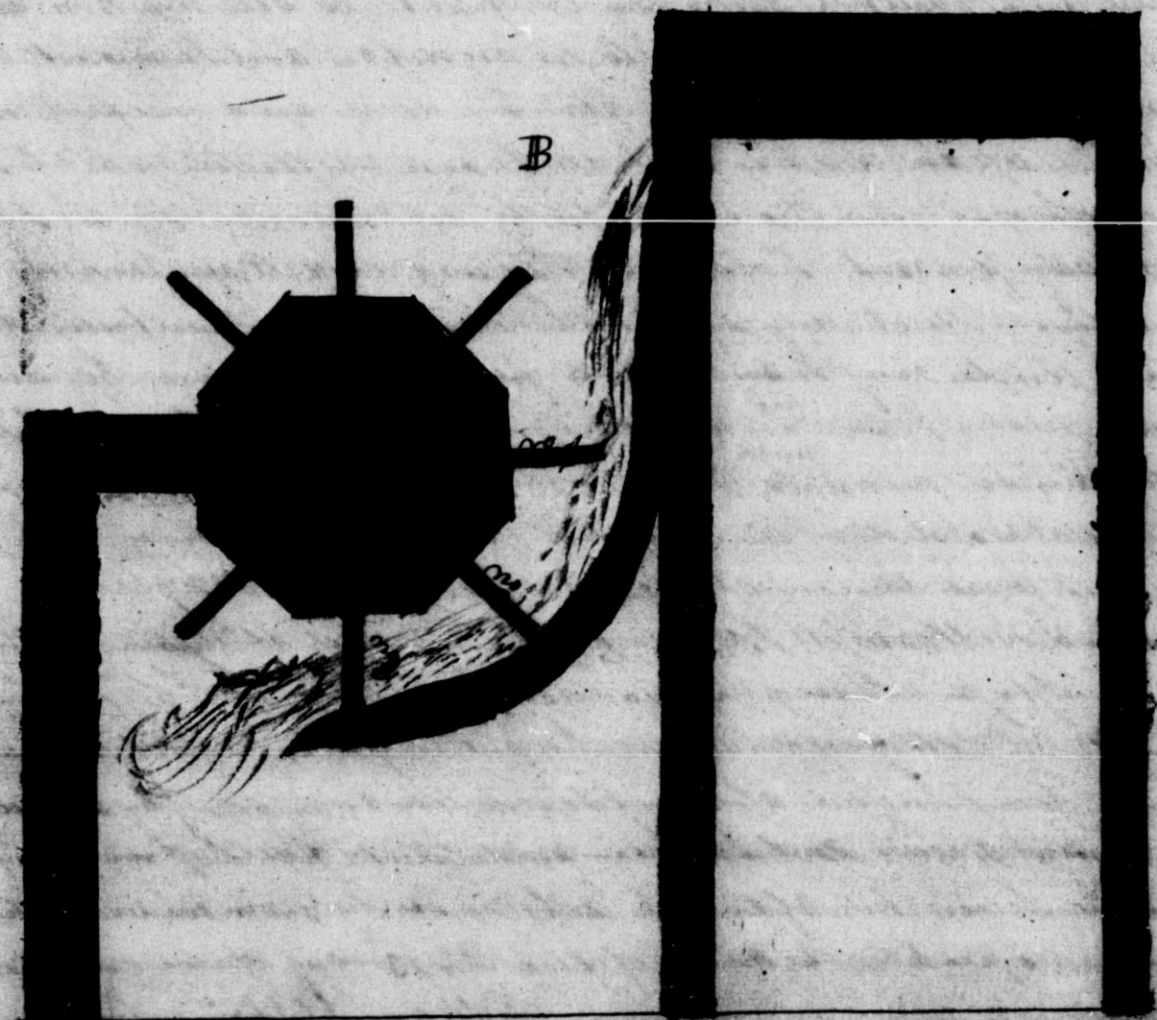


The United States of America. To all To whom these Letters Patent shall come Whereas Thomas Key a citizen of the United States hath alleged that he has invented a new and useful improvement in the mode of letting Water on Water wheels which improvement he states has not been known or used before his application hath made oath that he does verily believe that he is the true inventor or discoverer of the said improvement; hath paid in to the treasury of the United States the sum of thirty dollars delivered a receipt for the same and presented a petition to the Secretary of State signifying a desire of obtaining an Exclusive property in the said improvement and praying that a patent may be granted for that purpose These are therefore to grant according to law to the said Thomas Key his heirs and administrators or assigns for the Term of fourteen years from the Eighteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty six the full and exclusive right and privilege of making constituting using and vending to others to be used the said improvement a description where of is given in the words of the said Thomas Key himself in the schedule hereunto annexed, and is made a part of these presents Intestimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed Given under my hand at the City of Washington this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty first John Quincy Adams.

Seal by the President - H. Clay, Secretary of State - City of Washington. To wit I do hereby certify that the foregoing letters Patent were delivered to me on the eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six to be examined that I have examined the same and find them conformable to law and I do hereby return the same to the Secretary of State, within fifteen days from the date aforesaid to wit on this eighteenth day of July in the year aforesaid

Wm Wirt Attorney General of the United States



A The end of the shaft. B The splash board intended to be nearly Plumb. C The breast