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Whereas, we

(1) Cary Lee Bates, City of Rochester,  
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have invented certain improvements in

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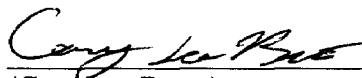
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