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and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
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Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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