

Empire, and not only in these portions, but for the portions contiguous to them. For instance, the patents granted not only in Canada, but also in Newfoundland and the Bahamas and Jamaica might be printed in Canada, or as otherwise might be arranged, thus saving expense of printing bureaus to the smaller Colonies. All copies of patents wherever printed within the Empire would be distributed to the other portions gratis, so that each portion would be conversant with the other portion as to what improvements are being made in the Arts and Sciences, and this, too, at a minimum expense.

A provision should, in my opinion, be also made whereby a patentee in any Colony should have the right to have his patent extended to any other portion of the Empire upon the payment of the fee prescribed by such Colony. In other words, an Imperial Act, such as is proposed, is not intended to take away from any Colony or State the right of granting patents, but still give each State that right, and further is intended to cheapen the cost to the inventor and manufacturer, as necessarily the printed specification and drawings of one State of the Empire could be utilized in any other State in extending the patent to such State, thereby conferring a great benefit on inventors and manufacturers.

There should be a provision, and this would be for the benefit of the public in every portion of the Empire,