

23 May 1791

No. (366) Three hundred and Sixty Six

KNOW all Men by these Presents, that in pursuance of a Patent under the Hand of George Washington, President, and the Great Seal of the United States of North America, bearing Date the thirty first Day of July, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety, whereby was granted to Samuel Hopkins of the City of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, for the Term of fourteen Years, the sole and exclusive right and liberty of using and venting to others a certain improvement, by him invented and discovered, in the making of Pot and Pearl Ash, by burning the raw Ashes in a Furnace, previous to their being dissolved and boiled in Water, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to promote the Progress of useful Arts."

The said Samuel Hopkins, by William Shatwell his Attorney lawfully constituted, for a valuable Consideration to him paid or secured, hath licensed and authorised, and doth hereby license and authorise

of the Town

of _____ in the County of _____
and State or Commonwealth of _____ to erect, set
up and establish on the Farm or Lot of Land at present in possession of _____
lying in the Town

of _____ and County of _____
in the State or Commonwealth of _____ one single
Furnace or Oven, for the purpose of burning raw Ashes, in Order to
procure therefrom Pot or Pearl Ash, upon the Principles invented and
discovered by the said Samuel Hopkins, the same being defined and
described in the said Patent, and in the Specification filed in the Office of the
Secretary of State for the United States of North America, and to main-
tain, support and work the said Furnace or Oven, for the purpose aforesaid,
for the Term of seven and an half Years, from the first Day of the ninth
Month September, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Ninety One, and thence next ensuing, and fully to be
complete

complete and ended, and no longer, nor at any other Place than is herein above described: provided always nevertheless, that if within the said Term of seven and an half Years, from the first Day of the ninth Month September, 1791, aforesaid, the said Furnace or Oven, shall be destroyed by fire or other casualty, or pulled down by the said

his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, and he or they shall be desirous to erect and establish another Furnace or Oven for the purpose of burning raw Ashes in manner aforesaid, and if he or they shall surrender and deliver up, this present Licence, to the said Samuel Hopkins, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, then and in such case the said

his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, shall be entitled, to have and receive from the said Samuel Hopkins, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, another Licence, of the same Tenor with these presents, for erecting another Furnace or Oven, for the purpose aforesaid, at such other place to be described and ascertained, in the said new Licence, and to maintain, support and work the same, during all the residue of the said Term, first above mentioned, which shall at the time of granting the said new Licence be unexpired, and no longer, paying for such new Licence the sum of fifty Cents and no more. Provided always, and with this express condition, that each and every Barrel, Cask or Package of Pot or Pearl Ash, made out of Ashes burnt as aforesaid in the Furnace or Oven hereby permitted to be erected, shall before it is removed from the said Furnace, be branded on one Head in legible Characters, with the number of this present Licence, and the initial or first Letter of the said
first Name
and his Surname at full length, and also that each Cask or Package shall be numbered on the bilge or side with a marking Iron, or in some other manner that will be legible when at Market, beginning with No. 1, with Pot or Pearl, and so continuing in the excess of one, making the second Barrel or other Package of Pot or of Pearl No. 2, and the third of either No. 3, and so on in regular Progression, Provided also, and these Presents are upon this further Condition, that the said

shall

shall not Mark, or suffer to be Marked with his Consent, any Casks or Packages of Pot or Pearl Ash in the Manner aforesaid, except such as shall be made, upon the Principles, contained in the said Specification; and that the said

shall fix and maintain upon some conspicuous and proper part of the Building, to be by him erected or used for the Purpose of making Pot and Pearl Ashes, or either, upon the Principles and according to the Method aforesaid, a Board whereupon shall be painted, in large and legible Characters, the Number of this Licence and the Words following, to wit. Pot and Pearl ASH WORKS, licenced by Samuel Hopkins.

In Witness whereof to these Presents the said Samuel Hopkins
(by his said Attorney) hath set his Hand and Seal,
the *Twenty Third* — Day of the *Fifth* Month
in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred
and *Ninety One* — At the City of New York,

Signed, sealed and delivered }
in presence of Us }

Don Stanbury

Richard Woodhull

Samuel Hopkins

His Attorney

William Shotwell