

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Oliver Evans concerning a certain Machine invented by him which has not yet been known, for the more easy and speedy way of bolting, & hoisting flour, and wheat in Mills, do Report.

Your Committee having taken an Opportunity to converse with and Examine the said Evans, concerning the Utility & benefit of said Machine, and as far as your Committee can perceive or come to the knowledge of, apprehends your Petitioner to be the only Inventor of the said Machine, and that it will be a means of carrying on the business of Milling to a greater advantage than has heretofore been done, by causing ^{it} to be transacted and carried on with less Labour and costs. And as it further appears by a Petition addressed to the General Assembly of this State, from sundry men of Credit in New Castle County, who are Manufacturers of wheat, that your Petitioner also proposes a machine to rub & clean the wheat, of the dirt and dust that may stick to it and that they conceive it to be of infinite use & service in brightening the flour, and making it more saleable when taken to Market.

Under these considerations Your Committee are of Opinion, & beg leave to Report, that the said Petitioner have leave to bring in a Bill to secure to him his heirs & assigns the exclusive right & privilege for making and vending the said Mill Machines for and during the Term of fifteen years ~~from and after~~

Report upon Oliver Evans Petition
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