The particular grievances of those his Maiesties subjectes throughout England and Wales, which lye under the oppression of George Woods Patent for the sole printing upon Linen cloth.

First, in that the same was obtained upon a false pretence, that he the said Wood or one Jenkins (whose invention he feigneth, he hath bought) was the first inuerter of this Art; whereas in truth the said Wood is but newly attainted to any knowledge therein; and for Jenkins, if he had any manner of invention therein at all, it was some very small thing about thirty years ago, now out of use, which invention he hath also sold to a great number of persons, for 2 s. 3 s. 5 s. 10 s. 20 s. 50 s. or any mony that he could get, and they sold it to others. And he having made his benefit thereof so many years, and in such kind, it cannot now be taken for a new invention, seeing not only the Art is well, but also the apprentices and other that have benefitted in the same are exceedingly increased, so that a great multitude of families both in this City and throughout the kingdom, would be impoverished by the continuance of this Patent, if it shold hold.

2. For the validity of the Patent, it was in way of trial by suite of some Freemen, in the Exchequer, but upon a Reference obtained from his Maiestie to the Lord Chancellor, and now Lord Treasurer, upon the false pretence aforesaid, they were stopped, and not suffered to proceed to trial.

3. The Patent is so general, that it extends in prejudice to all his Maiesties subjectes: for the goods therein prohibited, though they be bought and sold, paid for, and passed from hand to hand, yet they are forfeited in whole hands locator.

4. The Patentee may enter into the houses of the Kings subjectes, and seize and carry away and dispose of the goods prohibited. And did execute this his power upon some before this Parliament.

5. He hath imprisoned others by colour of the said Patent, since the Parliament began.

6. He pretended to the Drawers of the City, for his more ease obtaining of the Patent, and to gain their affittance therein, great and good benefit unto them, which Patent doth now utterly beggar them: for hee gies but a matter of 7 s. 4 d. for that worke which he himselfe takes 24 s.

7. Hee hath by colour of this Patent, entred into some houses, and taken away goods not contained in the Patent.

8. He hath raised the prices of workes from 16 s. to 24 s. and by colour of the Patent may still raise at his pleasure.

9. He hath given out speeches, that he must raise the prises of worke: for that he doth not only pay 30 lib. a yeare to the King, referred upon the Patent, but also 200 lib. a yeare to some other or others that procured the Patent.

10. The Patentee makes himselfe hereupon so strong, that he hath affirmed hee will not give three pence to have the Parliament maintaine his Patent.

11. He had formerly a Patent upon pretence the invention was his owne, whereupon was referred 40 lib. per annum to his Maiestie: and by that Patent none were prohibited to use the Art. Which Patent not serving to his purpose, he then found out this new pretence (though false) and obtained this Patent, which is in benefit to him if it should hold, above all things for one beyond the other; and yet there is no more referred vpon this vnto his pret, then was vpon the other.