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Scottish goldsmith who invented a process for making printing plates using molds that enabled future editions of a document by casting new plates from the original mold. The process, called stereotype, was patented by Ged in 1725. Although Ged himself only used the process to print a single work, he paved the way for other print shops to advance the techniques of stereotyping and stereography.