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## Cap. 125.

An Act for enabling *Matthias Koops* Gentleman, to assign the Benefit of an Invention of making Paper from Straw and other Substances, to a greater Number of Persons than is at present limited by the Letters Patent granted to the said *Matthias Koops*. [27th June 1801.]

**W**HEREAS His Majesty King *George* the Third, by his Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, dated the Seventeenth Day of *February* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and one, and in the Forty-first Year of His Reign: And also by other Letters Patent, under the Seal appointed to be used in lieu of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, dated the Eighteenth Day of *May* in the Year aforesaid, did give and grant unto *Matthias Koops*, of *James Street*, in the Parish of *Saint Margarets, Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for the Term of Fourteen Years, the sole Benefit and Advantage of making and manufacturing Paper from Straw, Hay, Thistles, waste and refuse of Hemp and Flax, and different Kinds of Wood and Bark, fit for Printing, and other useful Purposes, within that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* called *England, Wales*, and Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, and also within *Scotland*; but in which said Letters Patent, respectively is contained a Proviso, That if the said *Matthias Koops*, his Executors or Administrators, or any Person or Persons which should or might, at any Time or

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Times thereafter, during the Continuance of the said Grant, have or claim any Right, Title, or Interest in Law or Equity, of, in, or to the Power, Privilege, and Authority of the sole Use and Benefit of the said Invention thereby granted, should make any Transfer or Assignment, or any pretended Transfer or Assignment, of the said Liberty or Privilege, or any Share or Shares of the Benefit or Profit thereof, or should declare any Trust thereof, to or for any Number of Persons exceeding the Number of Five, or should open, or cause to be opened, any Book or Books for Publick Subscriptions, to be made by any Number of Persons, exceeding the Number of Five, in order to the raising any Sum or Sums of Money, under Pretence of carrying on the said Liberty or Privilege thereby granted, or should by him or themselves, or his or their Agents or Servants, receive any Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever, of any Number of Persons, exceeding in the Whole the Number of Five, for such or the like Intents or Purposes, or should presume to act as a Corporate Body, or should divide the Benefit of the said Letters Patent, or the Liberties and Privileges thereby granted, into any Number of Shares, exceeding the Number of Five, or should commit, or do, or procure to be committed or done any Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, during such Time as such Person or Persons should have any Right or Title, either in Law or Equity, in or to the said Premises, which would be contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of a certain Act of Parliament, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled, *An Act for the better securing certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by His Majesty by Two Charters for Assurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry, and for restraining several extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein-mentioned*, or in case the said Power, Privilege, or Authority should at any Time thereafter become vested in Trust for more than the Number of Five Persons, or their Representatives at any one Time, (reckoning Executors and Administrators as and for the single Person whom they represent, as to such Interest as they were or should be entitled to in Right of such their Testator or Intestate) that then and in any of the said Cases the said Letters Patent, and all Liberties and Advantages whatsoever thereby granted, should utterly cease, determine, and become void: And whereas, in order to carry on a Manufacture of Paper from the Substances before mentioned with greater Effect, and to make the same more beneficial to the said *Matthias Koops* and the Publick, it will be necessary that Buildings to a large Extent should be erected, with a Steam Engine and other requisite Machinery; and for that Purpose, and for the establishing and carrying on the said Manufacture, a very large Sum of Money will be required, and it is therefore expedient that a greater Number of Persons should be allowed to be interested in the said respective Letters Patent, than is permitted by the said recited Proviso; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King'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 and may be lawful to and for the said *Matthias Koops*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, or any or either of them, to transfer or assign the said recited Letters Patent respectively or either of them, or any Part or Share, Parts or Shares thereof, or any Benefit or Advantage to arise therefrom, to any Number of Persons, not exceeding Sixty, or declare any Trust or Trusts thereof respectively for any such Number of Persons, or receive

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receive Subscriptions from any such Number of Persons, or permit any such Number of Persons to be interested in the said Letters Patent respectively, or any Benefit or Advantage to be derived from the same, or the said Invention or Discovery, and to make, use, and exercise the same, and vend the Produce thereof in such and the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as the said *Matthias Koops*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns would have been entitled, under the said respective Letters Patent to do, in Case the said herein-before recited Proviso or Condition had not been inserted in the said Letters Patent respectively; and that the said Letters Patent respectively shall henceforth be construed and considered in such or the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said recited Proviso or Condition therein respectively contained had been wholly omitted, and left out of the said respective Letters Patent: Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to confirm or give greater Force or Validity to the said Letters Patent than they legally possessed before the passing hereof.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a publick Act, and judicially taken Notice of as such, without specially pleading the same. Publick Act.

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