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GRAVEL, &c.  
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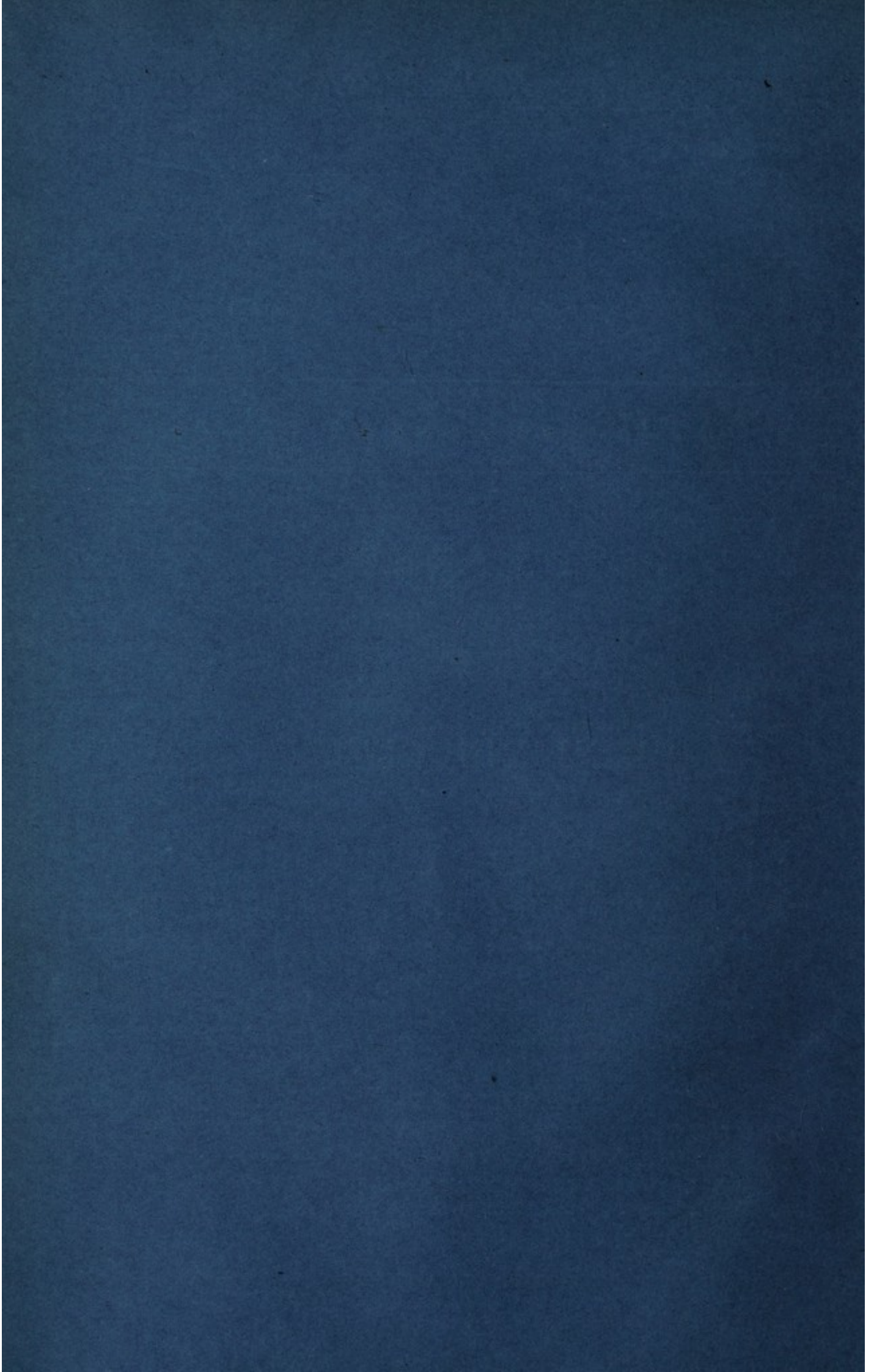
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**Pectoral Drops for Rheumatism, Gravel, &c.**

**OKELL'S PATENT.**

**GEORGE**, by the grace of God, &c., to all to whom these Presents shall come greeting.

**WHEREAS** our trusty and welbeloved **BENIAMIN OKELL**, Chymist, hath by his petiçon humbly represented vnto vs that, by long study, application, and great expence, he has found out and brought to perfection "**A NEW CHYMICALL PREPARAÇON AND MEDICINE**," WHICH HE HATH STILED **DOCTOR BATEMAN'S PECTORAL DROPS**, BEING **PECTORAL ANODYNE AND ANTIHYSTERICK**, WORKING CHIEFLY BY **MODERATE SWEAT AND VRINE**, EXCEEDING ALL OTHER MEDICINES YET FOUND OUT FOR THE **RHEUMATISM**, HIGHLY VSEFULL VNDER THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE **STONE, GRAVELL, AGUES, AND HYSTERICKS**," as many hundred<sup>l</sup> of our subiect<sup>l</sup> have already experienced; and as the petiçoner is the first and sole inventor thereof, and that the medicine is new, and hath not been hitherto vsed in Great Britain except by him and those to whom he hath communicated the same. And having therefore humbly prayd vs, in regard to his great industry and expence in inventing and perfecting the said medicine, and the advantage which by meanes thereof will accrew to the publick, to grant him our Royall Letters Patent<sup>l</sup> for the sole vse and benefit of the said Invention for the term of fourteen years, wee being willing to give encouragement to all arts and invençons which may be for the publick vse and benefitt, are graciously pleased to gratifie him in his request.

**KNOW YEE, THEREFORE**, that wee, of our especiall grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for vs, our heires and successors, do give and grant vnto the said **Beniamin**

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Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, full power, sole priviledge and authority, that he, the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and every of them, by himself or themselves, or by his or their deputy and deputies, servant<sup>l</sup> or agent<sup>l</sup>, or such others as he, the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, or assignes, shall at any time agree with, 5 and no others, from time to time and at all times during the term of years herein expressed, shall and lawfully may make, vse, exercise, and vend his said new chymicall preparaçon and medicine, which he hath stiled Doctor Bateman's pectorall drops, as above described, within that part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Ber- 10 wick-vpon-Tweed, in such manner as to him, the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, or any of them, shall in their discreçons seem meet, and that he, the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, shall and lawfully may have and enjoy the whole profit, benefitt, cōmodity, and advantage from time to time comeing, growing, 15 accrewing, and ariseing by reason of the said Invençon for and dureing the term of yeares herein mençoned, to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said lycence, powers, priviledges, and advantages herein-before granted or mençoned to be granted vnto the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, for and during and vnto the full end and term 20 of fourteen years from the date of these Presents next and imēdiately ensueing and fully to be compleat and ended according to the Statute in such case made and provided. And to the end that the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and every of them, may have and enjoy the full benefitt and the sole vse and exercise of the said Invençon, 25 according to our gracious intention herein-before declared, wee do by these Presents, for vs, our heires and successors, require and strictly command all and every person and persons, bodies politick and corporate, and all other our subiects whatsoever, of what estate, quality, degree, name or condiçon soever they be, within that said part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called 30 England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed aforesaid, that neither they or any of them, at any time during the continuance of the said term of fourteen years hereby granted, either directly or indirectly do make, vse, or put in practice the said Invençon, or any part of the same, so attained vnto by the said Benjamin Okell as aforesaid, nor in any 35 wise counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, nor shall make or cause to be made any addiçon thereunto or substracçon from the same, whereby to pretend himselfe or themselves the inventor or inventors, devisor or devisors thereof, without the lycence, consent, or agreement of the said Benjamin

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Okell, his executors, administrators, or assignes, in writing vnder his or their hand<sup>e</sup> and seales first had and obtained in that behalfe, vpon such paines and penalties as can or may be iustly inflicted on such offenders for their contempt of this our royal command, and further to be answerable to be  
5 answerable to the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, according to law, for his and their damages thereby occasioned. And moreover, wee do by these Presents, for vs, our heires and successors, will and command all and singular the justices of the peace, mayors, sheriffes, bayliffes, constables, headboroughs, and all other officers and ministers whatsoever of vs,  
10 our heires and successors, for the time being, that they or any of them do not nor shall at any time hereafter during the said term hereby granted, in any wise molest, trouble, or hinder the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, or assignes, or any of them, or his or their deputies, servants, or agent<sup>e</sup>, in or about the due and lawfull vse or exercise of the aforesaid Inven-  
15 tion, or any thing relating thereto: Provided always, and these our Letters Patent<sup>e</sup> are and shall be vpon this condiçon, that if at any time during the said term hereby granted it shall be made appear to vs, our heires or successors, or successors, or any six or more of our or their Privy Councill, that this our grant is contrary to law, or preiudiciall or inconvenient to our subiect<sup>e</sup> in  
20 generall, or that the said Invençon is not a new invençon as to the publick vse and exercise thereof in that said part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed, aforesaid, or not invented and found out by the said Benjamin Okell as aforesaid, then vpon significaçon or declaration thereof, to be made by vs, our  
25 heires or successors, vnder our or their signet or privy seal, or by the Lord<sup>e</sup> and others of our or their Privy Councill, or any or more of them, vnder their hand<sup>e</sup>, these our Letters Patent<sup>e</sup> shall forthwith cease, determin, and be vtterly void to all intents and purposes, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided also, that these  
30 our Letters Patent<sup>e</sup> or anything herein contained shall not extend or be construed to extend to give priviledge vnto the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, or assignes, or any of them, to vse or imitate any invençon or work whatsoever which hath heretofore been found out or invented by any other of our subiect<sup>e</sup> whatsoever, and publicly vsed or exer-  
35 cised in that said part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed aforesaid, vnto whom like Letters Patents or priviledges have been already granted for the sole vse, exercise, and benefitt thereof, it being our will and pleasure that the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, and all and every

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other person and persons to whom like Letters Patents or priviledges have been already granted as aforesaid, shall distinctly vse and practice their severall Inventions by them invented and found and found out, according to the true intent and meaning of the same respective Letters Patent<sup>e</sup> and of these Present<sup>e</sup>. Provided likewise, neverthelesse, and these our Letters Patents 5 are vpon this expresse condition, that if the said Benjamin Okell, his executors or administrators, or any person or persons which shall or may at any time or times hereafter during the continuance of this grant, have or claime any right, title, or interest in law or equity of, in, or to the power, priviledge, and authority of the sole vse and benefit of the said Invention hereby granted, 10 shall make any transferr or assignement, or any pretended transferr or assignement of the said liberty or priviledge, or any share or shares of the benefitt or profit thereof, or shall declare any trust thereof, to or for any number of persons exceeding the number of five, or shall open or cause to be opened any book or books for publick subscrip<sup>t</sup>ions, to be made by any number of persons 15 exceeding the number of five, in order to the raising any sume or sumes of money vnder vnder pretence of carrying on the said liberty or priviledge hereby granted, or shall by him or themselves, or his or their agent<sup>e</sup> or servant<sup>e</sup>, receive any sume or sumes of money whatsoever of any number of persons exceeding in the whole the number of five, for such or the like intents 20 or purposes, or shall presume to act as a corporate body, or shall divide the benefitt of these our Letters Patents, or the liberty and priviledges hereby by vs granted, into any number of shares exceeding the number of five, or shall co<sup>m</sup>mitt or do or procure to be co<sup>m</sup>mitted or done any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, during such time person shall have any right or title either in law 25 or equity in or to the said premisses which would be contrary to the true intent and meaning of a certain Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of our reign, intituled (An Act for the better securing certain Powers and Priviledges intended to be granted by His Maiestie by Two Charters for Assurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money vpon Bottomry, and 30 for restraining several extravagant and vnwarrantable Practices therein men<sup>t</sup>ioned,) if these our Letters Patent<sup>e</sup> had not been granted, or in case the said power, priviledge, or authority shall at any time hereafter become vested in or in trust for more than the number of five persons or their representatives at any one time (reckoning executors or administrators as and for 35 the single person whom they represent, as to such interest as they are or shall be intituled to in right of such their testator or intestate,) that then and in any of the said cases, these our Letters Patent<sup>e</sup>, and all liberties, priviledges, and advantages whatsoever hereby granted, shall vtterly cease, determine, and

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become void, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding. And lastly, wee do by these Presents, for vs, our heires and successors, grant vnto the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, that these our Letters Patent<sup>e</sup>, or the inrollment  
 5 or exemplifica<sup>o</sup>n thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and adiudged in the most favourable and beneficiall sense for the best advantage of the said Benjamin Okell, his executors, administrators, and assignes, as well in all Court<sup>e</sup> of Record as  
 10 elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and ministers whatsoever of vs, our heires and successors, in that part of our said Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick-vpon-Tweed aforesaid, and among all and every the subiects of vs, our heires and successors whatsoever and wheresoever, notwithstanding the not full and certain de-  
 15 scribing the nature or quality of the said Inven<sup>o</sup>n, or of the materialls thereto conducing and belonging.

In witness, &c. Witness our selfe at Westminster, the Thirty-first day of March.

By Writt of Privy Seal.

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become void, any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof, in any  
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 heirs and successors, grant unto the said Benjamin Obell, his executors, ad-  
 ministrators, and assigns, that these our Letters Patent, or the invention  
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 and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said Benjamin Obell, his  
 executors, administrators, and assigns, as well in all Courts of Record as  
 elsewhere, and by all and singular the officers and ministers whatsoever of us,  
 our heirs and successors, in that part of our said Kingdom of Great Britain  
 called England, our Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed  
 elsewhere, and among all and every the subjects of us, our heirs and successors  
 whatsoever, and whosoever, notwithstanding the not full and certain de-  
 scribing the nature or quality of the said Invention, or of the materials thereunto  
 conducing and belonging.

In witness, &c. Witness our self at Westminster, the Thirtieth day  
 of March.

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