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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the Fourth Day of *May*, 1732.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This Day the Right Honourable Pattee Byng, Esq; was by His Majesty's Command sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Whereas His Majesty was pleased, by His Letters Patent bearing Date the fourth Day of July 1730, to grant unto Robert Hamblin for the Term of Fourteen Years, the sole Use and Benefit of a new Invention for distinguishing of Lights, whereby one Light erected for the Guidance of Shipping, might be perfectly known from another; in which Letters Patent it was provided, that in case the said Hamblin did not particularly describe and ascertain the Nature of the said Invention, by Writing under his Hand and Seal, to be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery within one Calendar Month from the Date of the said Letters Patent, then the said Letters Patent should forthwith cease and be utterly void. And it was also further provided, that if at any Time during the said Fourteen Years it should be made appear to His Majesty, or any Six or more of His Privy Council, that the said Grant was contrary to Law, or prejudicial or inconvenient to the Subjects in general, or that the said Invention was not a new Invention as to the publick Use and Exercise thereof, or not invented or found out by the said Robert Hamblin, then, upon Signification or Declaration thereof to be made by His Majesty, or by the Lords or others of His Privy Council, or any Six or more of them, under their Hands, the said Letters Patent should cease, and be null and void.

And whereas the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond, in the County of Kent, have by their Petition lately presented to His Majesty in Council, humbly prayed, that the Letters Patent so granted to the said Robert Hamblin might be vacated, in regard the said Hamblin hath not pursued the Design for which the said Letters Patent were granted to him, but under Colour thereof, hath erected a Swimming Light at the Nore, and proposes to erect others at different Places upon the Sea Coast, as likewise to publish a new Chart of all the Sea Coasts of England; That he hath not enrolled in the High Court of Chancery such a Description of the said Invention as is required by the said Letters Patent; that this Project is not a new Invention, and that the Use he is making of it may be highly prejudicial to the Publick.

And whereas the Lords of the Committee of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, (to whom His Majesty referred the Consideration of the said Petition and Patent) have

this Day reported to His Majesty in Council, that they had referred the same to His Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, who having heard Counsel for the Petitioners, as also for the said Robert Hamblin, reported to the said Committee, that they were of Opinion, that the Invention pretended to by the said Robert Hamblin, is not new, and that he hath not performed the Condition in the Letters Patent, whereby he is required to enroll a Specification thereof; the Instrument enrolled by him, not ascertaining the Nature of the Invention, or the Method by which it is to be carried into Execution: That it appeared to them from the Instrument enrolled, and from the Swimming Light already erected, that the said Robert Hamblin hath aimed at obtaining a Power of setting up new Lights under Colour of the said Letters Patent, rather than of distinguishing those now in being; but as no such Power is granted him by the said Letters Patent, they were of Opinion, that such Attempt is not warranted thereby, and is therefore an Abuse of the Grant, and contrary to Law; and that it further appeared to them, that his general Project of erecting new Lights, particularly Swimming Lights, wherever he thinks fit upon the Coasts of England, and of making a new Chart of such Coasts, may be highly prejudicial and inconvenient to His Majesty's Subjects, and injurious to the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom: For which Reasons they were of Opinion, that the said Letters Patent ought to be determined and made void according to the Power therein reserved. And the Lords of the Committee of Council agreeing in Opinion with his Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General that the said Letters Patent ought to be vacated,

His Majesty in Council this Day took the same into His Royal Consideration, and was pleased to Order, that for the Reasons above-mentioned, the said Letters Patent granted to Robert Hamblin, should be made void. In pursuance whereof, and of the Power reserved in the said Letters Patent, We do, for the Reasons above-mentioned, hereby signify and declare the Letters Patent granted to Robert Hamblin for distinguishing of Lights, to be void. And the said Letters Patent are from henceforth to cease, determine, and be utterly void to all Intents and Purposes: Whereof all Persons whom it may concern are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly. Given under our Hands in the Council Chamber at *St. James's*, the fourth Day of *May* 1732.

Wilmington, P.  
Westmorland.  
Scarborough.  
Marchmont.  
Torrington.  
Harrington.  
Pattee Byng.