

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^l 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

I am Sir Your Obedt Serv^t
Mess^{rs} Lidcocks
Stourbridge
Worcestershire
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 deliv^d in Bristol, ere this, for which
I am oblig^d to you, & remain, your most Obedt Serv^t
W^m Geo Harmer
Wharfinger
Gloucester
Thos Smith

Sir

Brinscombe Post 4 May 1796

I take the liberty of transmitting
your acct. Am. D. £38.7.7. which hope
you will find right & a remittance
for the same as soon as convenient
will be acceptable to Messrs James
Perry & Co for whom I am

Sir your obed. Serv.
Thomas Smith

NB I expect some Boats here to day or
to morrow, from London with
{ 12 Bar Steel }
{ 118 Bar Iron } 4.13.3.21 consigned to
you

Mr Nathl Underwood
Coaley Mill
near Cambridge Inn

Gloucestershire

In future to address him near Dursley
of Mr Underwood 3 miles

Brinscombe Post 4 May 1796

Sir

Your favours of the 18 & 28th Ult^o came duly
to hand, the former would have been replied to before
this, but was in expectation of hearing something of the
131 Boxes Tin which have not yet reached our know-
ledge more than I believe Mr Grazebrook Vessel brot
some for Bristol & deliv'd it to Mr Gearing Boat
of Seachlade, the owner, of which I do not know, but
probably may be the 131 you mention, by your
writing Mr Gearing no doubt he can inform you
of the 300 Boxes Tin N^o 17, 18, 0, 20 that came
from

14) from Bristol & the Coal Trows are this day
forwarded from hence by Mr John Walkers Boat
of Leachlade from whence he will forward it by the
Leachlade of Oxford Barges

The 94 Boxes came here the 30th Ult^o
by Mr Graybrook's Kefel consigned to J. Maurer
Esq London - which I presume are the same you
allude to & we have been sent this day with the
300 could the Boat have taken em - they shall
be sent as soon as possible I hope will be by
the beginning of next week

I am Sir
For Messrs Jas Perry & Co
John Miers Esq
London
Your Obedt Servt
Thos Smith

Sir
Brimst^{le} Port 4 May 1796
Your Boat is just gone from here with
Coal & 300 Boxes. In No 17, 18, 0. 20 for Jno
Miers London which you will please forward as
expeditious as possible it came consigned to go of
first Boats therefore of course no demurr will arise
about the Freight -

I find an Error was made here in the
Bill sent from hence by your Boat Snow Bill No 20
- 26 ^{of} which was entered 278 Boxes only
instead of the real number 298 the weight
17 Tons

17 Tons is right - you therefore will be good
 enough to alter y^r Trow Bill to 298
 Boxes -

Your Boat having taken ~~away~~ all
 your Coal away this Trip we have computed
 the Imports & Exports which we find to
 vary 4 Tons

1796	26 Jan ^y	landed here of J Edwards	52 10 0
	29 - "	of J W Simmons	61 10 0
	18 Feb ^y	of J	45 0 0
			Landed 159 0 0
	Feb ^y 1	taken away by your Boat	50 10 0
	11	do	53 10 0
	15	do	10 0 0
	21	do	27 0 0
	26	do	10 0 0
	May 4	do	12 0 0
			taken off 163 0 0
			Landed as above 159 0 0
			Difference 4 0 0

By the above statement you see your Boat has
 taken 4 Tons more than was Landed for you - which
 Difference presume is owing to various Ladings of
 Coals being stacked close to each other belonging to
 you the Co & Co - respecting which will thank you
 to write me for to adjust the same

Mr John Walker
 Leachlade
 Gloucestershire

For Mess^{rs} James Corry &
 Coam^{rs}
 Sir your Obed^t Serv^t
 Tho^s Ginneth

Brimms^{lee} Post 5 May 1796

Wm Hill

Sir

I will thank you to inform me in a day or two all the wool you have had bro't to this place since the latter end of August last each having separate & the whole you have taken away, & quantities each Trip - & the Stock you should have rem'd here

I am
Yr^o M^o Hill
Cirencester
Gloucestershire

Your Obedt^o Serv^t
Thos Smith

Ent^d into Alphabet thus far

Gent^l Brimscombe Post 5 May 96

This days post bro't your favours of the 2^d Inst
In reply of 5 Batts Paper came here 12 March
of owner Wm Hale Kessel without any directions where
or whom for, nor had any one here any knowledge
where to forward it, till the receipt of your Letter
otherwise it wd have been sent sooner. It shall
go by the Boats now at this place which I expect will
leave to morrow or Saturday - what goods you may
please send thro' this Channel please cause the proper
address to accompany them & be assured every
attention will be given to care & dispatch

Wm Hill
Hambro W^o

Yr^o M^o J^o Corry

Wm Hill will please enquire this Letter
to Mess^{rs} Jenkins should they call at
the Hambro W^o inquiring after paper
but not to be returned

I am
Gent^l
Yr^o Obedt^o Serv^t
Thos Smith

1946
Brimmscomlee Pond 5 May 27
Sir
Your vessel brot here 26 Apr 10 Tierces of
Cyder &c without any directions whom for you here
fore will please send me by return of Post the proper
address to enable us to forward them for hence -

So I have a letter this
Day from Mr Oakley
Hereford enquiring after the
Oil sent by your Sloop the 26 Apr
I hope its with you or that
Mr W. Hale
Monmouth

For Messrs J. Perry & Co
Dumfries
near Old St
The Smiths

Brimmscomlee Pond 17 May 1796
Mr Cuff
Sir By the Barges Gloucester & Cricklade N
Lawrence Master which left this place this day
for London, the undermentioned Goods received from
Bristol have been forwarded to your address

Yours
Your Obedt Servt
The Smiths Clerk
1803 Chests Wt 18.0.1.20
As some of the chese was crumpled when received in
Bristol - 5 of y^e worst { 4 small } are kept at this
place weight 63 lb, which from appearance w^l have
damaged much more by sending 'em forward - the
price of which please inform me & the same will be
adjusted at the w^l in London
Mr Joseph Cuff no 115 White Chapel London

28 Mr Jos^h Tills Brims ^{to} Port of May 1796

Sir Subjoined you have Invoice of Goods from hence this day by Capt^m Nath^l Lawrence Bro^r James who was paid £30 & placed to your account - N^o I am informed was ill & not able to come with his Boats -

In the Goods bro^r here 13th Apr^l In^o Mills is inserted in your Inow Bill 34 Sticks Box Wood for Tho^s Wedde Bristol only 33 Sticks & Mr Holmes says Mr T. W. makes a Demand for the 1 deficient -

In your Invoice of Tho^s Barley who came to this place 26 April is 24 Bags Rays I for Jas^o Lloyd Guns Mill
49 ^{do} ^{do} £10 for D
Durham Winchcombe
need these 73 Bags & 1 Bag Rays S^o DE
now remain & at this place can you inform me to whom it belongs

Also in the last mentioned Invoice is inserted 1 cask for H Barnes Birmingham which is not come to this place -

At present we run very short of Coath & I understand from my Brother, M^r Chamberlayn has requested you may be informed that not more than £10 or 12 cannot be paid to the Capt^m for a few Trips to come

Philip Warner & y^e other man that goes with the Boat Horses are frequently complaining at the Capt^m of the Boats taking the Horses over

the Tunnel & obliging 'em to go thro the
Tunnel with the Boats by which means the
Horses are neglected - Phill informs me
Quarrington has stoped wth of him for not
going thro - I have told Quarrington & several
of the other Captains to let the men go
with wth Horses that look after 'em with
out which the Poor Animals will suffer
- this I am told Phill has mentioned to
you -

On the 13. Mr. In. Mills left here 4
Casks Kitchen stuff worth 19.2.6 &
9 Casks do $\frac{F H}{8}$ where 2.9.2.22 good
Hughes Salop - In your Letter of 25
March annexed to the Invoice you say you
need Freight on the 4 Casks but not for wth
9. Pray shall you receive Freight for wth
latter or must it be charged & recd at Stourport

Yours
Yours

Yours &c
T Smith

Mr Josh Mills
Hambro W^{ch}
London -

N.B. In answer to w^{ch} above of 13 May annexed
I Mills Invoice

30 Dear John
Brimcombe Port 9 April 1796

I expect Mr Perry has called on you on his return to Wolverhampton respecting the Stoppage of the Boats upon your Canal. I am told by the Gent^l returned here, that they have concluded for the present, (instead of one Steerer only to be kept at work as I wrote you last) to stop the whole & in their stead to keep a Tow or two at work from this Place to Burton for some of the Forrest^s Coals, of this no doubt if Mr Perry has not already informed, he will soon —

With respect to the Leakage of Oils for different people you complained of they wd not pay their Share in acc^t of such Leakage — The answer rec^d from London is, that the Company have no right to make any allowance for Leverages having advertised in the Public Newspapers to that effect of which the printed sheets of paper containing the rates of Freight fixed is a Copy. at the foot of that you will find their notice not to be accountable for Leakage.

If you can, do send ^{down} two Vessels this spring viz^t one to return to Stourport with Goods, the other to work down to the Forrest for Coal which I presume would be preferred to lying idle at Stourport thro^t the summer

Mr John Smith

at Mr Baileys
Stourport
Worcestershire

I am
Yours Sincerely

J. Smith

Capt Wm Trigg
Boiling in Port of May 31
1796

Sir
The Gent^l Prop^s are returned from
Wales & do not find the business there turn out to
their expectations, on that acc^t have concluded not
to set the Crown Disney at work for the present
so soon as it is fixed I will acquaint you in the
mean time I am for the Prop^s of the Thames
& Severn Canal

Capt Wm Trigg
Bread St
near Newham
Gloucestershire

I am
Sir
your Obedt^l Serv^t
James Smith

Dear John
Boimmanle Part 12 May 1796
your letter of the 6th Inst
is duly rec^d. In your Trav^l Bill N. 299.^{ff}
Dr Jones you asked to give him 4/6 of Son
Ingt^r for a new Harroport which sum
he was paid - & the like sum of 4/6 of Son
was told him & would be paid him
for the goods but took from him 11 April
4/5 over in the cargo - if he was expedition
in his way up & as advised you the 22nd Inst
but I believe he only deliv^d his last goods
on the 5th Inst - poor shud - In case he
damaged the sack of oil thro' neglect he
del^d at Worcester & the loss of 200^l while
appear to be from his inattention
for which he would be accountable
- therefore

32) therefore I think you had better pay
him no more money but let him
bring his Draw Bill here & he finally
settled, you in the mean time please
inform me the sum he has paid of you
& the value of the Drugs deficient if a
claim is made for the loss - we shall
be as favourable as possible - but inattention
cannot be ever looked at, which you well
know -

Owner Hutton took from here
4.6.0.25 Goods 25 apt. in our Draw Bill
N. 399 to Wokingbury 23/6 of Jan 1790 which
you may pay him if the Draw Bill is
properly signed for safe delivery of the
Goods - you will observe our Owner Hutton
receives his own Freight on the empty
Casks, he took at the same time to the place
of the owner of the Casks -

I am apprehensive the Paper to you
took from Wokingbury detained him
much -

My Brother will write ^{you} hereafter
about the Dricks

I am glad to hear of the Rain
have Rattle Water to sell all of Draw
aflood and man from your place

I remain yours affectionately

Thomas Smith

Mr John Smith

at Mr Daileys

Stamport

Warcesterhire

Gentm

Bairns to Port 12 May 1796

Agreable to Chambers Esq & Mr Black requests I here send you sub-
 joined the London, W of acct & give these Books to this present time the sumy herein ch'd
 for Ired and Hughes & Tallow, probably may not all correspond with the need in
 London as each parcel of goods was not forwarded together that came together
 fm London therefore what now remain at this place are as follows which
 is not charged in this acct

Imp ^d £20	5	Books Watson nem 10	4.5.3.0 @ 33/	£7.1.6	} 21. 4. 0
48	—	came of Luarington			
101	10	do — do num ^r 20	8 11.1.1 @ 33/	14. 2. 6	} 23. 9. 6
101	—	came of Lewis			
104	—	Books & Tallow do	14. 4. 2. 14 @ 33/		} 1. 12. 8
104	—	Books Kitchen Staff			
104	2	do — do came of the Mills	0. 19. 2. 6 @ 33/		
		came of Mully			
109	—	Books & Kitchen 0. 19. 2. 6			
		came of Besley			
109	2	Books & Watson of 0. 14. 0. 5			
115	—	Books Kitchen Staff 0. 14. 2. 23			
116	2	Books & Watson			
		came of Jackson no 11st			

£49. 10. 4 sums need in London, not best info this acct but will
 be charged when the goods are ~~for~~ forwarded

34 & 42 Shds & Watrow at 2 - 2 I am not
 yet informed by Mr Mills if the fact will be
 fixed in London or if it is to be charged for-
 ward - which should be known here before the
 goods are sent for hence for my government
 in charging the same I am

Gent^l of the Com^{rs} Your Obed^t Serv^t
 of J^r & H^l Canal Tho^s Smith
 N^o 38 Mincing Lane
 London
 Under cover to John Targent Esq^r

Mr J B Thomas Gatecombe
 1795 To the Thames & Canal Co^r

To Tonnage viz^t

Oct ^r 28	16. 19. 2. 25	Copper & Longney	5	0. 7. 1
	3. 10. 1. 0	do of do down	5	0. 1. 6
Dec ^r 4	5. 0. 2. 24	do of do	5	0. 2. 1
1796				
Jan ^y 5	20. 0. 0. 22	do of do	5	0. 8. 4
May 6	10. 5. 3. 11	do of do	5	0. 4. 3
				1. 3. 3

Brimm^g the Port 13. May 1796

Sir
 Your Letter of the 5th of Ins^t are
 recd in the former you advise of 350 Cakes of

which number came here right - but since the 35
of the latter the letter has been counted again by Mr
Longney himself & he is no more than 350

Shove is your account of £1. 3. 3 which
I am you will please be good enough to send of owner
Longney the first time he comes & in future I must
beg your goodness to cause the Tonnage to be paid when
the goods are brought which will save much trouble
here & am persuaded can make no difference to
your self I am

Mr J B Thomas
Catfield near Newnham
Gloucestershire

Sir your Obedt Servt
Jho Smith

Gentle
Brimacombe Port
13 May 1796

In reply to your favour of the
9 - I am not yet informed from London
of the Boats Situation that your Salt petre
was put on Board therefore cannot at present
say when it will arrive, no opportunity will
be lost in sending it forward from hence after
it reaches this place

The Ticket on of faulty Bottle and
of which all of liquor is leaked is marked
I am Gentl your Obedt Servt
Jho Smith

FFE 87 -
I

36
Brimacombe Port 13 May
1796

Sir

Your Letter of the 8 Inst is recd
The 10 Tierces Paper I expect will be in London
in about 14 Days - your charge upon it I must
beg leave to refer you to Mr Thomas for payment
it not being customary to advance fact upon
goods at this place

We have 30 Bobles Wax here
for E. H. Monmouth presume for Mr Hudson
also 1 Firkin T.P. Monmouth

The 3 Cows Marble for Mr Roberts
builder Monmouth went from here by your
Nepel the 26 Ult -

I have no knowledge of the Price of
Waggon Shakes - should an opportunity offer
to learn by enquiry will inform you

Yours
Wm Milale

Monmouth

Sir
Your Obedt
Thos Smith

No if you pay I Allen & D. Sturidge the times you will Co. here for the same

W R Gearing
To Jas Perry Esq Jr

1796

11 May	To Innage on Goods & Coal of the Co's Boat Thames	6.12.10
	To 34.6.2.0 Goods & for Brims to Seachtoc & permit no 423 @ 3	5.2.10
		<hr/> 11.15.8

Sir
Brimscamble Port
13 May 1796

above you have charges in goods from here 11 out of the Co's Boat Thames which Boat your Capt Robt Sanders engaged to take of goods from the Bourne & Coal when he expected nearly sufficient to load your Boat from Framiloade I give you this information for your government in charging the goods the same as tho' they had went by your own Boat

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servt
Tho Smith

As your Boat left here yesterday - I Allen took a Wharzelbrook Iron Bill of goods from the Bourne who said he thought of Boat had on Board full 36 Tons
W R Gearing
has had noest there

Dear Sir

Windsor, Port 14th May 1796

I enclose you have Mr Jos^{ts} Graybrook

Draft N^o 158 at 7 days sight £63. say. Fifty three Pounds

W ^{ch} your Dividend of Iron Canal payable 1 st June	£	24	0	0
do Lond ^{on} Chalc ^o 1 st do	£	28	0	0
do New Chalc ^o 1 st do	£	11	0	0
				<u>£ 63 0 0</u>

which please acknowledge the receipt of agreeably

I am Dear Sir

Your Obed^t Serv^t

Sam^l Smith

As money must be very short here at present but will remit you for the order in long.

Rob^t Holleston Esq^r

N^o 38, Leining Lane

London

under cover to Mr Sargent Esq^r

Sir

Boring^{ton} Port 13th May 1796

a letter rec^d from Mr Charles of the

25th Ult^o says "we expect the Swansea Capn Chapman
 down here in a day or two. We have a loading of Iron
 for her down, ^{but the conveyance of Iron down} by the Canal from Merthyr is now
 rendered so uncertain for want of Water that we
 cannot engage a loading for the Disney again until
 we have a fall of rain & water sufficient to navigate which
 at present is too low" In consequence of this Letter
 the Swansea is sent to Tenby for taking Coals & the
 Snow Disney laid up. Whenever you have any
 quantity of Iron on hand or Mr Charles dropping
 a line will send down the Swansea the first possible
 opportunity after - & Mr Charles may also drop a
 line

line to the ⁱⁿ different owners upon the River (39)
who have been ⁱⁿ habit of bringing Iron up here from
Cardiff for you thro' this winter, & which he has been
acquainted & by in of the for vessels - I presume it
will be practicable at any time on proper notice
to give, to get up a quantity & where ever every ex-
ertion will be used to give it dispatch -

Some time ago a pressing Letter recd from
Mr Charles to this place & directions to the Capt of the
Swansea who was then loading Iron at Cardiff
to bring the vessel down again in my before the
Vessel got to Newnham a Letter was there addressed
to the Capt to say there wd be no Iron for him
next Spring -

Under these circumstances I must beg leave
to say its difficult to look for employ for a
vessel in a day or two's notice in which I doubt not
you will agree in opinion - At any time
you have Iron you wish to send this way I presume
it will be best & Mr Charles writes to the different
owners of vessels, as well as to this place when
every thing shall be done in our power

Richd Crawshaw Esqr
Merthyr
near Cardiff
Glamorganshire

For Messrs J & P Perrell
Sir
Yours Obedt Servt
Saml Smith

Brimmscombe Bord 14 May 1796

Herewith I enclose you three Trow Bills of Goods coming from London by the Es Boats Lewis & of goods to go back by him from your place Viz

1 Copy of Trow Bill from London dated 28 Apr particulars of Goods you will have to receive from him which must be lodged in your Warehouse till the repairs are finished on the Summit the Fullers Earth please leave put upon a Dry clean smooth place to prevent Waste

2 Trow Bill N^o 430 dated Brimmscombe 17 May of Goods he is to take from you to London & on which is particulars of dates & of Goods were sent you from this place - to be signed by Capt Lewis & returned to this place

3 Trow Bill N^o 430 dated Brimmscombe 17 May which you will please send with the Goods by Capt Lewis

4 I expect the Boats will be with you on Monday next wth 16 Curr^t

In case Capt Jackson leaves wth 5th Ingots Copper I mentioned in my Letter by him to you this Morning please add the same to Capt Lewis's Trow Bill & send it by him

You will please pay Capt Lewis 10⁰⁰ L^{rs} & take his receipt for it & inform

In your humble Serv^t Tho^s Tomlin

As you will please keep each parcel of hemp & Flax, separate & send it to this place otherwise if mixed some probably will have more & some less than their own

Wm Brent
Carrblade wh^{ch}
M^{rs} Shore

Messrs Crawshaw & Co

Bunswortle Court
14 May 1796

(4)

Sirs

By a Barge Bristol & Tedderley Ind Jackson
Master which left this place this morning for London
the undermentioned Goods received from Cardiff
have been forwarded to your address

I am

Sir

your able Servant

The Smith

Iron part of Iron Disney Cargo w. abt ^{Items £ 2} 29. 15 ²

As the whole Cargo is £ 5. 0 ² from which if above
was taken & probably it may vary from it. here
stated, but when you receive it ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~remains~~
remainder I expect you will find it right — we were
obliged to divide this Cargo as the Boats could
not take it all this Trip,

The Swansea's Cargo will be forwarded
you next week

Messrs Crawshaw Son & Co

Merchants

London

10/5

Summerside Boat 11s May 1796

Annexed you have Invoice of Goods
Captⁿ Jackson went from here with early this
morning when he was paid £12-12-0 & placed
to your acc^t. at the same time I paid him 10/
your charge on Goods for Mr Lloyd Guns Wille
& Lewis brought here the 9th last month which 10/
Captⁿ Jackson will pay you

I expect Captⁿ Lewis will be at Cucklade
on Monday next where he will discharge & load
from there 137 15 0 26 Goods sent there in readiness
for him, & by the time the great Boats come from
London I expect the Affairs on the Summit will
nearly or quite be finished for them to come forward
to this ^{place} without much hindrance

8 Lawrence Boats brought here the
6 Jan^r 11 Barboys Consigned in your Invoice RW
troubled to whom they are forwarded, Mr Watts refuses
taking to more than 4 of em which have Saleys RW
& the other yare marked EP which remain for further
Orders from the Shippers you therefore will please
make if necessary enquiry & inform me as soon as
possible of proper Owners

Yours^{sr} Wille Jrd
The Smith
Mr Jos^h Sells
Hambro whf
London

Sir Brimcombe Port 15 May 96
your Lt of the 25th Apr. & 11th Inst. concerning the
cause - In reply -
60 Bolls }
20 do }
6 Matts }
Hamp & Alex. came here the
6th Inst. Some when (owing to the lowness of
the water) no opportunity has offered
to give it dispatch, - I expect a vessel or two
to arrive the next week by which it
shall be forwarded
I am Sir your obed. S^t
W^m Thomas Hutchins Thomas Smith
Worcester -

Sir Brimcombe Port 15 May 96
In reply to your favour of the 11th
The 9. 17. 0. Cartidge now at this place shall
be forwarded by the first Boat (say Mr. M^r)
which are now on their way here from
London some little up air are going to
be done upon the Canal, which probably
may detain the Boats a few days - tho' I
expect a finish will nearly or quite be made
by the time the Boats reach of place of paid
The French here will lift any of
your goods - & shall have very possible
dispatch after they arrive, and am
persuaded will be subject to little or no
delay I am Sir your obed. S^t
W^m Thomas Smith
Alexander Prodie Esq^r
Cary Street
London