

Brimcombe Port 1 Aug^t 1796

Enclosed is Thomas Beesley Invoice of Goods
he took from here the 28th Ult^o when he was paid £30.
I placed to your Account.

on Friday and Saturday last we sent forward all the
Severn Goods bro^r Chap^{rs} Mills, Beesley & Quarrington
except a little Flax for Worc^r 18. 12 Hhd^s Salt Petre
the latter waits an Order of Council from the Consignee
to send it by Water. the reason already Inform^d you of

We have now here about 20 Tons London Goods towards
freighting Quarrington & expect 60 Tons Copper for Temple
& Wraybury in a few Days when he will be loaded off
with that & Coal to make up his freight — N Lawrence
will be here in a few Days & the ensuing Spring Goods I
expect will prove nearly sufficient to load him —

I am Sir/ your hble S^t

Thomas Smith

Mr. Joseph Sills

Hambro: Wharf
London

Sir

Bremshe Pont 1^o August 1796

Since I wrote you last a person who has a
Sloop of about 35 Tons burden has been here & offered to
carry 3 or 4 Ladings of Iron from you, if you think
you shall have more than the Schooner can carry or
if you could make it convenient to let this Sloop fetch
the Iron for a Spring or two in room of the Schooner
while she fetches a Lading or two of Tenby Coals
for the ^{you} own use - but I do not wish to take
her from you without your consent - of which I shall
be glad to have your answer - which will oblige

Mr Henry Charles

Cardiff

Glamorganshire

Yours Obedt Servt

I am Sir

Your Obedt S^t

Saml Smith

Brimscombe Port 2nd August 96

Wm Drake

Sir I have your Letter of the 22th July wherein

you say you are told by Mr Butcher Castle Eaton

Leon. Couling Kempford
& Jos. Gells

that the Shipper pay Fret in London on their Goods Deliv^d
by Mr Mills in July 1795 It is an instance we have not met with
and had it been Rec^d in London we should have been advis^d of
it from thence its always customary to Receive Freight of the
person Goods are Delivered to you therefore will please Call
on them & collect the Freight at the same time inform 'em
the shipper & themselves must settle the Fret in case he was
to Deliver the Goods Free — I also Observe your Having

paid the Capⁿ 1/3 & Leon. Couling Fret of Goods Del^d
at Kempford of N. Lawrence 16 March last which should
not have been done as Freight on all Goods from London
Brought into the Canal are received by the Wharfingers
upon the Navigation & paid by them to this place which you
will please Notice in future & Order the Captains of the London Boats
to Deliver all Goods to your Care that may be Consigned to

Kempford or any where else within your District for which
you'll Receive Freight & Accounts for it in your Books
to my Brother &c. at Brimscombe as mentioned before you
Enter the Goods in your Books in the same Manner as the
Form you sent here 22 July — you will likewise Observe

that an Advance of 2^d of Ton Freight on Goods from London
took place yesterday which in future you will please charge

Freight from London to Kempford } 27/0 of Ton
or any where within your District }
Bourage Weighing trouble of Entries &c. — 1/0

I am Sir your Obedt^t Serv^t 28/ —
Thomas Smith

NB Continued

NB We are in Want of 3 or 4 Dizen Fleate Rattles for
putting under goods in the Warehouse & Boats to keep them
Edw. Packer sent some down some time ago. can you procure the
Quantity if so please send em as soon as you can

Mr William Drake
Hempford Wharf
near Fairford
Glocestershire

Brimscombe Port 2^d August 1796

Sir

Yesterday an advance of 2^d of Ton Freight
took place on goods to & from London of the Comp^y.
Boats, which you will ^{please} Notice agreeably

I am Sir your obed^t. hble S^t.

Thomas Smith

Mr John Procter
Liddington

care Mr Liddington
Oxford Wharf
Glocestershire

NB Copy of w. above sent some day to
Mr Benj Hains. Shamshad
Mr W. Packer Cashlade
Mr W. Drake Hempford, & Mr. Liddington

Encl^d Alphabet thus far

Brimcombe Port 3 August 1796

Sir Mess^{rs} Hornfray & Co. are in want of a Vessel to bring
some Iron from Cardiff, to this place can you send yours for a
Loading next Spring to Deliver it at this place or Framiload
upon the same terms as the former Vessels - probably
Mr. Thomas Williams of Cardiff will Write you - your
Reply & Return of Post will Oblige

Sir your most hble^t St.

Thomas Smith

Mr. Tho^s Pearce
Berkley
Glocestershire

Brimcombe Port 3 Aug^t 96

Sir! Yesterdays Post bro^{ught} your favour of y^e 29th Ult^o to my
Brother wherein I observe Mr. Charles can Load y^e Schooner
in consequence I have Wrote by this Post to Owners Mr. Guy &
Tho^s Pearce, both of Berkley who have brought Iron from
Mess^{rs} Crawshaw & Co. since Xmas last they are of about
30 & 40 Tons Burthen I have Wrote the former to go to you
immed^{iately} if he can & to acquaint you of first post & the latter to
inform me if he can go - not being certain you could Load
both should they by chance be at Liberty I make no
Doubt but either or both will go at any time if possible
on your Writing them a Mr. Morgan of Newnham has
a Sloop who very probable would send her for a Loading on
your Dropping him a line giving him as much Notice as possible
I hope by your Writing these Owners some of em will readily
bring up your present or any future Quantity of Iron at the same
time every assistance will be give you in the Business by Mess^{rs}
James Perry & Co. for whom I am Sir your Obed^t hble^t Serv^t
Mr. Thomas Williams
Cardiff Glamorganshire

Thomas Smith

Brimscombe Post 3 August 1796

Sir Messrs. Hornfray & Co. Cardiff are in want of
Vessel to bring some Iron from Cardiff to this place
& probably several Ladings. if you can go next Spring
(or even this if you think the Tides will serve please apply
to Mr. Thomas Williams at Cardiff who will load you
and in case you cannot deliver it at this place you
may discharge into the Warehouse at Framiload
should no Vessel be there to receive it from you upon
the same terms as your former Cargoes

If you can go immediately please inform Mr. Williams,
by first Post, as well as acquaint

Sir
Your mo. hble S^t

Thomas Smith

✓ Mr. William Guy
Berkley
Glocestershire

Mr Brodie }
Brimscombe Post }
5 August 1796 }

Sir
By the Barge Stungdon & Worcester
Mrs Quarrington's Master which left this place this
morning for London, the undermentioned Goods received
from Stourport have been forwarded to your

Address
I am Sir
your hble S^{rv}
Thos Smith (Clerk)

204 Bars Iron - 2.12.0.15
249 Cast Bars }
90 Plates } 5.18.1.24
637 pieces Castings } 8.10.2.11

NB. I am just favoured with yours of the 2^d

the 2nd & the 3rd & other Castings you
mentioned are not yet arrived here - I hope
probably they may in a few days by the Spring
Barges which I expect in about that time - we
have now here 2 Boats just come in from
London by which your Goods shall be sent
if they come in time

✓ Alex^r Brodie Esq^r
Care Street
London

Sir
Brimscombe Port 5th August
1796

I have joined you have Cap^m Quarringtons
Invoice of Goods he left here with this morning when he
was paid £130 I placed to your account - he has all the
Goods on Board for London &c - & in case both the Boats
are not wanted in London for up Goods. part of the
Wray's heavy Copper probably might be sent from Abing-
don by other Boats for thence after freighting one of
Quarringtons Boats with of Goods for London ~~as~~ as
much Copper for Temple &c he can take in one
from Abingdon provided the Gent^l & you judge this
mode most proper of which you may advise
• Mr Wats before of Boats reach Abingdon -

I have divided of 2/6 advance on Freight
1/6 of Don is added to the Credit of the London Freight Account
1/6 of Don is added to - of Freight & Boat Account
between this place, Bristol, Gloucester, Worcester &c
This division is nearly proportional to of Distances

Mr Lawrence arrived last night - I expect a sufficient
of Goods up this Spring (say by Tuesday next) to load
him.

him. - -

Can you inform me of Price of Tar in
in London, in Bristol it is 20/6 Bells for
American Tar & 16/6 Cwt for Pitch if its
cheaper with you the 3rd Boats could bring some
when goods are not very plentiful. At such
times of Carriage w come free

I am Sir
Yours till 10
Thos Smith

N.B. I am informed Captn. Mills took 4 Boats with him
last time from Cricklade, tho' I should suppose 3 might have
taken all his goods as usual, he bro't 4 up & left one there on
his way to this place. which he was ordered to let remain to
come here to be in readiness to change which would have
saved an expence bringing one up on purpose as well as
extra hands going down

<p> I have stoped of Captn Quarrington viz for so much he retained from Phill Warner 17 June for not going thro' the Tunnel instead of going with his Horses whose Business it is to look after 'em. (which he was ordered to do) for a Man weighing Coal 17 June, for his Boats </p>	<p>0. 2. 0</p> <p>0. 1. 3</p> <hr/> <p>£ 0. 3. 3</p>
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Mr Joseph Mills
Hambro Wharf
London

Captⁿ Warren *Brimms* ^{to} Lond 5 Aug^r 1796

If convenient you may go down
to Sandiff the next Spring & apply to Mr Thomas
Williams Agent to Mess^{rs} Ser^t Homfray & Co who
will load you with Iron for this place. - In case
he has not enough apply to Mr Perry (Charles) agent
to Mess^{rs} (radshay) & Co who will load you but go
to Mr Williams first & be pleased to drop me a line
in my M. if you can go down or not for my government
to advise Mr Williams you are coming down to him

V Captⁿ Warren
Framilode Passage

Gov. Mess^{rs} Ser Perry & Co
Sary.
Sir
Your Obedt^e Serv^t
Sam^l Smith

Gent^l *Brimmscombe* Port 4 Aug^r 1796

I duly rec^d your favour of the 26th Ult^o
which I should have answered sooner but have been
obliged to be at Daneway two days this week tak^g
up & putting down the Inverted Arch of the Bridge
which was rose several Inches - with respect to the
Lond^y Goods for Worcester, Hounpoint &c I
expect may be got up by giving the Men some
Extra wages but that we must not venture to do
without orders -

Whenever there are plenty of goods here they

are sent to Cricklade & lodged there for the
London Boats but when that is not the case
the lightening Boats goes from here with in
I do not remember an instance of the London Boats
having to wait for such lightening Boats - when
goods are not here they cannot be sent forward -

Captain Basley was paid £ 30 with the last
set of Boats for here, Quarrington who will leave
here to morrow will be paid the same sum, of course
I shall have to draw upon the Treasurer soon

With respect to the mixture of Tenley Coals - we
concluded at the first beginning of the business it
was not the right to put too great a proportion
of Neath Coals with Wisemans Bridge if you
we have in attened be pleased to give us direction
there are but few of the Neath Coals left - I am
awkwardly circumstanced as we are, I am at a
loss to know what to do for the best -

Mr Crocker has concluded to keep the
Schooner employed in fetching Iron & if she is
taken off that business there will be little time
for the London Boats as the Iron is the principle
dependance at present - I have wrote to get
leave to send here for a Lading of Coals - but
am yet without any reply - Two people I have
wrote to say they cannot bring any Tenley Coals ^{up} at
present - but expect thro' Mr Baker to get a
Lading or two by Mr Wetherhill of 100 Tons each
We are doing the best we can to get up the
Purton

Brimcombe Port 5 August 1796

Sir Herewith you have Invoice of Goods from the
this Day of Owner Crumpton how to be Deliver'd to
your Care which when done in good Order please pay
the Capt. Tho: Potts

on the 27 Empty Hhds	26	0..13..6
19 Bales Empty do	3	0..5..0
1 Hhkin do		
for the Cask of Rice		0..1..0
Total to pay Freight		<u>0..19..6</u>

which you will charge in your Account to the
Company — his Tow Bill please Sign &
Send here of first Opportunity to Sir your mo.

Y^r hble Serv^t
Mr Tho: Caro
Upton upon Severn
Worcestershire

Tho: Smith

Brimcombe Port 8 August 1796

Gen^l In your Letter of the 11th last Month you advised
of an Expectation of 24 or 25 Tons Salt Petres coming from
London for yourselves & M^r Morgan & that you had
Wrote for an Order of Council to send it by Water

I now take the Liberty of acquainting you of the
arrival at this place of 12 Hhds 29 July address'd to IM & Co
12 d^o 4th Aug^t address'd to yourself
12 d^o thirdth d^o d^o M^r Morgan & Co

In case you have obtained the Necessary Order we
can forward the whole to Bristol the ensuing
Spring on which head I will thank you for a reply
of Return of Post which will Oblige

For Mess^{rs} James Perry & Co:

Mess^{rs} Isaac & Co: Sirs your Obed^t hble Serv^t

Y^r Bristol

Thomas Smith

Brimscombe Post 8th Aug. 1796

The Reverend Capⁿ Thomas Chapman of the
Schooner Swansea waits upon you for a Loading of the
Neath best Malting Coal which please be good
enough procure for him for which the Amount will
be Remitted you For Mess^{rs} James Perry & Co.

I am Sir your obed^t Able S^t
Thomas Smith

✓
Mr Charles Vivian
Neath Abbey Iron Works
near Neath
of Capⁿ Chapman

Brimscombe Post 8th Aug. 1796

Sir I have this day give Capⁿ Thomas Chapman of
the Schooner Swansea a Note to proceed with the
Vessel to you for a Load of the Neath best Malting
Coal which my Brother begs you will be good

enough to procure & if possible fresh from the Pitts
for which please send an Account of Cost &c &
a Remittance will be made you agreeably
by Mess^{rs} James Perry & Co. for whom I am

Sir your obed^t Able S^t

✓
Mr Charles Vivian
Neath Abby Iron Works
Near Neath
Glamorganshire
Thomas Smith

Brimcombe Port 8th Aug^r 1796

Sir/ Your favour of the 6th Inst covering Mess^{rs} Thomas
Patten & Co. Dft. N^o 416 @ 60^s on Mess^{rs} Moffat &
London Value £23..2..8 say Twenty three Pounds
two Shillings & eight pence is duly rec^d. & placed to your
Credit in Account with Mess^{rs} James Perry & Co.
for whom I am

Sir/

your Obed^t hble Serv^t

Thomas Smith

NB the above is for the amount of an account rendered
16th July last.

Rob^t Dagley Esq.

Cheadle
near Stone

Staffordshire

Brimcombe Port 8th Aug^r 1796

Sir/ Your favour of yesterday is duly rec^d covering Mess^{rs}
Lechmere & Co. Dft. N^o 1088 @ 14 days on Mess^{rs} Roberts
& Co. London Value £8..10..6 say eight Pounds ten
Shillings & six pence which with 2¹/₂% Commission &
Stamp is in full for an Acco^t rendered you to
24th June last & is paid to your Credit agreeably

My Brother went this Morning for Worcestershire
who presume will call upon you going on on his
Return. For Mess^{rs} James Perry & Co. I am Sir
your Obed^t hble Serv^t

Tho^s Smith

M^r Thomas Clark

Upton, upon Severn

Worcestershire

Brimscombe Port 9th August 1796

Owner W^m Guy of Berkley is just come over here & says he will sail for a Cargo of your Iron, on Thursday next to be at your place on or about Monday or Tuesday following against when no doubt you can prepare for him in Lading of about 28 Tons So. W^t being about the Burthen of his Vessel & in case you want more immediately after he will Return for it so soon as he has Discharg'd his first Cargo. of which he will be much Obliged to you will Write him by Return of Post to Berkley for his Government in making future Engagements with his Vessel

I am Sir your Obed^t Able S^t

Thomas Smith

✓ W. Thomas Williams
Agent to Mess^{rs} Homfray
Cardiff
Glamorganshire

Brimscombe Port 11th Augst 1796

Capn Benjn Baubley
You will proceed to Purton for a Lading of Coals for which apply to Mr R. Morse Farmer near Purton Passage, or Mr R. Hewlett of Salswell who will deliver the Coal to you, if they weigh them on Board you will please attend to the Weighing yourself

Capn Benjn Baubley
of Drow Black
at Brimscombe Port
I am your Obed^t S^t
Thos Smith

✓

Sir

Bridgewater Dock

2 August 1771

Herewith you have Invoice of Goods
hence last night Capt N Lawrence who was
paid £30 & placed to your Acc^t -

I am informed Quarrying long men made use
of Poles & Hanser Lines all along the summit
Last time you hence which have gone thro the
drying & considerable Leake or Leaks are since been
discovered - & the lower Pond at Ingletham intirely
run off - the latter presume you know of ere this
the Capt left his Boats I am told long before they
got out of the Canal to go forward to Leachlake
to get the water Panned on of Thames which I sh^d
suppose a Boy or one of the common men might
have done equally as well - - if instances of this
kind are suffered to pass over unnoticed of Canal will
soon be in a bad situation perhaps we shall be
able to speak more fully to this in a few days

Capt Jackson will load to day with about a like
quantity of Goods & Coal -

Mr Wm Amsinck Iron case consigned to
him in London - should it be for Hissor Wharf
you can drop N Lawrence a line previous to
his reaching there

Yours
Wm Gills
Stambone Wharf
London

Yours
John Smith

Brownsville Post
12 Aug. 96

I send you by yesterday's Post
the Invoice & now answer
you Cap^m J. Jackson who left here yesterday
afternoon, when I paid him £30. I
placed the same to your account
no goods remain here for London. — Next
Spring I expect will produce a sufficient for
Cap^m Lewis who I should suppose will be
here next week. — The Schooner is
gone to Neach for a loading of Matting
Coal — & a Kessel engaged to go Hardiff for
Iron from Mess^{rs} Hornfray — none will
be up next Spring from M^r Crawshaw —
they are sending a loading to Liverpool. & the
Schooner goes again for Iron so soon as she
has made her Voyage for Coal, say only
one Spring load from M^r West Crawshaw
Iron — I am Sir your Obedt Serv^t

M^r Joseph Sills

✓ Hambley Wharf
London

Thomas Smith

N.B. Sometime Back one of the London
Cap^m Borrowed the Boat Chafford & Lighten
him from M^r Mickle, which is now yad bro^t.
back, & we are frequently in want of 3 Boats
to Lighten &c. along the Canal. you will
therefore please order it first upwards
followed by being of Chafford up with him

Burrcombe Oct 12th 1795

Sir I have your Letter of the 8th Inst. respecting the
Hydes that came here from London in
Consigned to you, & W. Betton Salopi; in ^{all these}
the whole came in a Mixed State, without a ^{mark}
or direction to distinguish them from each other, more
than the weight that accompanied each Lot from London
which was the only guide we had for the forwarding ^{em}
from this place. The weight that accompanied you
was 2⁷ 2⁶ 2⁵ which weight the 81 proved to be that
~~were sent you from hence~~ 18th Nov^r 1795. W. Betton
had his right N^o sent at First but not the
weight by considerable that came with them from
London, from finding the weight disagree to the
Number caused us to retain 17 at this place for
further Directions from London where to forward
em, where I wrote several times, and some time
after I had for Answer it would be best to send
the 17 to the Person deficient, & presuming this
Article was disposed of by weight, the 17 were
forwarded to Stourport, as W. Betton N^o sent
did not prove the weight that came with them,
but which 17 I understand were return^d back
to you, I must beg leave to Observe that all
that were Rec^d at this place have been forward^d
to you & W. Betton & that both parcels weighed
at this place more than the weight that accom-
panied 'em from London, from these
circumstances I am persuaded you cannot deem
the Co. here accountable for Mistakes made
for the remainder of this Letter

Turn
Over
Leaf

which caused $\frac{1}{2}$ to be sent to Stourport
any are deficient did not come to this place

Shipper put a Tally or Mark of any kind
The Hydres would have prevented any errors.

The Hydres came the 5th this Month which shall be
forwarded by Mr. Hales first Vessel as you request
For Mess^{rs} James Perry & Co.

I am Sir your obed^t able S^t

Thomas Smith

Mr Thomas Jones
Abergavenny
Monmouthshire

Gent^{le} Breimscombe Pond 15 August 1796

I have your favour of the 10th wherein you say
you have 12 Hhd's more Salt Petre coming from London,
making in all 48 Hhd's for you & Mess^{rs} Morgan & Co -
The Order of Council presume expresses of whole together
if it be forwarded in one Drove, these already there will
probably have to wait some time for arrival of
the latter quantity -

I must beg leave to refer you to my Letter of
the 15th July & to give me such information necessary
for the forwarding it from hence as I do not expect any
of the Officers at Gloucester will write here or trouble
myself about it till apply'd to for an Entries if wrong
will cause my master of the Troop an extra Journey of
24 Miles from hence to Gloucester & back & probable may
cause of Salt Petre to be Land'd again, or occasion of Troop
to lose a Spring therefore if you can furnish me
with the particulars to deliver to my master of the Troop

it may save much trouble & expense
I have a Letter of the 12 Instth from Messrs
Ho saying some of their Salt petre to be sent this
Spring in consequence (tho' y^e Snow was loaded
except y^e Salt Petre previous to y^e Rec^d of their
Letter) I have put on Board this morning 3 Tons
tho' 4 3 of yours in case y^e Collector refuses clearing
and the Snow ^{had} ^{been} ^{ordered} the Captⁿ to lodge it
in the Warehouse ^{at} ^{Tram} ^{road} ^{at} ^{the} ^{end} of the
Canal again, there to wait till it can
be forwarded tho' hope the Collector will grant
a Permis for its going forward this Spring
My^{rs} Care Ho I am
Bristol Gentle
Yoursth Jas
Thos Smith

See this of 18 Instth in answer
to the above

Gentle
Brimsondale Pont 15 August 1796
I have your Letter of the 12th I in reply
your 24 Tons Salt petre are arrived here from
London - 3 of which with 3 for Messrs Care Ho
are put on Board this morning for Bristol &
if y^e Collector at Gloucester will grant a sufferance
to y^e Master of the Snow today it will be with you
this Spring if not I have ordered y^e Captⁿ to lodge it in
y^e Warehouse at Tramroad till such time it can
be forwarded - we could have sent y^e whole this Spring
had we been furnished with the order of Council necessary
for that purpose. I hope y^e Collector will suffer
this to go forward & that it will supply your Works
till we are furnished with the needed blend of remainder
together with certainty & safety I am

Messrs John Morgan & Co
Bristol

Dear Gentl^r
Your Obed^t Serv^t
Thos Smith

Sir
Brimyconda Port 15 August

I have your favour of the 10th 1796
In reply your Lark Cream Tartor & B
came here 5 Inst^d (4 days after of last Spring
I now left this place) & is on board of Trow which
left here this morning & expect will be in Bristol
in a few days - your goods at all times will
meet every possible dispatch by Messrs Jas
Perry & Co for whom I am

Yours Obed^t Serv^t
Thos Smith

Mr Geo Brakenridge
Bristol

V

Sir

Birmingham Port 15

The Trow went from hence this evening
 of annexed mentioned goods, I understand it is not
 have obtained an order of Council for their Messrs
 Morgan & Alport to be forwarded by Water but
 in whose hands it rests I know not nor of
 as I ask expressed - nor do I know if they will clear
 out the Trow for it at various times but Messrs
 Morgan & Co having wrote their Works are nearly
 at a stand for it I have sent 6 Tons to be
 lodged at Bramiloads in case of difference cannot
 be ~~obtained~~ ^{got} at the Custom house for it, to be taken
 with of remainder

Please send as under for acct of Messrs
 James Perrey & Co for whom I am,

Sir
 your Obedt Servt
 Tho Smith

15 or 20 Brels Tar as terms may best suit
 10 Brels Pitch
 1 Stock size anchor for of Schooner No. 3.0
 not more

Blocks & Douch as ordered 24 Nov last

Wm John Holmes
 Bristol

Brimstonville Port 15 August 1796

Mr Evans

Sir

I called on Mr Evans on Saturday last when she paid me £100 which is duly placed to your credit, first deducting your Commission I hope you will without loss of time remit the balance of acco^{ts} rendered to me summer last

I find Mess^{rs} Wm Waldron & Co have refused to pay their Debt to Mr Child of which I shall write 'em soon, but in the mean time I presume they are not entitled to any indulgence & as there were forwarded from hence the 6th Inst of Thos Rowley, in the Snow Proleston for 'em (if not already will be with you soon) 8 bbls Tunned Hydes 0.13.1.25 £1.7.6 as you will see of Snow Bill. when these goods arrive I thin I will do right to advise 'em they are come to hand & let 'em pay the Debt before they are delivered

Owner Thos Evans

Worcester

For Mess^{rs} Jas Perry & Co

Sir
Your Obedt Serv^t
Sam Smith

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