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July 31, 1790



The United States.

To all to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting.

Whereas Samuel Hopkins of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania hath discovered an Improvement, not known or used before, such Discovery, in the making of Pot ash and Pearl ash by a new Apparatus and Process; that is to say, in the making of Pearl ash 1st by burning the raw Ashes in a Furnace, 2^d by digesting and boiling them when so burnt in Water, 3^d by drawing off and settling the ley, and 4th by boiling the ley into salts which then are the true Pearl ash; and also in the making of Pot ash by placing the Pearl ash so made as aforesaid, which Operation of burning the raw Ashes in a Furnace, preparatory to their Digestion and boiling in Water, is new, leaves little Residuum; and produces a much greater Quantity of Salt: These are therefore in pursuance of the Act, entitled "An Act to promote the Progress of useful Arts," to grant to the said Samuel Hopkins, his Heirs, Administrators and Assigns, for the Term of fourteen Years, the sole and exclusive Right and Privilege of using, and vending to others the said Discovery, of burning the raw Ashes pursuant to their being digested and boiled in Water, according to the true spirit and meaning of the Act aforesaid. In Testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made public, and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my Hand at the City of New York this thirty first Day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety.

Samuel Hopkins

City of New York July 31st 1790.

So hereby testify that the foregoing Letters patent were delivered to me in pursuance of the Act, entitled "An Act to promote the Progress of useful Arts;" that I have examined the same, and find them conformable to the said Act.

Edm: Randolph Attorney General for the United States.