

year of the reign of His late Majesty, granting unto William Fothergill Cooke, and Charles Wheatstone, the sole use of their invention, "of Improvements in giving signals and sounding alarms in distant places by means of electric currents transmitted through metallic circuits," in England, Wales, and Berwick-upon-Tweed. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster on or about the eighteenth day of April, in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, granting unto the said William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of his invention of "improvements in giving signals and sounding alarms at distant places, by means of electric currents transmitted through metallic circuits," in England, Wales, and Berwick-upon-Tweed. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster, on or about the twenty-first day of January, in the third year of the reign of Her present Majesty, granting unto the said Charles Wheatstone, and William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in giving signals and sounding alarms at distant places by means of electric currents," in England, Wales, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Her Majesty's colonies and channel islands. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster, on or about the seventh day of July, in the fifth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, granting unto the said Charles Wheatstone the sole use of his invention of "improvements in producing, regulating, and applying electric currents" in England, Wales, and Berwick-upon-Tweed. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster, on or about the eighth day of September, in the sixth year of the reign of her present Majesty, granting unto the said William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of his invention of "improvements in apparatus for transmitting electricity between distant places, which improvements can be applied, amongst other purposes, to apparatus for giving signals and sounding alarms at distant places by means of electric currents," in England, Wales, and Berwick-upon-Tweed. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster, on or about the sixth day of May, in the eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, granting unto the said Charles Wheatstone, and William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in electric telegraphs, and in apparatus relating thereto, part of which improvements are applicable to other purposes," in England, Wales, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and her said Majesty's colonies and channel islands. Also certain Letters Patent under the Seal, ordained by the treaty of the Union to be used in Scotland instead of the Great Seal thereof, sealed at Edinburgh, on or about the twelfth day of December, 1837, granting unto the said William Fothergill Cooke, and Charles Wheatstone, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in giving signals and sounding alarms at distant places by means of electric currents transmitted through metallic circuits," within Scotland aforesaid. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said last

mentioned Seal, and sealed at Edinburgh, on or about the twenty-first day of August, 1840, granting unto the said Charles Wheatstone, and William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in giving signals and sounding alarms at distant places by means of electric currents," within Scotland aforesaid. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said last-mentioned Seal, sealed at Edinburgh, on or about the third day of July, 1845, granting unto the said Charles Wheatstone, and William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in electric telegraphs, and in apparatus relating thereto, part of which improvements are applicable to other purposes," within Scotland aforesaid. Also certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Ireland, bearing date at Dublin, on or about the twenty-third day of April, in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, granting unto the said William Fothergill Cooke, and Charles Wheatstone, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in giving signals and sounding alarms at distant places by means of electric currents transmitted through metallic circuits," within Ireland aforesaid. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said last-mentioned Seal, bearing date at Dublin, on or about the twenty-seventh day of October, in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, granting unto the said Charles Wheatstone, and William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in giving signals and sounding alarms at distant places by means of electric currents," within Ireland aforesaid. Also certain other Letters Patent under the said last-mentioned Seal, bearing date at Dublin, on or about the twenty-second day of October, in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, granting unto the said Charles Wheatstone, and William Fothergill Cooke, the sole use of their invention of "improvements in electric telegraphs, and in apparatus relating thereto, part of which improvements are applicable to other purposes," within Ireland aforesaid. And also any other Letters Patent for the sole use of any invention of any improvement or improvements upon such electric telegraphs and inventions as aforesaid, or any of them, or any part thereof, or of any other invention or inventions relating to the transmission of intelligence by means of electricity. And also to authorise the assignment to, and purchase by, the said company, of any partial or other interest or interests, license or licenses, in or under the said several and respective Letters Patent, any or either of them. And also to enable such company to make, use, exercise, and vend such inventions and improvements as aforesaid. And to make, construct, and erect electric telegraphs according to such inventions and improvements; and such electric telegraphs respectively to use, exercise, and let to hire, for the purpose of transmitting signals and intelligence in all and every, or any of the parts of the United Kingdom to which the said Letters Patent respectively extend. And to make provision for the protection of such electric telegraphs, and the works thereof, from injury or destruction. And to enable such company to grant licenses to make, use, exercise, and vend such tele-