

Dear Sir

Princescote Post 16th April 1796

Your favour with Bill for Leas of the 6th June
came duly to hand the Leas are got up here which appear
winding good if they prove to on trial considerable quantities
will be wanted

Enclosed you have Messrs. Hayzbrooke & Doage on
Forster Lubbock, Bosanquets & Co London No 130 L^{rs} 17.8
say thirty three pounds 17/8. for full for a Ladging of Leas
please acknowledge the receipt of return of Post agreeably.

It gives me much satisfaction to hear your Furnace
goes on well, there cannot remain a doubt of her continuance
Mr Lince writes he intends to get the other in Blast soon when
I think you will have pretty full employment.

with respects to your Family I am Dear Sir
Yours Affect^d Serv^t

Mr Charles Vivian

Sam Smith

Neath Abbey Iron Works

for Messrs J. Perry & Co

near Neath

Glamorganshire

Bromscombe Post 16 Apr. 1796

Gen^l

I rec^d. copy of your order of the 13th. Curr^t. to
keep the Water in the Canal until Bessley arrived
which shall be attended to, but it will be attended
with expence of working the Engine and I doubt most
of the Cirencester water will be obliged to be pd for
until after the Meeting before that time the goods
will not be cleared from this place - It was intended
to begin the Repairs from Coats Stop to y^e Engine
on Monday Morning & closed on Saturday next
and from the information collected from Capt^m. Lewis
& Mills it was concluded it might have been done
without hinderance to the Boats one hour and the
water got from Cirencester. Brier without much
expence but ~~was~~ as the Springs keep lowering with the
continual dry weather I fear the reverse will be the
case, and as every pond on the Summit level will
require examining in turn, it will be attended with
difficulty & delay to get water to fill the Canal or
workmen to do the needful about Midsummer

I am Gen^l
As I have wrote to Mr Mills
to Abingdon your obed^t hble Serv^t
Sam^l Smith

Gen^l. of the Committee
of the Thames & Severn Canal
N. 38 Mincing Lane
London

Mr Bains ^{to} Port 17 Apr 1796

Your favours of the 10th, 13th & 15th came in due course In reply I appropriate behaviour I am sorry to hear of similar instances have been experienced at this place -

The Spec Bill came safe enclosed in yours of 13th Amt £230 say Two hundred & thirty Pounds which are placed to your

Credit agreeably -

With respect to the BFD & Co Kemp as stated in your Letter of the 15th - The whole of that lot came in Invoice fm London for 13 Bales Wt 11.4.0.0 it all came loose except of 8 Bales as was sent fm hence the 6 Bales of H Brown in Trow Bill N^o 363 - which weight I have examined in the warehouse Book which stands of same as at first Entered Viz

8 Bales wd with Steel yards —	5.5.1.14
Loose W ^o at Scales —	4.0.1.0
in Trow Bill N ^o 363)	<u>9.5.2.14</u>

remainder all loose W^o yesterday & put on Board H Brown & Entd in our Trow Bill N^o 386 - which will be transmitted you in a day or two —

W ^o fm London as above —	11.4.3.2
difference overruns —	<u>0.0.3.2</u>

You will please observe that the Bales being such awkward packages to manueuvre that they cannot be weighed at the Scales in such cases of Steel yards are used to ascertain of W^o

The bill for the carriage but cannot pretend to say they can be depended upon for accuracy that is required for of Value of the Goods as our W^o over runs that for London 3.25 I hope all will prove right when of remainder is delivered which is kept separate from any mixture with any other parcel - but at the y^e same time presume it ought to be observed that some little loss in W^o is unavoidable by some shifting in very dry weather which this Remphas met with therefore should a small deficiency be found it is hoped no allowance for ^{the} same will not be expected

I am Sir

Mr John Holmes
Bristol

Your Obedt^s Serv^t
Thos Smith

Sir

Bristol Port 18. Apr 1796.

On the 29. March last was forwarded to your Care for service of Owner Langney Vessel 4 Casks Porter for Thos Mansell Talbot Esq^r Prince Castle Swana

I have a letter for London say if they are not yet sent should they be yet with you please hasten them forward as soon as possible I have wrote Owner Darke by this post to call on you for 'em in case you ^{have} not forwarded 'em sooner

Mr John Morgan
Newham
Gloucestershire

I am Sir your Obedt^s Serv^t
Thos Smith

The Dr for London is for I answered 14 April 1796

Mr Thomas Easthope Brimscombe Post 10th 1796

Sir In reply to Mr Amerys Letter of the
14 Instant — In eight of goods from Tewkesbury to Oxford for
Iron & heavy Ironmongery & such like goods is 22/6
Cyder & Merchandise not Particularly Bulky } 25/1—
or Hazardous..... is }

In the above is Included for Passage Weighing &c at this Place

Mr The Easthope For Mess^{rs} James Perry & Company
Tewkesbury I am Sir Your Obedient Servant
Gloucestershire Thomas Smith

Mr Rich^d Wooten Brimscombe Post 10th 1796

Sir In reply to your favour of the 12th —
the 5 Trusses Linen, ^{as} were forwarded you from hence the 6 Current
came from Bristol by the Companys Tow and are the whole that
have yet reachd our Knowledge — so soon as the other Arrive
no time will be Lost in forwarding it

Mr Probably the Truss you mention was sent from
Bristol by Mr Gravesbrookes
Vessel if so it will not come under our care

For Mess^{rs} James Perry & Company
I am Sir Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Smith

Mr Richard Wooten

Oxford —

6 Sir

Brimston Port 18. Apr 1796.

In reply to your favour of the 12th Inst
Any vessel you may send with Cheese from Bridgewater to this place may come up the Canal at 4th 3rd to 4th 6th Dms Dft of Water from the River Severn at Framilode to this place distance 10 1/2 Miles -

A vessel at any Draft will come with 4th Tides up Severn to Framilode -

I should the vessel be loaded too deep to come up this Canal she may be lightened by putting a part of her Cargo out, into the Warehouse at the entrance of the Canal at Framilode which warehouse was Built for such accommodation therefore presume you may send what quantity of Cheese you please without the least difficulty to this place (without going to Bristol) from whence it will be forwarded by the Co Boats to the Hamble Wf.

London with all possible care & Dispatch

NB Framilode is about 8 or 9 miles below Gloucester -

Yours Mess^{rs} Jas Parry & Co

Mr Jasth Luff
Cheesemonger
London

I am
Sir

Your Obedt ^{Servt}
Thos Smith

Mr & Rolls Breams le Pond 18 April 1794

To

Bring a Letter for Mr Josh Caff
London of the 12 Curd I am directed to inform
you, a Vessel at any Draft will come up
Severn with up Tides to Framilode, at which
place is the Entrance of the Canal. 10 1/2 Miles
from this place - the Water in the Canal between
Framilode & here will admit a vessel to come
up at 4 ft 3 Ins to 4 ft 6 Ins Dfd & in case
you may have an occasion to lighten, that
may be done by Lodging a part of her Cargo in
the Warehouse at Framilode therefore presume you
may send any quantity of (here you please direct
to this place (without going to Bristol) without
the least difficulty

For Messrs J. Perry & Co
& I am Sir

13 Framilode
is about 8 or 9 Miles
below Gloucester

Your most obedt
Thos Smith

Mr & Rolls
Bridgewater
Wiltshire

D. S.

Bristol Port 19 April 1796.

Herewith you have Capt. Mills Invoice of Goods he left this place with the 15 Inst when he was paid £30 & placed to your account -

We have now about ^{Tons} 330 of Goods here for London & Wrayshury, therefore 2 Sets of Boats, more if one of the Captns could take three Boats for London will about clear off the present Stock -

The Schooner & Trow Disney are gone again to Cardiff for Iron & two Trows to Bristol the whole of which I expect back the ensuing Spring -

I believe I forgot to inform you of 49 of Boxes Tin being sent for here the th of this month by Mr Walkers Boat of Seacklade for Mr Tanner

London - Mr Tanners agent was here several days waiting its arrival from Redbrook to send it by the first Boat for hence it was put out of the Vessel that brought it from the Works into Mr Tanners Boat by order of Mr Tanners agent who informed me he had consigned it to your Wharf

Mr Jos^{ph} Hills
Hambro W^{ch}
London -

Yours
D^{ty}
Yourt^o the St^o
Tho^s Smith

St. James's ^{the} Court 19 April 1792

Sir

In reply to your favour of the 17th Inst
your 2 Bales are arrived & should have been forwarded
~~forward~~ by your Vessel direct to Worcester but
as you wish one to be sent to Gloucester to care Mr
Edwd James there I will send it this Week by Mr
Grangebrook's Vessel if it comes up here which I fully
expect it will to be at Gloucester on Saturday
next. The very low state of the Water in Severn
much impedes the Vessels Working between this
place & Stourport -

I expect one Vessel down the ensuing Spring
by which your other Bale shall be forwarded with
-out fail

I am Sir
Wth Lane & Wall
Worcester

Your Obedt^l &
Thos Smith

10
Sir

Brimley Pond 19th Apr 1796

Annexed you have Invoice of Goods of
Capt Yates & Owner, Brown both left here yesterday -
I wrote you the 17th respecting BFD & Co Hemp to
which please refer, I expect & hope I will in the end
will prove right without any allowance for
Deficiency, should it want a little as ~~it~~ probably
it may grow by Dryness of the season -

The Shumack has been chd before & is now 31/
of Ton - also of Orchilla Weed of H Brown is chd
the same - being by us decrease Dying Articles
should they not be so in your opinion please inform
me & alter of Charge to 36/ for the Orchilla Weed
previous to the rest of the Tred not being sufficiently
acquainted of all of Dying Good -

In your Good Bill N^o 117 of Chalie last time
up is sent 426 Boxes & in D only 419 Boxes are
received here -

Mr Graybrook Vessel brot here the
16th Inst 220 Boxes & in the owner sent us an acct
of only 120 Boxes & them without the Consignees Name
or aboard - This ^{vessel} should have come the preceding
Spring had she not got reaped - can you inform me
of particulars of this Sir viz^t quantity for whom your
reply & return of post will oblige Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

£3 No this Day have sent by the Coach addressed to
you a piece of Cloth for our old friend Mr
P Price Cornwall, please take of the directions to you

Under them you will find Directions to Mrs P P
 this done to save you trouble the charges of the pack
 please send forward

Mr John Holmes
 Bristol

Mr Joseph Lloyd & Bencombe Post 20th Apr 1746
 Mitchell Dean

Sir - I have your letters of the 2^d & 16th Inst
 with Statement in the formes of 8th & 16th Bags coming
 from London -

forwarded from hence to Gloucester 26 March } Bag Matts
 as advised you that day } 60 14

dette of April to Gloucester of 18th by your } 18 0
 Letter of the 16 you had Information at Gloucester

Arrived here a few days ago which shall be } 9 0
 forwarded this Week if possible to Gloucester

Total of your Letter of 20th Apr. 87. 14. 0

Also is here consigned to you -

- 36 Wheel Sedges
 - 29 Thin ditto
 - 22 Oak Armes
 - 73 Short Deal Boards
 - 24 Plates Iron in 2 Bundles
 - 1 Bag
- Likewise by Invoice from London is now on the Passage
 to this Place -
- 24 Bags Bags
 - 21 Nettles & ditto
 - 3 Bags

The goods arrived Sea-port to send to Gloucester
 this Week and the other shall be forwarded as soon as possible
 after they come
 Mr Joseph Lloyd I am Sir, Yours Obed^t Servant
 Guns Mill near Mitchell Dean Gloucestershire Thomas Smeller

Brimsford Pond 20th Apr 1796

I have your favour of the 8th which would have been answered sooner but have been obliged to be from home. In reply the foregoing is Copy of a Letter to Sir Edw Littleton by which you will see the full amount of Lord Eliots Land is paid into Messrs Child & Co^s Bankers hands, his Lordship was furnished with the particulars of the Land & amount the 25 Novr 1789 of which you have annexed a Copy - as also of the Letter that accompanied it to him - this I hope will clear all up on this head -

With respect to a Case for satisfaction to be made to the Millers for the water taken from Jenners Mill I have examined all Lord Bathursts papers & cannot find it amongst them, but have found an Award drawn up by Sir Geo. Paul & Nichols Esq^r in 1787 respecting the water & Lands of Lord Bathurst - also an Award signed by Sam^l Swamley & John Hancock of date 24th May 1791 fixing the price to be paid the Millers for water taken from Jenners Mill by which rate they have been paid since that time. If you wish to have this I will send it up on a Copy, as you may please to direct - if there is a Case I presume it is with Mr Pitt -

In a conversation a few weeks ago with a Mr Walm Puck of Downampney a considerable tenant of Lord Eliots he said he had mentioned some time ago to his Lordship to let to the Propos his Grists Mill at La Hon to which he appeared to have no objection if it was necessary for the navigation. I think it wd be quite right to mention

this to the Commons if they approve & his Lordship
continues in the same mind - this business might be
concluded at the same time with the Land about

For the Propos of the MS Land
The Lane Esq I am for your Obedt^l
Goldsmiths Hall
London
I am Sir

For the Letter to the MS Propos
Letter Book Folio 51 & 52
For Lond Elect acct of Land & Letter see so
do Folio 44. 45. & 46

Mr Wm Fawcett

Brimm^{ing} Post 21 April 1796

Sir
I am duly favoured with yours of
the 14th Current with a Bill for a Buckett & Cash for the
Fire Engine had from Mr John Wilkinson in 1793 -

Enclosed you have Mess^{rs} B & J Graybrook Lt
at 30 Days Date N^o 40 £ 12.12.0 say Twelve Pounds
Twelve Shillings which is in full of all accounts be
pleased to acknowledge the receipt of this Bill agreeably
by return of post & you'll oblige for ~~diffused papers~~
of the Thames & Severn Canal I am Sir

Mr Wm Fawcett
Agent to John Wilkinson Esq^r
Brymbo near Wrexham
Derbyshire
North Wales

I am Sir
your Obedt^l
I am Sir
I am Sir
I am Sir

14)
Mr. Holmes

Gloicester Friday Morning
22 April 1796

To

Here hand you True Bill of the Tides
that were seized out of Chalce which were first end
in our True Bill N^o 285 dated 20 Jan^y last this Act
I hope will be pleasing to all parties I came here Yesterday
& got the Goods out of J. Kings warehouse into Mr. Harmer's
Premises - Owners Smith & Saunders's Trows having left
this place before I came over & no intelligence of any
Vessel going this Spring from Gloucester Except Owners
Easthope of Tewkesbury who I was informed had one
coming down to Neap in Bristol in order to get
em in Bristol as soon as possible I went over to him
at Tewkesbury last Night to engage him to take
em which he promised me to do without fail &
expected to be here to take em on Board tomorrow
or on Monday Morning, I give you this early
information thinking it best for you to inform the
Owners of the Goods at your convenience before their
arrival with you

I have left a True Bill with Mr. Harmer
to send with the Vessel the Name of which is
W. Astor's & I do not know, Mr. Harmer will fill
em blanks up I am haste

In your most Obedt^t
Mr. John Holmes The Smith

Bristol

Mr Garner

I hope you will please be good enough to forward the above Goods by Mr Easthope to the care of Mr John Holmes at y^e Tomline Warehouse No 6 Bristol & you will much oblige

Gloucester 22 April 1796

Your most obed^t Serv^t
J^o Smith

Mr Geo Garner
Gloucester

This wrote upon a ^{new} Bill which was deliver'd to Mr Garner & this Day

Dear

Brimscombe Oct. 27th April 1796

I enclose you have Mr J^r & Mr Graybrook at who L100 say one hundred Pounds which acknowledge the receipt of I hope we shall get within or some one in his room to go regular with the Spring goods there are many here now for a few weeks which we cannot get forward, - the Oil I hope will turn out better than you mention perhaps it may be, they have made a mistake in weighing at this place

Mr J^r Smith
at Mr Waibys
Stourport

I am Yours sincerely
J^o Smith

Worcestershire

Brisport 26 Apr 1796

Mr John Walker

Sir

Godfrey Key saying you can forward a quantity of Tin in my Brother to put on Board your Boat 17 Tons of Tin for Mr Tanager which he will without any doubt pay the price lately paid from Leachlade, his Agent who was lately at this place agreed to pay the advanced Freight to have it forwarded without loss of time - Godfrey informs us the Cider sent by your Boat about 20 Tons now lies in your Warehouse on acc^t of a Demurr the advanced Freight will not be paid on Delivery, - this Cider did not come consigned to the Co & the last lot those people sent, they desired, might be sent to Leachlade, was the inducement to send the quantity in question, therefore there cannot remain a doubt of the payment, you will be pleased to send it forward in my - & make the demand for the full Freight & in case of refusal, we will acc^t with you for the difference, give it dispatch together with the Tin now on Board your Vessel,

Mr John Walker
 Leachlade
 Goasterthere

I am
 Sir
 your Obed^t Serv^t
 James Smith

J. Brims ^{by Post} 27th Apr 1796

No Here with you have Invoice of
Goods for hence yesterday of Thomas Basky
when he was paid £30 & placed to your
Account

I also send you by this post
Capt Quarrington Invoice

Yours
Wm Josth Tills
Hambro's W^{ch}
London

Brims ^{by Post} 27th Apr 1796

Sir Here hand you Invoice of Goods
Capt Quarrington took for hence the 25th
April when he was paid £30 & placed to
your account —

I have also send you by this post Capt
Baskys Invoice who left here yesterday

Yours
Wm Josth Tills
Hambro's W^{ch}
London

Received the Port 27 April 1796

Mr Pascoe Grenfell

Sir By the Barges Ciencceta &

Wandsworth the Busby Master which left this place Yesterday for London, the undermentioned Goods received from Newnham have been forwarded to the Williams Esq. Address

I am
Sir
your obedt Servt
Thos Smith

196 Ingots Copper -	8. 0. 0. 21	20. 6. 2. 10
660 Cakes -	18. 10. 2. 1	
ROBE & CO		26. 10. 2. 22 for Maysbury Mills

WB amongst of 766 Cakes Copper as advised you of 26 Inst sent of Quarrington was one Cake R which had the appearance of Copper on one side & Patmetal on the other - this is the parcel that came from Bristol which you advised us of 12 March - some Patmetal came from Bristol at the same time, therefore am not certain which this Cake R belongs to - as Mr Daughtry only shipped that parcel for 765 & not certain if there was more

I will therefore be obliged you will please give directions to the Mills that in case it does not belong to you - to forward it to the Hambro Wharf -

of No of the 765 - is	20. 16. 2. 27
your advise is	20. 15. 2. 6
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	0. 1. 0. 21

Pascoe Grenfell Esq
Copper Office
London worderquer to T Williams Esq

Mr Tho Williams Barrows to Port 28. April 1790

Sir

There appears some difference in the number of Bars & W^t of the Lading of Iron sent by Capⁿ Wintle between your Bill of Lading & the Number of Bars counted here & the Weight which I concluded w^d be right to acquaint you of for your government, which you have at foot - When you have any more Iron to send this way be pleased to drop a line, & I will send a Vessel down for it as soon as possible

For Mess^{rs} J^r & P^roy & Co
I am

Sir
Your Obed^t Serv^t
Sam^l Smith

Recd Cap ⁿ Wintle as Counted & Weighed at this place	4127 Bars, short W ^t	62.10.3.9
& Bill of Lading recd	4009 - do 56.9.0.9	Is w ^t is 60.9.2.25
more than sent for		<u>2.1.0.12</u>

The above Iron was sent from here the 25th current & will be in Town about the 6th of next Month -

Mr Foreman is advised of 62.10.3.9

Mr Tho Williams

Sent to Mess^{rs} J^r & P^roy & Co
Cardiff
Glam organs here -

20
Dear John

Birmingham Post 28 April 1796

I wrote you yesterday I omitted a Bill one hundred Pounds

Having recd. a Letter from Mr Tho Jones of Abergavenny, desiring the 7 Hides now with you may be immediately sent to Monmouth - he pleased to attend to this with out loss of time, but I must beg leave to observe you receive the charges on the Hides on the Delivery as Mr J. Jones says there is 2 Short of the Number, tho' these are all that have been recd. here, and the cause they lay here was for want

Directions from London	- - - - -	sh ^d	100
sent	- - - - -	81	
at Stourport	- - - - -	17	98
		Deficiency	2

with respect to Oil as you justly observe is a bad article to carry & particularly at this season of the Year all taken from Bristol to London the Shipper is informed before its put on Board, the Co will not be accountable for Leakage and only in case of accident. I have wrote to London to know if any agreement or precaution was taken there at the time of Shipping, the Oil for Cartwright of Bewdley; the result will inform you on receipt of a reply from thence, untill then you cannot give Mr Cartwright an answer

I am Sir your sincerely
Sam^l Smith

Mr John Smith
at Mr. Bailey's
Stourport
Worcestershire

Mr. Jos^h Sells

Princencombe Port 28th April 1796

Sir

on the 14th Inst. we received
here by Capt. Tho^s Presley 30 Tons Oil for Mr. Westwicks
of Princencombe who objects to paying the Freight on account
of a deficiency of 5 or 6 Gallons in many of the Casks
by Leakage and otherwise, - you will please give me
your answer by return of Post. if these Casks were
guaged when put on board or if or if the Shipper was
told at the time that the Oil would not be accountable
for any loss that might accrue by Leakage

S^r.

Chris^t Chambers

We are much in want of your
Princencombe Wharf account which we desire to have
sent here as soon as possible. It is so good to apply to
the Treasurer for his account without which the Books
here cannot be properly settled

CC

Mr. Jos^h Sells

Hambro' Wharf

London

Brimcombe Port. 27th April 1796

Sir

I have represented to the Gent^l Prop^rs
of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation what you
requested me to do concerning Mr Lill's Bills and the
Breakage or Dilgerage of the Black Glass Bottles in
their passage to London.

If your Friend in London will apply again
to the G^d Committee in Thames Street on a
Tuesday with the account and Bills, the Gent^l have
assured me they will pay attention to his complaints

Mess^{rs} Lidcocks
Stourbridge
Worcestershire

I am Sir
Your obed^t Serv^t
James Perry.

Sir

Brimcombe Port 3 May 1796

The Snow left here last night with the
within mentioned Goods consigned to your care

Owner Brown informed me he is coming back to this
place again in my & will bring any Goods you may
have to send by him

The Seed & Cash sold I understand for
Mr Holmes you advised him of having forwarded together
& no doubt are delivered in Bristol, ere this, for which
I am oblig'd to you, & remain, your most obed^t Serv^t
W^m Geo Harmer
Wharfinger
Gloucester

Thos Smith