs that wee woulde bee graciouslie pleased to  
graunte vnto him our Royall lycence and priviledge, (the wante whereof, as

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wee are informed, hath been the cause that hitherto soe curious and lawdable a worke hath been neglected), as well for the sole makinge and settinge forth of such mappes and plott<sup>e</sup> as of suche descripc̃ons and book<sup>e</sup> as hee shall devise or sett forth in waie of relaçon, of anie the places hereafter mençoned within this our realme and other our domynions, for some reasonable tyme, to the 5 end hee maie reape the frutes of his travell, charges, and expences, to bee susteyned in and about the p̃misses.

**KNOW YEE**, that we, graciously affectinge and approvinge the com̃endable indeavors of the said Aron, and for his better incouragement therein, that hee maie receive in recompence thereof the profitt of his labors, as reason 10 requireth, of our especiall grace, c̃taine knowledge, and meere moçon, and at the humble requeste of the said Aron Rathburne, haue given and graunted, and by theis p̃sentes, for vs, our heires and successors, doe giue and graunte vnto the saide Aron Rathburne and vnto our welbeloved subiect Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, and assignes, and theire or anie of their 15 deputies or assignes havinge authoritie from them in that behalfe, that they onelie, and none others, shall and may, from tyme to tyme and at all tymes for and duringe the terme of twenty and one yeares nexte ensuinge the date hereof, within this our realme of Englande, or anie other our domynions, and everie or anie of them, at theire or anie of their will and pleasure, make, 20 describe, carve, and grave, or cause to bee made, described, carved, and graven, in copper, brasse, or other mettall, all suche and soe manie mappes, plott<sup>e</sup>, or descripc̃ons of the foresaid citie of London, and of the city of Westminster, and the suburbs and adiacent part<sup>e</sup> of them or either of them, and of our citties of Yorke, Bristoll, Norwich, Canterburie, 25 Bathe, the twee vniversities, Oxford and Cambridge, and the towne and castle of Windsore, together with the suburbs and adioyninge places to them, or anie of them, as they or anie of them shall think most meete and coveniente, and the same soe made, described, carved, and graven as afore-saide, to imprinte and sett forth in paper, parchmente, cloth, or other materialls, 30 and likewise to imprinte or cause to bee imprinted and sett forth all and all manner of descripc̃ons and bookes which they or anie of them shall devise, make, or sett forth, for the better manifestinge of or describinge the saide citties and townes, or anie of them, or for better vnderstanding of the said mappes, plott<sup>e</sup>, or descripc̃ons; and likewise to erecte and sett vpp, in anie 35 place or places within our said realmes or domynions, any engines or devises, and to vse any tooles or instrument<sup>e</sup> necessarie for the makinge, gravinge, carvinge, imprintinge, or settinge forth of the saide mappes, plott<sup>e</sup>, descripc̃ons, and bookes, or anie of them, and the same soe made and p̃fected, as well to

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utter and putt to sale within theis our domynions as to transporte out of this  
 our realme or anie other our domynions into anie the part℄ beyond the seas,  
 or otherwise to dispose of the same at theire or anie of theire free will and  
 pleasure, and to theire most benefitt and profitt duringe the said terme of twenty  
 5 and one yeares, without the lett, hinderance, or interrupcion of vs, our heires  
 or successors, or anie the officers or ministers of vs, our heires or successors,  
 or anie other pson or psons whatsoever. Wherefore our will and pleasure is,  
 and wee doe by theis p<sup>s</sup>entes, for vs, our heires and successors, straightlie  
 charge, p<sup>r</sup>hibite, and forbidd all and singuler bodies politique and corporate,  
 10 and all and everie pson and psons, as well our naturall borne subiectes as  
 aliens, denizens, and straungers whatsoever, other then the said Aron Rath-  
 borne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies, and  
 assignes, and suche as shall by them, or some of them, bee sett on worke,  
 lycenced, or authorized, that they, or anie of them, doe not p<sup>r</sup>sume, attempte,  
 15 or take in hande, duringe the said terme of twentie and one yeares, to make,  
 grave, carve, describe, imprinte, sett forthe, or counterfeit or sell, utter or  
 dispose of, within this our realme, or anie other of our domynions, or exporte  
 out of the same the saide mappes, plott℄, descripcion, or bookes, or anie of  
 them, whereof the sole priviledge is hereby graunted to the said Aron  
 20 Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies, and  
 assignes, nor shall importe or bringe, or cause to bee imported or broughte  
 into this our realme of England, or anie other of our domynions, or anie parte  
 of anie of them, anie other the like mappes, plottes, descripcion, or bookes, or  
 anie of them, duringe the said terme of twenty and one yeares, other then  
 25 suche as shal bee made, graven, printed, p<sup>r</sup>fected, and sett forth by the saide  
 Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, theire executors, administrators, deputies,  
 or assignes, or some of them; nor shall make, erecte, sett vpp, or frame anie  
 engines or devises, or counterfeicte or vse anie tooles or instrument℄ for the  
 makinge, gravinge, carvinge, or imprintinge thereof, vpon paine of forfeiture  
 30 of all suche mappes, plott℄, descripcion, and bookes soe to bee counter-  
 feicted, made, graven, carved, imprinted, sould, vttered, imported, or  
 exported contrarie to the true meaninge of theis p<sup>s</sup>entes, and vpon paine  
 of forfeiture of all such engines, instrument℄, tooles, and devises to  
 bee framed, sett vpp, vsed, or exercised, contrarie to our meaninge herein  
 35 expressed; and further vpon paine of our heavy indignacion and dis-  
 pleasure, and of suche paines, penalties, and imprisonment℄, as by the  
 lawes or statutes of this realme can or maie bee inflicted vpon the  
 offenders for their contempt or disobedience in breakinge and contemninge  
 our comaundement and prerogative royall; and for the better execucon

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of this our graunte, priuiledge, and lycence, wee doe by theis p̄sent℄, for vs, our heirs and successors, give and graunt full and free lycence, power, and authoritie vnto the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, and assignes, that they, the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, and assignes, by them- 5 selues, or anie of them, or their or anie of their deputies, factors, servant℄, or assignes, shall and maie at all tymes, and from tyme to tyme duringe the said terme, with the assistance of a constable or other officer, at convenient tymes and in convenient and lawfull manner, goe on boarde anie shippe or other vessell, or enter into anie place or places where they or anie of them 10 shall thinke good, within this our realme or anie other of our domynions, as well within liberties as without, and there by all lawfull waies and meanes to enquire and searche for all suche plott℄, mappes, descripc̄ons, and bookes, and for suche frames, engines, devises, tooles, and instrument℄, as by anie body or bodies pollitique or corporate, or anie other p̄son or p̄sons other then 15 the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, deputies, factors, servant℄, or assignes, shall, within the said terme of twentie and one yeares by theis p̄sentes graunted, bee made, graven, carved, imprinted, described, sett forth, vttered, sould, imported, exported, framed, erected, sett vpp or vsed contrarie to the tenor and true meaninge of theis our L̄res Patent℄; and 20 also in due manner to seize, take, and carrie awaie all and everie suche mappes, plott℄, descripc̄ons, bookes, engines, tooles, and instrument℄, which they or anie of them shall finde to bee made, carved, graven, imprinted, described, sett forth, vttered, sould, imported, exported, framed, erected, sett vpp, made, counterfeited, or vsed contrarie to the true meaninge hereof, the one moity 25 thereof to bee to the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, and assignes, and the other moitye to be reserved to vs, our heires and successors, to haue and to hould the said lycences, powers, priuiledges, and authorities aforesaid, vnto the said Aron Rathburne and Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, deputies, and assignes, for and 30 duringe the terme of twentie and one yeares from the daie of the date hereof nexte and imediatlie followinge, and fullie to bee compleate and ended; provided alwaies, and our will and pleasure is, that theis p̄sent℄, or anie thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend to the p̄iudice of anie p̄son or p̄sons, bodies pollitique or corporate, for or conc̄ninge anie matter or thinge which they or 35 anie of them, by force of any other L̄res Patent℄, graunte or grauntes, by vs or anie of our noble progenitors or predecessors, kinges or queenes of this realme, graunted, or by anie iuste or lawfull righte ought to haue or enioy. And lastlie, wee doe hereby for vs, our heires and successors, will and

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coñmaunde all justices of peace, maiors, sherriffes, bailiffes, constables, and all other the officers, ministers, and subiects of vs, our heires and successors, to whome it shall or maie appertaine that they and everie of them bee from tyme to tyme aidinge, helpinge, and assistinge to the saide Aron Rathburne  
 5 and Roger Burges, their executors, administrators, assignes, deputies, and servant℄, in the execuçon of theis our Lřes Patent℄, accordinge to the purporte, tenor, and true meaning of the same, as they tender our indignaçon and displeasure, and will avoid the same at their vttermoste perills, although expresse mençon, &c.

10 In witnes whereof, &c. Witnes ourselfe at Westm̃, the Eleaventh daie of March.

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