

be necessary for the benefit
promises in our letters patent under
our great seal the sixth day of December

Richard Arkwright
Invention

George the Third by the Grace of
God etc All to whom these presents

(12) shall come greeting wherunto Richard Arkwright
of Cromford in our County of Derby hath by his
petition humbly represented unto us that the said
petitioner much study application and expence hath
invented and brought to perfection certain Instru-
ments or Machines which he conceives will be of
publick Utility in preparing silk Cotton flax and
Wool for spinning That the said Instruments or
Machines are constructed on easy and simple
principles very different from any that have or
yet been contrived That in regard the petitioner
is the first and sole Inventor thereof and that the
same has never been Practised by any other person
or persons whomsoever to the best of his knowledge
and belief he hath humbly prayed us that we
would be graciously pleased to grant unto him
his Desires as more at large our Royal
letters patent under our Great Seal of Great
Britain for the sole Use benefit and Advantage

of this said Invention within that part of our
Kingdom of Great Britain called England our
Dominion of Wales and Town of Berwick upon
Tweed and also in our Colonies and Plantations
abroad for the Term of fourteen years according
to the Statute in that behalf made and provided
And we being willing to give Encouragement to
all Arts and Inventions that may be for the public
Good are graciously pleased to understand to this
Request and now we therefore that we of our
special Grace certain knowledge and meritorious
have given and granted and by these presents for
us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto
the said Richard Arkwright his Executors and
Assigns our especial licence full power sole privilege
and Authority that he the said Richard Arkwright
his Executors and Assigns and every of them
by himself and themselves or by his and their Deputies
or Deputies Servants or Agents or such Officers as he
the said Richard Arkwright his Executors or
Assigns shall at any time agree with and no Officers
from time to time and at all times hereafter during
the Term of years therein expressed shall and
lawfully may make Use Exercise and vend this said
Invention within that part of our Kingdom of
Great Britain called England our Dominion of Wales
and Town of Berwick upon Tweed and also in our
Colonies and Plantations abroad in such manner as
to him the said Richard Arkwright his Executors
and Assigns or any of them shall in their Directions
decree and that the said Richard Arkwright
his Executors and Assigns shall and lawfully
may have and enjoy the whole Profit benefit Commo-
dity and Advantage from time to time coming growing
arising and arising by reason of the said Invention
for and during the Term of years therein mentioned
to have hold Exercise and enjoy the said Licence
privileges and Advantages therein before granted
or mentioned to be granted unto the said Richard
Arkwright his Executors and Assigns for and
unto the full Use and Term of fourteen
years and presents next and

