

Bainswater Port
16 May 1796

Sir We are so poor that I am under
the necessity of requesting your goodness
to make a remittance of Return of Post
Paid for the Balance of your acct.
amounted to the 29 March £127.10.2
together with a part of the amount
since if you can conveniently
send Messrs James Perry & Co
I am Sir your obedt Servt
Thomas Smith
Mr Thomas Evans

Was certes Mr. J. was ad him again 25 Inst
in a drawn to same per part - & again 26 Inst

Bainswater Port 18 May 1796

Sir Your favour of the 9 & 11 Inst. are duly
recd & hope by this time you are perfectly recovered
from your indisposition

In a hurry it has slip't my memory respecting
the 2 Packages of goods deliv'd - Mr Partridge Bowbridge
I will send down not to unpack 'em & shall go back
next Vessel -

I have wrote to London about of Box wood &
have in reply they was counted from of Cords into the
"Boats by the Boatmen themselves for 34 Sticks" therefore
it is not unlikely but they made a mistake in of tale
as they came here stow'd in the Boats Bottom & being an
article I think they would not make Merchandise of least
rooms to suppose all came to this place that were recd in
London & as no but accompanied it from London I do
not know if any deficiency remains - of course some left

See
1796
10/10/10/4

by drying on its passage may be expected (45)

with respect to AC Hemp that sent in Snow Bill No 385
Apr 16 came from London for only 4.18
{ 9 Bales wth } 4. 3. 0.15
{ with Steelyards }
{ loose } 0.16. 2.00
4. 19. 2.15

sent in Snow Bill No 386 Apr 18 2.15.2.25
sent in D 404 Apr 30 13.11.1.27

Ex^o of Whouse B^oll this 18 May } 13.1.1.27
& find of W^{ts} to be only }
13. 1. 1. 27

came from London for only 15.14.0.6
15. 17. 0. 24

Total W^{ts} from London 20.12.0.6

over W^{ts} as above 20.16.3.11

W^{ts} rec^d in Bristol & your Exp^{ts} } 20.13.2.4
11. May

more deliv^d in Bristol than } 0.0.1.26
sent for from London }

by this statement no doubt you will be able to settle without making any allowance for Hemp more than I met on Difference of W^{ts}.

The Snow left here yesterday with the annexed Goods - The Snow will carry Bristol Goods next Trip

Yours
Mr W. Holmes
Bristol
Yours most Sincerely
Thos Smith

46) Mr John Kerr
Bainxcombe Pont 19 May
1796

Sir

I agreeable to Messrs Chambers
Pony & Black who were with you the beginning
of this month I request I have sent for here this
day the Snow Lays Mr Hawkins Master with
Directions to apply to you Mr R^d Hewlett or Mr
Mr R^d Moss for a Lading of the best Coals from
Purton passage agreeable to the terms mentioned
between you & the other Gent^{rs}

I am

Yours
if a Lading is not down
please get me ready as soon as
possible
your Obedt^l
Thomas Smith
agent

NB a Copy of the above Letter except naming
the names of application was wrote to addressees

Mr John Kerr
Bremer Lodge
Dney Parish
Gloucestershire

Mr R^d Hewlett
Sailwell
near Purton passage
on the River Severn
Gloucestershire

Mr R^d Moss
Farmer
Purton passage
on the River Severn
Gloucestershire

Sir

Brimstone Court
21 May 1796

(4)

Herewith you have Invoices of Goods from
Cricklade of Captⁿ. J^r. Lewis who I expect left there
Tuesday or Wednesday last ye 17th or 18th Inst. Mr Brunt
would pay him 10. or 12 which I will acquaint you
as soon as I am informed by Mr Brunt

Mr J^r. Hills & Sons Es^{rs} of the 13th annexed
to J^r. Hills Invoice come in due course - In reply the
20 Casks Brigs from here of Quarrington the 4th April
for Mr Roberts went from this place in good Condition
probably they might be shifted by Lightning between
this & Abingdon the whole of this Cargo was discharged
by Quarrington at Abingdon from whence he returned
to this place & by those Shiftings together with the
Goods being in the Care of different Baragemen
might possibly be the Cause of the packages being out
of Repair

John Jackson bro^d here the 13 Curr^t. 4 Casks
Oil directed to be inserted in your invoice of Parsons
& Co Groome being so many places of this Name will
thank you to inform me the County & if to go to
Bristol - at the same time please inform me
& necessary respecting of 11 Carboys mentioned
to you the 14 Curr^t.

Yours
Mr Jos^h. Hills
Hampre Wh^y
London

your Obed^t Serv^t
Thos Smith

48) Gentle

Brimscombe Post
21 May 1796

I am just favoured with your Letter of yesterday with an order to detain 20 Casks & Linens Goods W x C 1 @ 20 - you say are now in the Cas Boats on their way here from the Hamble Wharf London, addressed to Wm Coomes Chesmonger Bristol - your order will be attended to on the Goods arriving - But should you dispose of them to Mess^{rs} Croomes of Cirencester presume they wd wish to have them Landed at Liddington about 1 1/4 Miles from Cirencester & which is about 13 Miles short of this place I mention this as it may probably save something in Carriage back

I am gentle

Your Obedt Servt
The Smith

NB. I expect it will be as much as 10 or 12 days before the Boats will reach here during which time you may acquaint Mess^{rs} Croomes should you approve of it in time for Landing as the Boats come past Liddington - in that case I will thank you to inform me

Mess^{rs} Tho^s Goddenough & Son
Bishopgate Street

London

Dear John

W. Manscombe Esq 24 May (49)

annexed you have 4 Trow Bills of Goods
from hence of 4 Trows Chambers, Black, Bate & Littleton
the 3 former left here yesterday & the Littleton will finish
discharging her Coal & take the 16 Trows on Board to
day Mr Hughes Goods now being all forwarded have
charged 10/6 ^{paid} Coospage on the whole which you will please
receive on delivery of the last

The Capt^{ns} all say the water is got so low
again in Severn that they are apprehensive they
will be under the necessity of Lightening a part of the
Goods now on Board up to Stourport not knowing how
that may turn out you will please notice that
circumstance on their arriving with you whether they
take it whole in their own bottom without ^{lightening} any or neglect
in making expedition to you or not, this be good enough
to mention on their Trow Bill or to me by Post
as they will be compensated agreeable to their exertions but
should suppose the water will be sufficient to take 'em
forward without Lightening or hindrance

I remain yours affly

Wm John Smith

Thos Smith

at Mrs Bailey's

Stourport

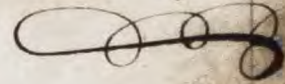
Worcestershire

I am

(5)

Sir

Your obed. able Serv^t
Thomas Smith

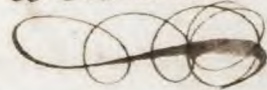


Owing to the Shortness of Water in Severn till the
last Spring has caused the Vessels to be very Irregular
from Stourport

Mr. Tho: Easthope

Devizesbury

Gloucestershire



Mr John Holmes

Remembrance Paid 24 May 1796

Sir

I am just favour'd with your Letter
of the 25th with Invoice annexed The Chalice arrived
this Morning

I am sorry to hear your Brother Mr
Eusebius has been so dangerously Ill, but on y^e other hand
am Glad you are much better yourself & Mr Eusebius upon
the Recovery

It was y^e first Spring you sent y^e Papers
to Mr Harmer without mentioning y^e same in your Letter
that caused me to send over to Gloucester to know of a
certainty being the first time made me a little fearful
for fear of miscarrying & all will go on (I hope) regular on
that head — I will inform Mr Lewis your Promise
of executing his Commission

Please send as under y^e next Train &
charge the same to Mess^{rs} Perry & Co for whom I am Sir your obed^t Serv^t
(Carried over) Tho: Smith

52) 4 Stay falls 20 fathom & 5 In Circumference
 4 Works — 55 Do — & 4 Do to be
 6 strong twine for mending Sacks } good Hemp

As if you cannot send the whole please send one
 or two of each of next size if possible

Mr John Holmes
 Bristol

Gent^r Brimscombe Point 25 May 1796
 Your favour of the 23 is duly recd & agreeable
 to your request you have statement of the Receipts &
 Deliverys of your Nails —

The $\frac{I}{M}$ Goods as mentioned in your favour of the
 9th Inst came here the 21st inst

$\frac{I}{M}$ { 1 Case, 1 Cask
 6 Bds Smokey pans (As 1 handle broke before recd
 at Stounport

Date of Letters of Advice & Goods	Date Goods came to Brims combe	Date forwarded from Brims combe	
1796 B $\frac{1}{2}$ B	1796 B $\frac{1}{2}$ B	1796 B $\frac{1}{2}$ B	} No 1 Bag $\frac{I}{H}$ not yet come to Brimscombe
24 March 27. 13	11 Apr — 26. 13	25 Apr 26. 13	
11 Apr — 29. 15	{ 25 ^{oo} — 24. 11	26 — 24. 11	} now at Brimscombe & will be forwarded by first Boats
24 Apr — 14. 8	{ 27 ^{oo} — 5. 4	7 May 14. 8	
	{ 27 ^{oo} — 9. 4		
	{ 19 May — 5. 1		
9 May 23. 4	{ 24 ^{oo} — 0. 3 from Bristol		
	{ 19 May — 18. 3		
	{ 21 ^{oo} — 5. 1		

In the first parcel is 1 Bag wanting
 for Mr James & Mary Hastings, now advised of
 $\frac{I}{B}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ B & only need here 1 half Bag

The Cotts coming here at different times
presume is from their not arriving together at
Stourport —

The Winter floods which much impeded
a Boat from traveling occasioned large quan-
-tities of Goods to lie here for some time was
the cause of your first Nails remaining at
this place the time they did —

My Brother has been attending some
repairs upon the Summit from the beginning
of last week who expects to finish to put
the Water in again by the latter end of this —

Two London Boats are just arrived at
Stourport to come forward so soon as the
repairs are done by which all your Goods shall
be sent

I am

Gentl^y

Your very obed^t Serv^t

As to the 3 Bags $\frac{1}{2}$ for The Smiths

Mr and Mrs Langer in Leicester shall have due notice
should they come to this place —

Mess^{rs} Tho^s & Jas Perry

Merchants

Wm Perry ditto of

the 7th June 1766. Say only Valerhampton

1 - 1/2 Bag $\frac{1}{2}$ was sent

say all apts

Stapton Hill

54) Sir

Burtonville Port 26 May 1796

By my Brothers request (who has been from
some time attending the repairs upon the Summit)
you have enclosed Mess^r B & J Grazebrook's D^t N^o 16^e
14 Days on Mess^r Foster Lubbock, Bosanquets & Co
Bankers London Sixteen Pounds for 10 Bils
Order you were so good as to order for him last fall
The Bils will be returned so soon as they are all
empty, in case this remittance is not within the
proper time & any Interest should be required my
Brother will pay it you with thanks

If not giving you too much trouble I will
be much obliged you will please order, at your
convenience 10 Bils more, for which I will remit
in any manner you may deem most suitable.

Br. Millar & Denyer are now taken Partners in the
Profits —

When my Brother was at home on Sunday
last he expected to finish to let in the Water towards
Saturday next John Mills is arrived at Niddington
with his Boats, so I expect he will be here & Load off
again next Week

I am

Sir your obed^t humble Serv^t

Please acknowledge the Rec^d of the
enclosed D^t The Smith

Rob^t Colleston Esq^r
N^o 30 Minning Lane
London

Capt. Chapman

Burnscombe Court
26 May 1796

(50)

Sir

Your Letter of the 23rd this month

is rec^d and agreeable to your request you have enclosed
Messrs B. & J. Grazebrook D^{rs} £160 @ 30 days on Messrs
Foster Lubbock & Co Bankers London, Value Fifty two
Pounds which please acknowledge the receipt of return
of D^{ts} - I saw Carnar Moore last night who says he is
engaged for the next Spring & thinks he cannot meet you
Therefore you'll engage any other Vessel you can if you
cannot come forward to furnish

Capt. Tho Chapman
of the Schooner Swansea
at Mrs Mary Reynolds's
Shepherd Tenby
Comstock's Cove
South Wales

I am Sir

Your hble ser^{vt}
Tho Smith

Whe D^{ts} was specially
Endorsed by J. Smith

Gent^l

Burnscombe Court 26 May 1796

In reply to your Letter of the 23rd accompanying
Capt. Brasley Snow Bell respecting the 3th Coppers
for Messrs H. Bristol; 1/2th D^{ts} here for Coopering of them
Casks, to the best of every ones recollection they were but
in middling Condition none was lost here nor from hence
to the Landing in Bristol, all Weighed at this place
2.0.1-21 } 1.14.3.21 } Capt W. 40.1-21, that article, Allom, & many
2.0.1-21 } 1.11.3.0 } other heavy Goods frequently come in old Shatter'd Casks, so
that a loss is not to be Wondered at
Messrs. Jones & Sons
Hambro Wharf
London

Yours obed^t ser^{vt}
Thomas Smith

Burnscombe Post 26 May 1796

Sir

I have your Letter of the 23^d. this month
 informed you of 5 Tons^l. of your 5 Tons Oil being sent from
 here 26 April by Mr Hale vessel of Monmouth
 Freight of these 5 Tons sent from hence 26 Apr
 is charged to Mr Hale is $11^s. 3. 2. 3\frac{1}{2}$ of Ton 1. 16. 6
 per^l. from London to this place —
 what the usual ^{charge for} Freight by Deaver Hale from this place
 to Monmouth is, I do not know, but it appears a considerable
 mistake must be made in charging you 26 you probably
 may learn by enquiry of customary Freight of Ton from here,
 in Gloucester, to Monmouth —

Our Freight from London to Gloucester
 is 36/ of Ton for Oil —

Should you prefer your Goods being
 sent here in future please advise me

I am for Sir Perry & Co

Mr Francis Oakley

Sir your obed^t. able

Hempford

The Sonnets

Dear Sir

Bromsea m^o Port 26 May 1796 (5)

Yesterdays Post brought me a Letter from Mr C.

Oakley Hereford, respecting his 5 Hhd's Oil your Vessel
took from here 26th last month W^{ts} 62^{lb} 1.3.2⁷ which was
very lately at Monmouth (if not remaining there yet)
with £6 - charges, upon it, if so presume it must
be a gross mistake - our charge to you is on 1.3.2⁷
from London to this place @ 31/ per Ton £1.16.6
as if our acct sent you with the Goods - from y^e distance
fr^m hence to Monmouth should suppose y^e Freight
is not half so much as fr^m London to this place, ad-
mitting it to be one half your Freight w^{ld} be £0.18.3

Do not wish from what I have said to point out
any mode for your government in Freight - but
these complaints makes it very unpleasant as
well as troublesome to you & others & will
eventually cause y^e Goods to go by Land from
Gloucester, I mention this not doubting but
you will needily rectify any error if committed

will it not be proper you write Mr
Oakley about this business & adjust the
same amicably

I am Sir your Obed Serv^t
Mr Mr Hale Tho Smith

Monmouth

58. Gentry Brimscombe Port 26 May
1796

In reply to your favour of yesterday
I expect your 200 Bags Petre at this place next
week -

Some repairs have been doing upon of
Canal for about 9 days back & are ^{expected} to be finished
toped of Water in again by Saturday next
so that no Boats for London will be detained
many days on that acct -

Your Goods shall have every possible
dispatch. the Low State of Water at this season
of the year - renders it impossible to say of
a certainty, to a few days, when they will
reach Stourport

I am Gentry
Messrs Lamb & They & Son your Obedt^l
Buddley Tho^l Smith
Worcestershire

Sir

Brunstons Bay 26 May 1796 (54)

I have your favour of the 15th & 25th Inst. N^o 96
The late Brains bro^t all the Vessels down from Harwich
one of which has since been at Burton, & is just returned
with a Lading of Coals, all of Traws coming down, together
with making out & collecting sundry small Freights
Acct^s to raise money to pay w^{ch} Bargemen has taken
up all our time for 9 Days back, but am now in hopes
of getting the London Est. Acct^s wrote ^{out} to transmit
you in a few Days

Land Bird has spoke to my Brother
about making extra time, at present w^{ch} work is not very
pressing till such Boats can be brought from the Thames
that want repairing it was fixed for him to make
4 Days a week when work required it, at other ^{times} only 6 Days

This days Post brought a Letter to my Brother from
Mr Tho Lane with Lord Elliott & his Son's Bond of
Indemnity & Receipts dated 30 Apr 1796 for £1032.1.0
for his Lordships Land taken for the Canal & this Amt
presume is & sum deposited in w^{ch} hands of Sir Edw^d
Littleton Bart^r & Esq^r. L Loueden Esq^r ^{presume the same}
have Credit for the same

1788 Apr 23 pd. on acct^s Lord Elliotts Lands 001.0.2

1789 Nov 25 pd. in full for Do Do 150.13.6

If this Amt. is withdrawn from Sir Edw^d Littleton £1032.1.0
& Edw^d. L. Loueden Esq^r presume they must have Credit for the
same in these Books of which I will be obliged you will
please acquaint me I am Sir your obed^t serv^t

The Smith

(60) As when my Brother was at home on Sunday
last he expected to finish & repair on & summer
to let in the water towards Saturday next

Wm Black
No 30 Minerva Lane
London

B minus la Pont May 28. 1796
Dear John I have this day settled with Capⁿ
Hawkins & paid him for his Goods he took from here
26 March last he told me you have paid about 10^s
for Men assisting him in Lightning up which 10^s
I have need for him & placed to your Credit you
will inform me if this is right or if you have paid
more or less on his acct when you pay any
thing for Lightning you should always advise me
otherwise they will frequently get twice paid to avoid
which it will be best to pay them all their money
at this place & you note on their true Bill here
any extra trouble they may have in Lightning
up or down which will be more clear & less trouble
to all in the accounts, in which I am persuaded
you'll agree - Wm Hawkins has made one Trip to
Purton & is this day gone for here for your place or
Purton again, if to your place you will forecast
for him to bring all up Coals down he breaks in upon
as I expect he will go to Purton again if not
soon now -
I have your favour of the 24th I have both

From Bills regular from Wm Hawkins of
Coals down & Goods up his Coal bill is 55.17.2
I must send you by him

You shall have a remittance as soon as
possible at present we are extremely short of
money & are often obliged to defer payment by
gently informing applicants to call at a future
time, when probably we may be provided to pay
'em -

My Brother I expect will be at home
this evening from repairs on the summit
which have taken his constant attendance for 12 days
back - when we will consult & write you about
of Oil Sails maker &c In the mean time

I remain

Yours affly
Mr Tho^s Smith

Yours affly

Tho^s Smith

at Mr Bailey's
Stourport

Worcestershire

62 Brimscombe Pond 23 May 90

Mr R Morse

Sir

Wm Hawkins of the Snow Hays
arrived & finished unloading the Coal this Day he
sent from you the 23 Inst the W^t is 56 Tons
I understand y^e situation is very awkward for
y^e Snow to lie in the River to take the Coal on
Board. I have this Day wrote Mr Innman at
the Passage House to get an an to remove such
earth or mud that maybe necessary for a Snow
to lie at y^e most proper & handyest place to the
Coal, if you can assist Mr Innman in fixing on
the best spot for the purpose I will thank you
to do it - another Snow will be down with
you again I expect next Spring after y^e place
for Loading is made more safe. for Mess^{rs}
James Perry & Co

I am Sir your Obedt^e Slave
Thos Smith

NB the Captⁿ will take ^{with} him next Trip a long
back to weigh the Coal on Board

Mr R Morse

Purton Passage
on y^e River Severn
Gloucestershire

Sir

Brimsley Port 28 May 1796

The Company have had a Snow Ladger
of Coals this week from Purton at which place
I understand some Earth or Mud, wants to
be removed for about 30 yards in Length
to render the situation more safe & convenient
for a Snow to lie to take the Coals on Board
from the Shores - which you were good enough
to promise the Gentⁿ (who called upon you
about the 6th of this month) to engage a
Man a few days if required to do the needful
you therefore will please have a place
made, at a most proper & convenient
Spot to lay Coal for a Snow to lie without
risque - The Expence please hand to Mr Bellone
& Inform me & the same shall be paid you

Yours Mess^r James Perry Es^r

Mr Inman

Passage House

Purton
on the River Severn
Gloucestershire

I am Sir your Obed^t

J^o Smith

Sir. Brimscombe Port 31 May 1796

I am glad to hear by your request of the 15th Inst. I have enclosed you the value of the London Freight amount for these Books - commencing 29 May 1795 - I will reply by your favour of the 25th by tomorrow's Post -

I am Sir your obed^t Pleb. S^t
M^r. James Black Thomas Smith
N^o. 38. Minning Lane
London
under cover to M^r. Sargent 819th. M. S.

Gent^l Brimscombe Port 31 May 1796

On Saturday last we finished the repairs of the Summit from the Stop Gate at the Engine to the Stop Gate Coats Shield the water out 12 working days in this length was taken out & worked up again from the bottom 150 Yds forward of the Lining. besides stopping many Holes in the bottom particularly about the Engine -

The water lowered from the Engine to Cirence^r about 20 In^{ch} a day - at last several holes appeared in the Side Lining - about Tiddington & in the collateral branch to Cirencester in examining the latter at every hole found about 2 to 2 1/2 feet of the old Dry wall left in the Bottom which is matted in front & a pun of Clay put upon the Top of the Dry wall

(66) wall, this will all be to be taken up when time will permitt - in this length from the engine to Coonchester lions w^d not permit to draw off the water to examine the bottom -

From Daneway Lock to the Stop Gate at the mound House Coats Field, the water lowered very little the last day it was gauged it lost only $\frac{5}{8}$ Inch in 24 Hours which I think would run off at the lock & Stop Gate that this distance may be said to hold very well, on Thursday night last I ordered the water drawn off to examine the bottom which has ^{long} been complained of being too high & which I mentioned to you at the meeting, on Friday B Hains & 2 Watchmen walked thro the Tunnel & found the sheeting nose in the bottom about 7 Ins between the 9th & 16 Pitts 44 yds forward & between the 14th & 15 Pitts 27 yds forward about a yard broad - but no cracks at present appear in the side walls. this job must be prepared for & done this summer - or very serious consequences may be expected & its a place I dare not enter into, who to get that can be depended upon I am at a loss to know at present -

I find thro these Stones that are now there are regular gutters cut by the Ridders of the Bars some years back the Lock Sill at Daneway was ordered to be cut down 3 or 4 Ins which was done by Wm Large & the Lock Sill at Ed^d.

is too low I think these sh^d be both rose &
at the stop plank Sills, otherwise the bottom
Sheeting will always be subject to be torn
up, where it was put in too high at first.

Some time back Quarringtons Men
stoped at this place & rather than be at
the Snowhill to get a Boat to lighten thro
they put a Beam across the Tunnel & give
a double purchase of Blocks to fetch 'em
over. if this practice is not put a stop
to, by very strict Directions to the different
Captains in London they will follow it up
untill they lining the Tunnel down upon their
heads — I was very much agitated when
Quarringtons Man told me in Coats Field what
he had been doing — this I mentioned at the last
Meeting when there appeared but little attention
paid to it — when this was done Quarrington
rode the Horses over the Tunnel & was then
in the Tunnel House & this is pretty generally
the practice with all the Captains —

Mr Lewis discharged his last Lading
at Finchlade in which are many Sacks of
Flax Seed very much damaged & some quite
rotten the seed growing thro the Sacks & other
Goods also damaged this is mostly occasioned by

68) by want of attention in putting Bundles
in the bottom & sides of the Boat - to keep the goods
dry - when Mr Brent asked Lewis how he
came to load the goods in that careless manner,
he said he did not load in that they were ready ^{loaded} for
him at the Wharf -

We are now loading the Bristol Vessel &
some of the Hemp on the outside the bundles is
quite rotten which is obliged to be pulled off & shown
by this arises from the same cause

I am Gentⁿ
Your Obedientst
Sam Smith

MS no Boats yet sent up for London
to put in the Dock for repairs

The Gentⁿ of the Comm^{ee}
of the MS Canal

No 38 Mincing Lane
London

Dear John Windsorcombe Post 31 May 1796 (69)

Your Letter to Tho^s of the 24th Sept now
lies before me. In reply no allowance will be made
by the Co to Mr Cartwright of Bewdley for Leakage
of Oil, having adventured to that Effect. as you will
see at the foot of your printed paper of rates of
Freight & tell him if he does not pay, you expect
every day to receive instructions from the Co to
enter an Action against him for the amount of
the Freight. see what effect that will have on him
& advise you where its possible, to deliver goods
to no one without receiving the Freight - there
is no end to the Scare to get the Freight with
most of 'em where they have got the Goods in pos-
session

I wish I had known a little sooner of the
Sailmaker you mention, but have engaged one
to come here on Monday even night -

Untill the receipt of your Letter I fully
expected you had discharged all the Stovers agree-
able to the last order of which I informed you
before & Paid the Boats up - we are so fully
stocked with Coals here that there is scarce any room
for more - the Wharfs forward on the Canal
are also sufficiently stocked, the Calar very good
& why keep laying out money in an article
that

10) That gets worse by lying by, it was
from these reasons the Co gave the order they did
which I mentioned to you before — Therefore
receipt of this I beg you will discharge one of
the Steerers, & that if you can any way get your
money from the Man that is in your debt I
should it so happen you cannot, then keep him on
a little longer untill you can get ^{your} money & then
discharge him as we are now getting up Coals
from the Forrest of Dean which I think will
turn out a Saleable Coal in this neighbourhood
there with the present Stock I think very few
will be wanted from Stourport next Winter — I
do not engage any more Coals on I might
at 4/6 p Ton, the Co Vessels you will find will
be quite ample to the business. If you keep the
2 Steerers to the Pitts you must expect to find money
yourself to pay for the Coals for its out of my power
to continue sending you at present —

Inclosed you have Mess^{rs} Dean, Whitehead
& Co Bill on London N^o 5557 at 42 days
Date L^o 60 say sixty pounds which acknowledge
the receipt of agreeably — I hope your health is
reestablished & believe me to be your Sincerely
As can you conveniently lend me £100 which you told me you wd some time back. If
you can I will pay you 5 p^{ct}

John Smith
Mess^{rs} Baileys
Stourport Worcestershire

Mr Tho Evans
Brimicombe Pond 1 June 1796

Sir
My Brother & Self have frequently wrote you for a Remittance for the Old acct & the last Quarter acct to Lady Day but as yet remain without any answer or remittance - I must beg leave to say its a strange way of doing business & such as we meet with no where else but at Worcester In Bristol & other places the Accts are ^{settled} on Delivery of the Goods on in two or three days after the Delivery & in case of demurr the Goods kept in hand untill the Acct is need & I see no cause why the same mode may not be pursued with you - you well know Sailors wages must be paid & all Accts are ready money - from other places at the end of the quarter the Acct is regularly remitted & I must beg the favour of your keeping to that in future - a remittance soon will oblige.

For Messrs J & Perry & Co
I am Sir

Mr Tho Evans
Barge Owner
Worcester

Your Obedt Servt
Saml Smith

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Gentn

Bainsscanlie Part 31. May 1796

Mess^{rs} Croomes of Cirencester have applied
 the Wharfinger at Tiddington for the 20 Tunks of
 Vells - but being yet without your order to deliver
 the Goods to em which you promised to
 do, they will now of course come forward down
 here & wait your further orders

For Mess^{rs} La Pery & Co.

Mess^{rs} Tho Goodenough & Son

Bishopgate Street
London

Gentn

Your Obedt^o Serv^t
 Sam^l Smith

~~Total Amount of Tonnage upon the
 Thames & Severn Canal~~

from 1 Apr^l 1794 to 6 Oct^r 1794	2011. 4 11^h
" 6 Oct^r 1794 to 6 Apr^l 1795	2537. 14 "
" 6 Apr^l to 3 Oct^r 1795	2258. 9 4^h
" 3 Oct^r 1795 to 23 Apr^l 1796	2000. 9 6^h
Bills drawn on Mr^r Smith Esq^r Treasurer	9301. 17 10^h

~~Out~~

Nothing

Amo^t Canal due

Copy sent
Mr. Blash
1 June

Total Am^o. of Tonnage upon the Thames & Severn Canal

From	1 st Apr 1794 to 6 Oct 1794	2011. 4. 14
"	6 Oct 1794 to 6 April 1795	2157. 14. 0
"	6 Apr to 3 Oct 1795	2252. 9. 0
"	3 Oct 1795 to 23 April 1796	2900. 9. 0
		<u>9301. 17. 10</u>

Bills drawn on Mr. Smith Esq. Treasurer

from	27 May 1794 to 10 Sept 1794	1320. 11. 0
	Book Lid's 20 th	
from	10 Sept 1794 to 1 st Feby 1795	353. 2. 0
	do do 20 th	263. 15. 0
		<u>1937. 0. 0</u>
	Paid for Bro ^d Dr Disney & Mr Chalce 20 Jan ^y 1795	500 0 0
	to Purchase Coals	
		<u>£ 11739. 5. 10</u>

Disbursements, entered in Canal Journal

Folio	101 from 29 March 1794 to 1 Oct 1794	2342. 5. 10
102 & 104	from 1 Oct 1794 to 3 April 1795	2583. 10. 10 1/2
105 @ 106	from 3 April to 30 Sept 1795	1257. 7. 6
107 @ 190	from 30 Sept 1795 to 23 Apr 1796	1500. 14. 0
		<u>7764. 6. 10 1/2</u>

As in & above disbursements is included

£ 600, remitted to Mr Smith Esq. 30 Jan^y 1795

563. 15. 0 do do do do 1st Feby 1795

1063. 15. 0 The following paid & ent^d in & Coal Ledger

paid to Sam ^l Bird wages Building & Repairing Boats at Bourn from 11 th April 1795 to the 23 Apr 1796	345. 0. 9
paid Coal narrow Sawing at Do - do	72. 7. 3
	<u>417. 16. 0</u>
add a like sum for the preceding year say from 11 April 1794 to 11 Apr 1795	247. 16. 0
	<u>835 12 0</u>

Paid by John Cooller at Siddington to watchmen

Labourers from 1st June 1794 to 31 Dec 1795

656. 14. 11 1/2

paid at Cricklade by W^m Brund

to watchmen & Labourers from 11th July 1794 to 25 March 1796

74. 10. 0 3/4

paid at Thempford by W^m Drake for

14 July 1794 to 25 March 1796 to watchmen &c

179. 0. 0 1/2

910 5 0 3/4

carried forward £9510. 3. 11

Amo^o Canal amt. in Ledger Oct 9 508

10 April 1795 remitted Wm Smith Esq
 Treasurer, for Burns ^{by} 1000.0.0
 of Judges 203 3/4 17. 13. 203 d.

14 Feb. & 2 March 1795, remitted do. } 264. 15. 0
 from Stourport by John Smith. } 1264. 15. 0

from the 9 Jan'y 1796, to 5th March
 paid for 1481. 11 Coals exclusive of iron brought } 1070. 10 0
 from Stourport by the Co's own Hovs

paid the Toward at Hamstead Fire Engine } 131. 0. 2
 since 1st Apr^l 1794

Boulton & Watt, 1 Year's Premium to the 25 } 120 —
 January 1795

751. 4. 0 Coals sent to the Fire Engine &
 since 1st Apr^l 1794 ————— £456. 10. 10

1 Year Premium due to Boulton & Watt
 25 January 1796 ————— £120 —

Timber & for, charged to Boats & Steer } 587 19 9
 Vessels since 1st April 1794 ————— } 12604. 0. 10

Business concluded Pont 1 June 1796

Sir
 Agreeable to your favour of the 25th Ult^o
 you have annexed, Statement of Tonnage & Dis-
 bursements, only I must beg leave to observe that
 very little of the Tonnage is need as it accumulates, but
 is charged in the Ledger to the acc^{ts} it belongs. Viz^t
 Wm Hill Cirencester, Jas Walker & Richd Gearing
 Leachlade &c. who make their returns at future
 periods & Goods taken to London &c by the
 Boats of course no money is never need for

Tonnage separate - Into the Cash account in
these Books is bro't all receipts & payments of every
Description including Tonnage, Freight, Coals, &c
acct, &c &c which makes it impossible to
Difect of cash acct to say how much
need for Tonnage &c alone -

The Cash paid to the London Boatmen
is all Entered in the London Wharf account
transmitted you the 12th last month & of last
leavers name paid to -

I hope y^r following will prove
Satisfactory - I am Sir

Yours Obed^t Serv^t
Thos Smith
Mr Capn Mills is just arrived
I was a little too late in getting this
ready for sending it by this days post

Mr Jas Black

No 38. Mining Lane

No. all No 73
& to this place was
sent Mr Black
1 June

London

See particulars of Smith's of 2 Boats &c No 76 }
do paid for Coal 77 }
do Hire of engine and 78 }
do paid for Timber 78 }

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	<i>Ind Procter Whiddington</i>	<i>Wm Brent Lisichlade</i>	<i>Wm Drake Kempford</i>
	<i>£ s d</i>	<i>£ s d</i>	<i>£ s d</i>
<i>July to 26 Sept</i> } <i>Wm Brent</i>		<i>8. 11. 4</i>	
<i>do to do</i> } <i>Wm Drake</i>			<i>15. 3. 8</i>
<i>Jan 4 June</i> } <i>Procter</i>	<i>236. 14. 2</i>		
<i>26 Sept 94 to 12 Jan 95</i> } <i>Wm Drake</i>			<i>25. 0. 3</i>
<i>do to do</i> } <i>Wm Brent</i>		<i>9. 12. 4</i>	
<i>do 12 Jan 95 to 3 Apr</i> } <i>do</i>		<i>12. 4. 6</i>	
<i>Jan do to do</i> } <i>Wm Drake</i>			<i>26. 7. 3</i>
<i>Jan 3 Apr</i> } <i>Wm Brent</i>		<i>16. 9. 11</i>	
<i>do to do</i> } <i>Wm Drake</i>			<i>17. 19. 11 1/4</i>
<i>Jan 1 Jan 95 to 2 July 95</i> } <i>Procter</i>	<i>188. 0. 3 1/2</i>		
<i>Jan 11 July to 26 Dec</i> } <i>Wm Brent</i>		<i>18. 18. 3 1/4</i>	
<i>Jan do to do</i> } <i>Wm Drake</i>			<i>66. 10. 7 3/4</i>
<i>Jan 2 July to 31 Dec 95</i> } <i>Procter</i>	<i>232. 0. 6</i>		
<i>Jan 26 Dec 95 to 25 March 96</i> } <i>Wm Drake</i>			<i>27. 18. 3 1/2</i>
<i>Jan do to do</i> } <i>Wm Brent</i>		<i>8. 13. 8 1/2</i>	
	<i>656. 14. 11 1/2</i>	<i>74. 10. 0 3/4</i>	<i>179 0 0 1/2</i>
	<i>74 10. 0 3/4</i>		
	<i>179. 0. 0 1/2</i>		

*Amot. Canal acct
of Coal Ledger C & Co 508 } 910. 5. 0 3/4*

see abridged acct. 21. 73 ✓

1796 Paid for Coals

Jan 4	9	Waste Book	119	10	Coal	£ 91. 0. 0
	16	Do	614	13	Do	480. 6. 6
	23	Do	63	15	Do	52. 11. 0
Feb 1	1	Do	173	18	Do	124. 19. 0
"	6	Do	139	0	Do	98. 16. 0
"	13	Do	120	15	Do	89. 1. 0
"			55	10	Do	44. 8. 0
"	27	Do	50	15	Do	37. 8. 6
March	5	Do	63	15	Do	47. 0. 0
1401 11						1070 10. 0
see abridgement p. 74						

paid to Fire Engine since 1 April 1794

1794	Apr 7	for 26 Ton Coal	of Ledger B & C	20. 16. 0		
	8	for 28	Do	22. 8. 0		
	14	for 24	Do	18. 0. 0		
	21	for 20	Do	19. 8. 0		
May	2	for 2	Do	1. 12. 0		
June	17	for 20	Do	21. 7. 10		
July	3	paid of Toward			14. 15. 10	
	7	for 34 Ton Coals		27. 9. 8		
Aug	20	for 14	Do	11. 6. 4		
Sept	22	for 42	Do	31. 5. 0		
Oct	22	for 23	Do	16. 8. 4		
	23	for 18	Do	13. 16. 11		
	20	paid of Toward			25. 6. 7	
Nov	3	for 18 Tons Coal		14. 11. 0		
	20	for 2	Do	1. 12. 4		
1795	Feb 18	for 3	Do	2. 11. 6		
	27	for 2	Do	1. 12. 4		
March	30	for 30	Do	24. 5. 0		
Apr	10	for 58. 14	Do	47. 8. 2		
	18	for 50	Do	40. 8. 4		
431. 14				ward bonus	336. 6. 9	45. 2. 5

Fire Engine Continued

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
1795	Brot over 431.14 Coal	336.6.9	45.2.5
Apr 25	for — 24.0.0	22.16.7	
May 5	for — 60.0.0	47.18.9	
12	for — 61.0.0	46.9.2	
July 3	for pd Boulton & Watt one years premium		120.0.0
10	for pd Tho's Toward		20.18.3
Aug 10	pd Ino Taylor & Mason		0.6.3
Sept 22	for — 18 Tons Coal	14.11.0	
Oct 13	for — 25 — Do	10.16.6	
Nov 14	pd Tho's Toward		30.13.1
1796			
Feb 12	for — 4 Tons Coals	3.4.8	
27	for — 30.15.0	24.17.1	
Mar 12	for — 50 — Do	40.8.4	
15	for — 50 — Do	35.18.4	
26	for — 60 — Do	51.10.0	
Apr 2	for pd Tho's Toward		21.8.2
4	for — 56.15.0 Coals	48.14.2	
16	for — 38 — Do	32.12.4	
21	pd John Wilkinson Exp for Castings		12.12.0
May 7	pd — 37 Tons Coals	31.15.2	
	<u>951.4.0</u>	<u>756.18.10</u>	<u>251.0.2</u>

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paid Boats & Severn Vessels

Apr 1	Apr 94		
Apr 19	pd Earl Bathurst for Timber		87.1.0
June 3	pd George & Smith Do		172.9.0
1795			
June 5	pd Earl Bathurst Do		66.10.0
Aug 18	pd Ino Iddins Do		191.2.0
21	pd E English Do		2.3.6
25	pd R Bird Do		9.17.6
1796			
Jan 15	pd Tho's & Ino Wright Do		58.16.9

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£587.19.9