

Liber R. G. in a Day and thereby prayed, That an exclusive right Priviledge  
 1770 and Benefit of making such a Machine or of Permitting the same  
 to be made should be secured to him his Executors Administrators  
 and Assigns

And Whereas viewing the Model of the said Machine it is thought  
 that a Machine constructed thereon would answer the Purpose men-  
 tioned in the said Petition and be of great Utility to this Province and  
 it appearing reasonable to this General Assembly that the said John  
 Clayton should reap for a Stated time some Advantage from his  
 said Invention

Be it Therefore Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Pro-  
 prietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships  
 Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the  
 Authority of the same that the sole and Exclusive right Privilege  
 and benefit of making Vending and selling within this Province  
 Threshing Machines Similar to the Model exhibited by the said  
 John Clayton to the View of this Assembly or Constructed on the  
 General Principles thereof shall be and is hereby vested in the said  
 John Clayton his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and  
 during the space of Ten Years from the end of this Session of  
 Assembly—

And be it further Enacted that if any Person shall at any time  
 during the said Term of Ten Years as aforesaid make Construct  
 vend or Sell within this Province any such Machine for thresh-  
 ing of Wheat without a License in writing first had and Obtained  
 from the said John Clayton his Executors Administrators or Assigns  
 for that Purpose or shall purchase or use any such Machine as  
 aforesaid within the time aforesaid Made by any person other than  
 the said John Clayton his Executors Administrators or Assigns or  
 of some person Licensed by him or them for that Purpose every  
 Person so making Constructing Vending or Selling Purchasing or  
 using such Machine shall forfeit and pay to the said John Clayton  
 his Executors Administrators or Assigns the sum of Fifty Shillings  
 Current Money to be Recovered by Warrant before one Justice of  
 the Peace with Costs of Suit

p. 55 Provided that the said John Clayton his Executors Administrators  
 or Assigns shall not recover or Recieve more than one Penalty for  
 the making constructing vending or selling Purchasing or using  
 any one Machine

By the Lower House of  
 Assembly October 18<sup>th</sup>  
 1770 Read and Assented  
 [to]  
 Signed by Order  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

On behalf of the right  
 Honourable the Lord  
 Proprietary of this Prov-  
 ince I will this be a Law  
 Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden

By the Upper House of  
 Assembly 18<sup>th</sup> October  
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 Signed by Order  
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