

To the Honorable the Board of  
the Water Works for the City  
of New York in the Second Circuit  
Humbly complaining diversely unto the Honorable  
Board of your Brothers Robert R. Livingston of  
the County of Columbia and State of New York  
and Robert Fulton of the City of New York  
in the same State Bowman. That for a  
series of years your orators have turned their  
attention to the improvements of the art of ca-  
navigating by streams and especially considerable  
sums of money in perfecting the same, the  
arts if its might in any way be said to  
have existed, at that time being so far un-  
known as that no principles or rules had  
been, or have yet been, as your orator believes  
laid down for carrying the same into effect  
(except by your orator) tho' some abating  
attempts have been made to effect the object  
with as little success, for a want of knowledge  
(as your orator believes) of the rules and princi-  
ples of the art, that when your orator  
convened therewith boats the scheme was  
very generally looked upon as visionary even  
by the most scientific men. That in the year  
one thousand and eight hundred and two your orator  
accidentally much in Paris and having after pay-

conferences on the subject satisfied themselves of the practicability of effecting the object if the rules and proportions on which its success ultimately depends could be accurately defined. That in order to discover these, and ascertain them by experiment, your orators united in building a boat upon the Seine at a very great expense and with no other intention than to discover the principles on which the success of the operation must ultimately depend.

That your orators were convinced from this experiment that the object was attainable and accordingly entered into an agreement to prosecute the same so soon as they should both return to the United States. and in the mean time that your orator Robert Fulton should procure a steam engine for that purpose in England. That your orator Robert Fulton having devoted much time and thought to this subject and aided by the above conferences and experiments invented and laid down certain rules for the forms and proportions for boats that should be navigated by steam, for the mode of setting other engines in such boats, the manners of steering the same, the form of the rudders, of the boat, the mode of

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lating the purchase upon the waters. For the  
proportions between the power and the boat  
to produce a given effect and for various  
other particulars, in which rules and principles,  
as your creators believe, the art of navigating  
by steam consists, the right to the use and  
application of which rules, principles, improve-  
ments and proportions were in and by a Pa-  
tent granted on the eleventh day of feb-  
=<sup>urary</sup>, one thousand eight hundred and nine un-  
der the seal of the United States pursuant  
to the Act of Congress of the United States  
in such cases made and provided, bearing date  
on the same day and year last of a certain pa-  
tent to and vested in the said Robert Fulton,  
his Representatives and assigns. An example  
of the specifications herein referred to and  
specification of which Patent is annexed to this Bill  
which your creators pray may be considered  
as a part of the same without being incorpo-  
-rated, herein inserted or set forth on account  
of the expense and trouble that would attend  
the copying of the drawings referred to in the  
said patent. And your creators further beseech  
this Honorable Court, that being apprehensive  
that a more minute specification of the several

parts of the boat and machinery <sup>that the</sup> first Patent con-  
tained might more fully elucidate the subject,  
and to remove any doubt or question  
that might arise in respect to the said Patent  
and render its more difficult to evade the same  
or to deprive your orators, the benefits to  
which they would be entitled under the said Patent  
and which were thereby intended to be secured  
to your orators. His said Robert Fulton about  
the ninth day of February in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven ap-  
plied for and obtained from the United States  
a second Patent bearing date the same day  
and your orators affix a copy of which patent  
and the specification accompanying the same  
is annexed to this Bill to which your orators  
may have to refer and may for the reasons  
above aforesaid that the same may be taken  
as a part of this Bill.

Your Orators further show unto the  
Honorable Courts that previous to taking <sup>out</sup> the  
said Patent your orators did at their joint  
expense build a boat to be navigated by  
steam in union with wind, which boat was put  
in operation near four years ago upon Hudson  
River in the State of New York, and was made

conformably to the rules afterward specified and  
 laid down by your orators Robert Fulton  
 as the same are expressed in his said patent,  
 from which time to this (except in those months  
 in which the navigation of the said Rivers  
 between the Cities of New York and Albany  
 was impeded by ice and excepting also oc-  
 casional stoppages caused by different accidents)  
 your orators have constantly and without inter-  
 ruptions safely exercised the right of navigating  
 Hudson River by steam, with boats built on their  
 principles and in the manner described in  
 those several patents and specifications above  
 mentioned. And your orators further shew unto  
 this Honorable Court that in conformity to the  
 original agreement between your orators, your  
 orator Robert Fulton conveyed and assigned in due  
 form of law one equal half of his rights or in-  
 terest in or under the said Patents to your orator  
 Robert R Livingston whereby your orators as well  
 as by their original agreement and joint ex-  
 penditures became equally interested in the  
 said Patents and in all the rights and privileges  
 accruing under the same and in the boats  
 built in conformity to the said Patents. And your

oratoris further shew unto this, honorable Court  
that John Stevens Esquire of Hoboken of the Co-  
-unty of Bergen in the State of New Jersey also  
obtained a Patent from the United States for  
certain improvements (as he alleges) in adapting  
the Machinery connected with the steam en-  
-gines for propelling of or boats and in the  
formation of or boilers in manners as the same  
is set forth in the exemplification of his said  
Patent and specification therein referred to  
hereto annexed and in which your orator  
may may be taken as parts of this their  
bill of complaint. And your orator further  
shew that for avoiding all disputes and differen-  
-ces between the said John Stevens and your  
orator they having long been in the habit  
of friendship it was mutually agreed between  
the said John Stevens and your orator that  
they should reciprocally and exclusively make  
use of each others improvements in certain  
places mentioned in such agreement exhibit was  
made and executed in writing on the first  
day of December in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and nine and be-  
-stated on the same day and year last afore  
-said as by one part of the said agreement

in the possession of your orators and ready  
 to be produced as this honorable court shall  
 direct and to which your orators refer them:  
 - selves may appear. And your orators do  
 further shew that one of the places in which  
 by virtue of the said agreement with the said  
 John Stevens your orators were exclusively  
 entitled to avail themselves of the improve-  
 ments of the said John Stevens was in the navi-  
 gation of Hudsons River between New York and  
 Albany. That in virtue of the said Patent of the  
 said John Stevens and the said agreement  
 of your orators with him the said John Stev-  
 ens has built a boat which now navi-  
 gates the Rivers Delaware and which is built  
 on the model of your orators boat, with  
 such alterations in particular parts in the  
 machinery and boilers as conforms to the  
 Patent of the said John Stevens, one of which  
 boats and improvements on alterations the  
 said John Stevens has been in the quiet  
 and undisturbed possession and use of for  
 about two years last past and is yet in the  
 use and possession thereof. —

¶ And your orators further shew unto

than me -

this Honorable Court. That the<sup>c</sup> in virtue of the  
said agreements your Orators are entitled to  
the exclusive benefit of the patent of the said  
John Stevens in the waters of the Hudson River  
(with the exception of ferry boats) yet not profi-  
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iting the whole Patent rights your Orators  
are advised that they cannot bring suit at Com-  
mon Law, in their own names for any intrusion  
upon such rights and that they are compelled  
to resort to a Court of Equity in order to  
have the benefit of such agreement and to  
enforce the same against any person or  
persons that may make use in the waters  
of the Hudson River of the invention described  
and referred to in the said Patent of the said  
John Stevens. And in so much as your Orators  
would otherwise be remediless in the Premises  
they may the aid of this Honorable Court to  
maintain and establish their rights under the  
said Patent of the said John Stevens and your Orators  
said agreement with him against the De-  
fendants herein after named, who, or some  
of them have intruded on the said rights as  
herein after is mentioned.

And your Orators further shew unto  
this Honorable Court that among a variety of other

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improvements in the art of navigating by steam  
to the exclusive right of which your orators  
are entitled by and under the above in part  
executed Patents to Robert Fulton the following  
may be particularly enumerated and specified  
that is to say -

First. The proportions of a boat designed to  
be moved by steam, that she may be so con-  
structed as to meet with the least resistance  
in passing thro' the water, and be sufficiently  
strong to bear the Machinery, be fit for sailing  
and accommodated to the convenience of pas-  
sengers. For the designations of which proportions  
your orators may leave to refer to the said  
Patents and specifications annexed to this docu-  
ment and to the drawings accompanying the same.

Secondly: the mode of operating in the water  
by wheels placed over the sides of the boat,  
and the proportions which such wheels  
their arms and buckets should bear to the boat  
and the power of the engine so as to obtain  
the utmost benefit of the power and the  
greatest velocity; for designations of these  
proportions and the manner of taking pur-  
chases on the water by means of wheels con-

formably to the Patent rights of your creators  
granted to the said Robert Fulton your creators  
may leave to refer to the said annexed Patents  
and Specifications and drawings. —

Thirdly. The manner of setting the machinery  
in a wood framed and placing the same on  
keelsons that run a considerable way thro' the  
boat, without which the boat would either leak  
or bend <sup>and</sup> be greatly wrecked by the working  
and great force of the Engines. —

Fourthly. The manner of throwing the wheels  
out of gear, so that one wheel may be stopped  
while the other is in motion, in order to apply  
the forces of the engines all to one side of  
the boat, and by that means to bring her  
about and expedite and facilitate her move-  
ments from a direct course, and by means  
of which both wheels may be suddenly stop-  
ped when it is required to arrest the pro-  
gress of the boat or to try the engines  
without a load. —

Fifthly in the invention of a guard  
to each water wheel which is so constructed  
as that while it protects the wheel from injury  
serves as a support to the outer end of the axis

and affords room for fuel, wells for fish, steps  
and other conveniences for passengers and also  
in covering the wheels so as to prevent the  
ropes from being entangled, and the Deckers from  
being kept wet by the spray from the wheels.

Sixtly; the manner of placing a steer-  
ing wheel in the fore parts of the boat in  
front of the chimney and near the works by  
which the helmsman can have a view ahead  
of the boat which he could not do if he  
was stationed in the after parts of a vessel of  
such length and when the view from the  
after parts is obstructed by sails rigging ha-  
ngers chimney and works. And by being placed  
in this situation near the engines the helms-  
man is also enabled to communicate easily  
and speedily with the Engineer or person who  
manages the engines and by this means to  
direct and govern with greater ease and  
certainty the movements of the boat.

Seventy; adapting the mader to this  
object by affixing them on short standards  
from which ropes extend to the steering wheel  
Eighty - - - assisting the opera-  
tions of the wheels propelled by steam by  
the addition of sails to the boat and to adapt

ring the masts and sails to a boat constructed  
as steam boats must necessarily be as to  
prevents their interferences with the works and  
the danger of fire.

Thirdly: The use of a shackle bar  
which descends from each end of the beam  
on the top of the piston rod down each  
side of the cylinders to a <sup>bank</sup> ~~chain~~ and both  
wheels in which the shackle bar is connected  
by a shackle pin. Your orators state that this  
combination having been invented by your ora-  
= tors Robert Fulton in the year one thousand  
eight hundred and three is exhibited by a drawing  
thereof included in the said annexed specifica-  
tions. But as this invention is also claimed by  
the said John Stevens and the right to the same  
is granted to him by his said Patent. Your  
orators are only entitled to the exclusive  
use thereof on the waters of the Hudson River  
aforesaid either under the said assignment  
to your orators from the said John Stevens  
or under the said Patent to your orators the  
said Robert Fulton.

And your orators further show un-  
to this Honorable Court, that the said Patent to  
the said John Stevens Esquire <sup>hinges</sup> to the ex-

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clusive right to use a boiler which consists  
of two distinct Cylinders with flues returned thro'  
them, and which according to his said Patent  
are to be suspended or hung by the ends so  
that their sides may be in contact having  
cast iron heads with a rim turning toward  
the inside of the boilers which rims fitting  
exactly with the sheet iron of the cylinders  
with screws or rivets and the joints are made  
tight by a cement composed of iron which  
mode of making and suspending the boilers  
your orators believe to be a new and origi-  
nal invention of the said John Stevens and the  
same is now and has been for a long time  
in his use in his said steam boats which  
navigate the Delaware River, - And your  
orators well hoped that as the Public had re-  
ceived and continued to receive the highest  
benefits from the inventions and improve-  
ments mentioned and specified in the said  
several Patents, and your orators and the  
said John Stevens had incurred very many  
and enormous expences in making the same  
and in constructing steam boats upon the  
principles and with the improvements in the  
said Patents set forth and in a course of ex-



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Lansing, Parrot & Lansing, Robert Goldsmith and  
William, Amazins all of the City of Albany

combining and confederating with divers per-  
son to your orators unknown whose names  
when discovered your orators may may be having  
inserted with apt words to charge them as  
parties, have to injure and aggrieve your  
orators in the premises and deprive them of  
the benefits intended to be given or secu-  
red them by the said Parents and agreement pretends  
and gives out in speeches that your Orators  
have no rights to the benefits of the said  
patents because as they sometimes pretend  
and say that steam engines and the applica-  
tion of steam to the propelling or moving of boats  
are not the inventions of your Orators or ei-  
ther of them but that the said Engines have  
long been in use and were invented by other persons  
and that the mode of applying the power of  
steam to the moving of vessels was long since  
discovered by other persons and not by your Orators  
or either of them. And at other times they pre-  
tend and gives out that the several matter  
and things specified as inventions and improve-  
ments in the said several Parents to your

orator the said Robert Fulton and the said  
John Stevens respectively are no inventions  
or improvements made or found out ~~as~~ first  
used by them or either of them or by your  
orator the said Robert P. Livingston but are  
such as have been long known and in common  
use and made and invented by others where  
=as they the said Defendants and their  
confederates well know and your orator ex-  
-plicitly charges the contrary to be true  
and that the several matters and things  
aforesaid and herein particularly stated are  
as they are set forth and contained in the  
said Patents real and useful inventions  
and improvements to the exclusive benefit  
whereof your orators are well entitled under  
the constitution of the United States and the laws  
thereof and the said several patents and agree-  
-ments for well as the particular laws of the  
State of New York which vest in your orators  
the sole and only right to navigate by stream  
or fire on the waters of New York or within  
its jurisdiction without regard to what form  
of boats they may use the same being grant-  
-ed or given to your orators for and in con-

Consideration of ~~Services~~ to be rendered ~~rendered~~  
~~by your draft~~ to the State for a considerable time yet to come  
 and at other times they the said Defendants and  
 their confederates intend and give out in speed  
 - as that steam boats have been and may  
 be brought to perfection and adapted to  
 the Publick and General use upon other prin-  
 ciples than those for the discovery and applica-  
 tion of which, your draft the said Robert Fulton  
 obtained the said two first mentioned Patents  
 and that they the said Defendants and their  
 confederates have constructed and are about to  
 establish steam boats to ply as passenger boat  
 upon Hudson River between the Cities of New  
 York and Albany, upon other principles than  
 those discovered by your draft and without  
 making use of any of the discoveries or improve-  
 ments contained or specified in, the said  
 Patents granted to your draft the said Robert  
 Fulton or the said Patent granted as afores-  
 aid to the said John Stevens; whereas the  
 truth is and your draft do ~~as briefly~~ charge  
 that altho' the power of steam hath been long  
 known and steam engines been applied to  
 Boats, yet that no boat moved by steam had  
 been ~~ever~~ constructed, or made and brought into

generally used as your orators believed in such a  
manner as to render such boats of public utility  
and fitted for the safe carrying and commissaries trans-  
portations of goods and passengers with certainty and  
celerity until such time as your orator the said  
Robert Fulton had discovered and investigated  
and established the principles by which the ap-  
plications of steam to the propelling of boats  
was to be governed and had ascertained  
the relative dimensions and construction of boats  
wheels and machinery necessary for that purpose,  
as well as the methods of uniting steam and  
wind, as moving powers in such a manner  
as that the one should not destroy or materially dis-  
turb the uses of the other and had invented and dis-  
covered and caused to be made and constructed  
such several improvements and inventions for  
adapting steam Engines to the purposes of navi-  
gation, for properly fixing such Engines in boats  
for conveniently steering and working such boats  
and for the fixing and covering the wheels and  
other machinery operated upon by the same  
steam Engines as are mentioned in the said several  
Patents to your said orator and herein before  
enumerated and the truth also is that the

several matters and things for which the said several Patents have been granted to your said Orator <sup>Robert Fulton</sup> and the said John Stevens are real and useful Inventions and Improvements for which the said several Patents were rightfully issued and to the benefit of which your Orators are entitled as herein before is set forth. And your Orators do further expressly charge that they have been in the actual exclusive and undisturbed uses and enjoyments of the said several Inventions and improvements and the emoluments and profits there arising and to be made for near four years last past.

And your Orators do further expressly charge that the said Defendants and their confederates have constructed boats to be navigated by steam upon Hudson River in imitation of and copying those which had been invented used and employed by your Orators ~~any~~ John Stevens for that purpose according to the principle that had been discovered and laid down aforesaid by your Orator the said Robert Fulton and totally different in model and proportions from any that has been used upon the said River or elsewhere before your Orators constructed and established their first Steam bo-

upon the said rivers. And the said Defendants  
and their confederates in further violations of  
the said Patents have  
therefore applied or constructed for the purpose  
of propelling the said boats built by them thro'  
these waters the same form of boat as had  
been invented used and first applied to that  
purpose by your Orators and the same kind  
of water wheels and propelling boards and covers  
for those wheels and the same kind and des-  
cription of sails and machinery as were used  
by your orators and adapted for uniting the  
powers of steam and wind and the same means  
and manners of fixing the steam engines to the  
boats so as that the working of the said engine  
may not injure or destroy the said boat and  
also the same mode of steering the said  
steam boats that had been invented as aforesaid  
and specified in the said Patents granted  
to your orators the said Robert Fulton  
and also have constructed and made  
and applied to the steam engines or en-  
gines which they have erected and set  
up in the boats or boats as aforesaid  
built by them or some of them in order  
to communicate to the power of such engine

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from the piston rod to the water wheel or  
shuttle bar, so made fixed and connected  
as is described and specified in the said patent  
or as aforesaid granted to the said John Stevens  
and also to the said Robert Fulton and in  
further violation of the said Patent to John  
Stevens have also constructed and fixed up  
such round sheet iron boilers so formed and  
suspended and with such iron heads cast into  
such rim and with such flanges turning in-  
ward and with such steam pipes as are also  
mentioned and specified in the said Patent -  
And your Orators do further charge that the  
said Defendants and their confederates have  
in violation of the rights of your orators  
under the Patents above <sup>United</sup> granted as  
aforesaid, to your orators Robert Fulton and  
of the rights that your orators hold under John  
Stevens as aforesaid and notwithstanding the long  
and quiet possession of your orators and  
the said John Stevens, the said Defendants or some  
of them have made and devised or caused  
to be made and devised two steam boats  
in which they have copies and adopted the

several inventions and improvements herein  
before enumerated and described, to which  
your orators and the said John Stevens or  
the legal assignees of your orators and the said  
John Stevens have the Patent rights aforesaid  
and the exclusive privilege of making and using  
inventions & improvements  
the same and also others of your orators as  
the said John Stevens the exclusive right to  
the making and using of which are deemed  
to be vested in your orators by the Patent  
above mentioned and the grant and assignment  
aforesaid from the said John Stevens with only  
slight and considerable alterations which are made  
as your orators believe only, with a view to  
elude the rights of your orators, and which al-  
terations amount to no more <sup>or</sup> as your orators  
believe, merely the form and proportions of the  
said inventions of your orators and your orators  
and the said John Stevens if there be any alter-  
ations and differences between the machinery  
invented as aforesaid by your orators and the  
said John Stevens and that made and adopted  
as aforesaid by the said Defendants  
And your orators further shew unto  
this Honorable Court that the said steam boats

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so built by the Defendants aforesaid are  
built as your Orators believes and as the Defendants publicly avow for the purpose of navigating and carrying passengers on the Hudson  
River between the Cities of New York and Albany  
and that <sup>one</sup> of the said steam boats of the Defendants has actually departed from the City of New York and proceeded as your Orators are informed  
having twenty or more passengers on board as your Orators believe  
and believe to the said City of Albany and the  
other of the said steam boats of the Defendants  
is nearly prepared and completed and is about  
also to proceed from the City of New York to  
the said City of Albany.

And your Orators further shew unto the  
Honorable Courts that your Orator the said Robert  
Fulton having as herein before is stated greatly  
improved the art of navigating by steam  
by laying down rules and principles which  
your Orators believes to have been unknown  
before and having reduced the same to prac-  
tice and taken Patents therefor, your orators  
himself insist, that no person can legally  
practice on those rules and principles, whatever  
may be the form of their machinery without  
the consent of your Orators, in whom these  
improvements of the art of navigating by steam

is vested  
and your orators expressly charges that the said  
Defendants have conformed as nearly as possible  
in the said steam boats, which they have built  
and, one whereof they are using as aforesaid  
to the rules, principles, and proportions, descri-  
beds in the said Patents, and the specifications,  
drawings, and demonstrations therewith annexed  
and your orators have been informed and  
unquestionably believe and hope to prove that the Defen-  
dants or some or all of them or the workmen  
under their direction have copies of the above  
referred Patents and Specifications drawings and  
demonstrations or some of them, and have used  
the same in the building of the boats built  
as aforesaid by the said Defendants and that  
the said Defendants or their agents engineers,  
<sup>or some of them</sup>  
artificers, and workmen, have at different times  
examined and measured the boats built by your  
orators and the said John Stevens and the differ-  
ent parts of the machinery thereon for the  
purpose of copying the same as they have done  
in manner aforesaid and have in all the par-  
ticulars aforesaid either exactly copied the Steam  
boats, engines, machines, inventions and improve-  
ments of your orators and the said John Stevens

contained, shewn and described in the said several  
 Patents or if they have in any respects deviated  
 or departed from the same, it has been only un-  
 colourably as aforesaid and in some immaterial  
 particulars and with a view to evade the  
 said Patents and defraud your Graciers of the  
 benefits and improvements to which they were justly  
 entitled by and under the Patents aforesaid  
 or some or one of them and the said Defen-  
 dants and their confederates or some of them  
 threaten and either have established and used  
 or are about by themselves their servants  
 or agents unless prevented by the Honorable Govt  
 to establish and use the said Steam boats  
 so constructed as aforesaid upon the principles  
 discovered as above mentioned with the said  
 several improvements and inventions before  
 numerated and granted as aforesaid upon the  
 waters of Hudson's River without any right, grant,  
 license or authority from or under your Graciers  
 to use the same and in direct violation of the  
 law several patents as well <sup>as</sup> of the rights derived  
 to your Graciers from and under the laws of the  
 State of New York. All which actions done  
 and pretences of the said several Defendants and  
 their confederates are contrary to Equity and Good

conscious, and tend to the grievous injury and profusion of your Orators. For render consideration whereof and for as much as your Orators are remissed <sup>in the premises</sup>, by the strict rules of the Common Law and can only be adequately relieved by the aid of a Court of Equity, to this end therefore that the said Defendants and their confederates when discovered may answer fully and particularly all the matters aforesaid particularly upon oath whether your Orator the said Robert Fulton and the said John Stevens did not obtain such letters Patent under the Seal of the United States as herein before <sup>are</sup> set forth and mentioned or some other and what Patents for some and what matter and things states therein as inventions or improvements in steam boats or in relation to the construction, proportions and mode of steering and navigating the same and the machinery and engines to be employed in propelling and navigating the same and the manner of erecting and fixing such machinery and engines or some and what parts thereof and whether your Orators have not contrived and used for some and how long a time, steam boats upon Hudson River with such engines and machinery inventions and improvements on the said John Stevens upon the Delaware River. And whether

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the said Defendants or one of them have not  
constructed and used or threatened to construct and  
establish as steam boat or boats upon the  
principles in the said Patents some or one of them  
specified and with such machinery engines inven-  
tions and improvements as are specified in  
the said Patents some or one of them to be  
used upon Hudson River or elsewhere in the  
States of New York and if they shall not admit  
that they have done so; then that they may partic-  
ularly state whether they have not constructed or  
designed to uses as boats or boats upon the  
principles laid down in the said Patents or what  
other principles; whether they have not constructed  
and used ~~used~~ in such boat or boats any and  
what machinery and engines generally similar to  
but in some respects varying from those for  
which the said Patents have been obtained  
and in what such variations consist, so that this  
Court may judge whether such variations are  
not merely colorable and intended as evasions  
of the said Patents some or one of them. And  
that your Gracres may by the aid and authority  
of this Honorable Court be quieted in the pos-  
session and enjoyment of the rights which they have

been in the exclusive uses of under the said patent  
for upwards of four years. And that the said Defendants  
and every of them their confederates agents and ser-  
vants may be restrained from making constructing  
or using any of the said improvements mentioned  
in the said Patents within the State of New York  
during the respective Terms for which the said pa-  
tents have been granted and from using or em-  
ploying the steam boats by them so built as aforesaid  
within the State of New York without suffi-  
cient authority from your Orators and that the right  
of your Orators to the said several Inventions  
and improvements under the said Letters Patent  
and the Laws of the State of New York may be  
established and declared and your Orators further  
and otherwise relieved according to Equity and  
good conscience. May it please this Honorable  
Court to grant to your Orators as writs or writs of  
injunction under the seal of the said Court to the  
said Defendants and every of them their confederates  
agents Captains engineers Mariners and servants  
to be directed commanding them and every of  
them ~~from~~ absolutely to desist from using all  
within the said States of New York the said Steam  
boats so by them built as aforesaid upon the  
principles aforesaid and also from using all or any

of the Inventions and improvements mentioned and  
specified in and granted by the said Patents and  
any of them and which the said Defendants and  
~~their~~<sup>or</sup> confederates or some of them have copied  
and imitated and used, or threatened to use  
and are about using as aforesaid until such  
time as the said Defendants have fully answer-  
ed and this Honorable Court shall have  
made other orders in the premises. And  
may it also please this Honorable Court to  
grant under your Oration writs of Subpoena di-  
rected to the said Defendants and their confe-  
derates commanding them and every of them  
by a certain day and under a certain pain  
to be and appear in this Honorable Court  
there, and there to answer the premises and  
to abide such order and decree therein as  
to your Honor shall seem meet and agree-  
able to Equity and good conscience  
And your Oration shall ever praye.

Robert Fulton Goldsw & Graham

Sworn by Robt. Fulton  
before me this 2d day  
of June 1811.

B. Livingston

Solicitor for Compt.  
Richd. Harrison  
of Counsel for  
Compt.