



CHAPTER clxxxv.

An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to Herbert John Haddan for Improvements in Electric Lamps. A.D. 1883.
[20th August 1883.]

WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date the twenty-sixth day of April in the forty-third year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria Her Majesty did give and grant unto Herbert John Haddan of No. 67 Strand in the City of Westminster civil engineer his executors administrators and assigns Her special license full power sole privilege and authority that he the said Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators and assigns and every of them by himself and themselves or by his or their deputy or deputies servants or agents or such others as he the said Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators or assigns should at any time agree with and no others from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term of fourteen years from the date of the said Letters Patent should and might lawfully make use exercise and vend within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the Channel Islands and Isle of Man an invention therein mentioned for improvements in electric lamps for the purpose in which Letters Patent is contained a proviso making void the said Letters Patent if the said Herbert John Haddan his executors and administrators should not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed by an instrument in writing under his or their or one of their hands and seals and cause the same to be filed in the Great Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said recited Letters Patent and also if the said Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators or assigns should not pay the stamp duty of fifty pounds and produce the said recited Letters Patent stamped with a proper stamp to that amount at the office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions before the expiration of

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And whereas a specification was duly filed by the said Herbert John Haddan in the Great Seal Patent Office within the time limited by the said Letters Patent whereby the said Herbert John Haddan did particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention and in what manner the same was to be performed :

And whereas by divers mesne assignments and ultimately by an indenture dated the thirty-first day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two and made between the Compagnie Générale Belge de Lumière Electrique of the first part the London Contract Company Limited of the second part the London Agency Limited of the third part and the Electric "Sun" Lamp and Power Company Limited of the fourth part for the consideration therein mentioned the said Letters Patent were assigned unto the said Electric "Sun" Lamp and Power Company Limited (herein-after called "the Company") their successors and assigns as and for their own absolute property as therein provided subject to the payment of such stamp duty as should thereafter become payable in respect thereof and such assignment has been duly registered at the office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions :

And whereas the said prolongation duty of fifty pounds was due on the said twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three but was inadvertently omitted to be paid the secretary of the Company being under the impression that the said payment was not then due :

And whereas the Company have raised considerable capital and have been and are engaged in electric lighting in various parts of the United Kingdom on the principles of the invention for which the said Letters Patent were granted but the Company will lose all benefit from the said Letters Patent by reason of the accidental inadvertence before mentioned if the same be not confirmed :

And whereas the Company on discovering that the prolongation duty had not been paid without loss of time gave the requisite instructions for an application to Parliament for power to pay the said stamp duty and to render valid the said Letters Patent and they humbly trust that as the present difficulty and threatened loss arises from accidental inadvertence and not from a wilful disobedience to the law of the United Kingdom of Great Britain that they may have the relief now humbly asked for.:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Letters Patent should be rendered valid in manner herein-after mentioned but the purposes aforesaid 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 as follows :

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1. Within one month after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Company their successors or assigns to pay the said stamp duty of fifty pounds and for the said Letters Patent (a true copy of which is set forth in the schedule to this Act) or a duplicate thereof to be stamped with a proper stamp showing the payment of the said stamp duty and to be produced at the office of the said Commissioners of Patents and for the said Commissioners of Patents or their clerk to stamp the said Letters Patent or a duplicate thereof specifying the date of such production and to endorse on the said Letters Patent or duplicate thereof a certificate of the production of the same duly stamped and to endorse a like certificate upon the warrant for such Letters Patent filed in the said office.

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2. The said Letters Patent so stamped as aforesaid shall be considered deemed and taken to be and to have been as good valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if the said stamp duty of fifty pounds had been paid and the said Letters Patent stamped with a proper stamp duty to that amount and had been produced by the said Herbert John Haddan or the Company at the office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions before the expiration of three years from the date of the said Letters Patent as in the said Letters Patent provided.

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3. Provided always that no action shall be commenced or prosecuted nor any damage recovered for or in respect of any infringements of the said Letters Patent which shall have taken place after the expiration of the said three years from the date of the said Letters Patent and before the payment of the said fifty pounds and the stamping of the said Letters Patent in pursuance of this Act.

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4. This Act may be cited as Haddan's Patent Act 1883.

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SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

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 Herbert John Haddan of the firm of Herbert John Haddan and Company Solicitors of Patents of 67 Strand in the City of Westminster Civil Engineer hath by his petition humbly represented unto Us that he is in possession of an invention for improvements in electric lamps which the petitioner believes will be of great public utility that the said invention has been communicated to him from abroad by Antoine Bureau of Gand in the Kingdom of Belgium 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 graciously pleased to grant unto him his executors administrators and assigns Our Royal Letters Patent for the sole use benefit and advantage of his said invention within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the Channel Islands and Isle of Man for the term of fourteen years pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided 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 Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators and assigns Our especial license full power sole privilege and authority that he the said Herbert John Haddan 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 Herbert John Haddan 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 the said invention within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the Channel Islands and Isle of Man in such manner as to him the said Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators and assigns or any of them shall in his or their discretion seem meet And that he the said Herbert John Haddan 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 Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators and assigns for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years from the day of the date of these presents next and immediately ensuing according to the

statute in such case made and provided And to the end that he the said Herbert John Haddan 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-after 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 other Our subjects whatsoever of what estate quality degree name or condition soever they be within our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the Channel Islands and Isle of Man 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 Herbert John Haddan 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 devisor or devisors thereof without the consent license or agreement of the said Herbert John Haddan 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 or may be justly inflicted on such offenders for their contempt of this Our Royal command And further to be answerable to the said Herbert John Haddan 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 mayors sheriffs bailiffs constables headboroughs 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 Herbert John Haddan 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 any six or more of Our or their Privy Council 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 within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the Channel Islands and Isle of Man or that the same was not first introduced therein by the said Herbert John Haddan 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 Herbert John Haddan 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 within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the Channel Islands or Isle of Man 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 Herbert

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John Haddan 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 Herbert John Haddan his executors or administrators shall not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed by an instrument in writing under his or their or one of their hands and seals and cause the same to be filed in the Great Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of these our Letters Patent And also if the said Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators or assigns shall not pay the stamp duty of fifty pounds and produce these Our Letters Patent stamped with a proper stamp to that amount at the office of Our Commissioners of Patents for Inventions before the expiration of three years from the date of these Our Letters Patent pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the sixteenth year of Our reign chapter five And also if the said Herbert John Haddan his executors administrators or assigns shall not pay the stamp duty of one hundred pounds and produce these Our Letters Patent stamped with a proper stamp to that amount at the said office of Our said Commissioners before the expiration of seven years from the date of these Our Letters Patent pursuant also to the said Act And also if the said Herbert John Haddan 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 and 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 hereinbefore 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 Herbert John Haddan 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 Herbert John Haddan 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 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the Channel Islands and Isle of Man 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 this

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twenty-sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty in the forty-
third year of Our reign and to be sealed as of the said twenty-sixth day of
April one thousand eight hundred and eighty. A.D. 1883.

By warrant.

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