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OF

ROBERT JOHNSTON.

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JOHNSTON'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, ROBERT JOHNSTON, of Greak Street, in the Parish of Saint Ann's, Soho, in the County of Middlesex, Chymist and Apothecary, send greeting.

WHEREAS His most Excellent Majesty King George the Third did, by
5 His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Thirtieth day of March, in the thirty-eighth year of His reign, give and grant unto me, the said Robert Johnston, His especial licence that I, the said Robert Johnston, during the term of years therein mentioned, should and lawfully might use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and
10 the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, my Invention of "**A MEDICINE WHICH I CALL IMPROVED ESSENCE OF MUSTARD;**" in which said Letters Patent there is contained a proviso, obliging me, the said Robert Johnston, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be prepared, to be inrolled
15 in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within one calendar month after the date of the said recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Robert Johnston, do hereby declare that my said Invention is described in
20 manner following (that is to say) :—

Take the whole plant and root of the white and brown mustard, and the white and brown mustard seed, any quantity, and with a sufficient quantity of water distil therefrom the essential oil; put this essential oil, with an equal

Johnston's Improved Essence of Mustard.

quantity of essential oil of juniper, and the purest alkohol, into a retort, and with as gentle a heat as possible draw it over, and keep it very closely stopped; digest cloves in fresh quantities of pure alkohol so long as they afford any flavour, filter it, put it into a cucurbit, and distil off the spirit till it begins to thicken; to this residuum add a proper quantity of distill'd water, and it will 5 præcipitate; divide this præcipitate into flat cakes, and dry it with a gentle heat; digest gum guaiacum in the purest alkohol, filter it, distill off a part of the spirit till it begins to thicken, præcipitate with water, and dry it in the same manner. Take of the above preparation of cloves, ℔ i. 3 3; the preparation of guaiacum, ℔ 2 3 7; balsam of pern, ℔ i. 3 5; balsam of tolu, ℔ i. 3 9; intimately 10 mix the whole together, and stiffen it so as to form a hard mass with Russia castor powder'd, with which castor three drams of the above essence of mustard is to be mixed to each pound of this mass; six drams of genuine kermes mineral is to be added, and then formed into pills. Take brown mustard seed, ℔ 36, pour thereon 40 gallons of essential oil of turpentine boiling hot, let it stand till cold, and 15 then put it all into the still with a sufficient quantity of water and draw 39 gallons; to this add ℔ 2 animal oil or oil of hartshorn (rectified by repeated distillations in retort till divested both of colour and smell), ℔ 50 camphor, ℔ 4 essential oil of rosemary, 3 4 essential oil of cloves, ℔ 1 English oil of lavender, and six drams of the above essence of mustard. 20

In witness whereof, I, the said Robert Johnston, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

ROB^T. JOHNSTON. (L.S.)

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the same Twenty-seventh day of 25 April, in the year above mentioned, the aforesaid Robert Johnston came before our Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained, in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stamped according to the tenor of the Statute in that case made and provided. 30

Inrolled the Twenty-eighth day of April, in the year above written.

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