

and an extension of the period of the duration of the said letters patent to the full term of fifteen years in as full and ample a manner as if application therefor had been duly made within ten years from the date of the issue of the said letters patent.

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