

*Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, on the Petition of Charles Peach and of Boswell Hatfield and Company Limited, for extension of Letters Patent granted to the said Charles Peach, dated 30th January 1888 (No. 1,382) for an Invention of "Improvements in the method of and in Machinery or Apparatus for grinding Cutlery or other Articles which require to have a convex surface," delivered the 18th December 1901.*

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Present at the hearing :

LORD MACNAGHTEN.

LORD SHAND.

LORD DAVEY.

LORD LINDLEY.

SIR FORD NORTH.

[*Delivered by Lord Macnaghten.*]

(*Lord Macnaghten.*) This is an application for an extension of a Patent which was a communication from abroad. The applicants, who are a commercial Company and the assignees of the Patent, have given their Lordships no opportunity of judging whether the Inventor has been remunerated in any shape or form. That, in their Lordships' opinion, is fatal to the Petition.

Their Lordships have been asked to grant an adjournment, in order that the information which is now wanting may be supplied. They decline to do so. They do not find that there has been any case in which such an application has been granted by this Board. The Rules which guide their Lordships in the exercise of their duty of advising the Crown whether a Patent should

be extended or not are perfectly well known, and they must be strictly followed. An application for an extension of a Patent is an application for an indulgence, and for an indulgence of a very extraordinary kind. Patentees who come and ask for that indulgence must understand that the settled Rules that guide this Board will be adhered to. Their Lordships will humbly advise His Majesty to refuse this Petition.

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