

To the Honourable the Representatives of the Freemen
of the Delaware State in General Assembly met

Whereas Oliver Evans hath represented to us that
he hath invented Certain Machines for the use of Merchant Mills
To wit a Machine to convey the meal as fast as ground from the
stones to fall on the meal loft. a Machine to attend the Boulting
hopper. a Machine to rub the wheat break they fly eaten grains
lumps of dirt, shell the white caps, and bruise the garlick
We taking sd. Machines into consideration do conceive that they
or either of them will be of verry great Utility, by lessening the
manual labour, and saving much waste, and expence in Building
therefore we pray your Honours to grant sd. Evans his Heirs and
Assigns an exclusive right for making and vending sd. Machines
for a term of years, as we believe him to be the original inventor
we not having ever heard of any such Machines before we
heard of his inventing them

New Castle County }
January 24th 1787 }

As We or several of us having heard of one of the Above mentioned
Machines Being in use (to wit) that for Rubbing the Wheat Bruising
the Garlick &c. yet from the Knowledge we have of your Patents
Genius; Apprehend he may Make some Improvement thereon or Perhaps
May Invent one on a Different Construction which may be of Greater Utility
than any of the kind now in Use. therefore are of Opinion he Deserveth
your Encouragement

Calet Byrnes
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William Byrnes

Recommendation resp.
Evans's Machines.
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