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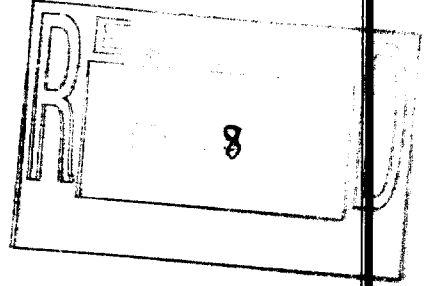
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and executed therefor an Application for Letters Patent of the United States and

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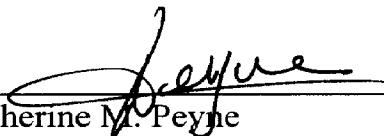
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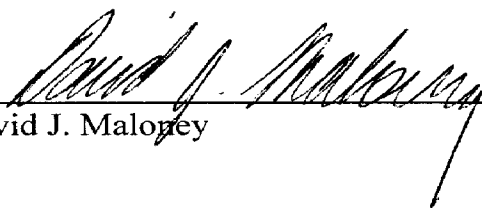
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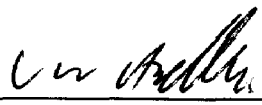
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