

of Complaints against us, made even since my
Residence here. Believe me Nothing than Caution
can save us —

I am pleas'd to hear you have plenty of Goods
we have ^{neither} Goods nor Boats; I have fairly emptied w
warehouses — I hope you had a pleasant tour

I remain

Dear Sir

Your very obedt Servt

L. Nicoll & Co

You will have the goodness to Communicate the Contents
of this Letter to the Committee

The Committee of the Thames & Severn Canal Company
Gentleman
1 Oct: 1790

✓ As I can form no wish beyond the Honourable
Testimony of your Committee to my Exertions in
your Service, so has the Resolution of your Committee
of 27 Sept. declaratory of the Report I laid before
you having been found Interesting & Satisfactory
been highly gratifying to my mind; and I am
Equally sensible of the Honor you have confered
on me by your Note of Thanks contained therein
it shall be my Ambition, as it will, my Endeavour
to Merit so Honourable a Distinction, and I hope
in the Course of my Ministry to convince you
that whatever can be compassed by Activity
& Zeal for your Service, shall be done.

I beg leave to refer you to my two Letters
28th & 30th Sept. respecting your Commercial Affairs
& other Concerns, directed to W. Sills, and to add

add that I trust the severity exercised
the Boatman who lets off the Water at Dargrave
Lock, will serve as an Example to others. I am
Convinced, though it will often give me pain to bring
them into Execution because they will too frequently
fall on those, who are ill able to bear the burden,
that a proper attention to the Enforcing the fines
Enacted by Parl^t. as well as by your Bye Laws,
will be the only means of Establishing Order
along your Canal, and of putting a Stop to such
like destructive Depredations —

By the favor of a Letter from a Member of your
Committee I perceive you to be very anxious respect
our Purton Coal; this added to the smallness of
the Quantity Here, not exceeding 300 Ton, the very
Slow Returns, and the Winter demand already
made on me to the Amo^t. of 1500 ton, Have induced
me to go over to Purton, as well to put a little
Life into the Business as to Enable me to Inform
you "What Quantity may be Expected between
this & 15th December"

As I had betrayed myself with the Expectation
of Meeting your Committee at this point. at the
General Meeting, so I have been Exceedingly
disappointed at its being settled for town; in truth
I have already so many Interesting Subjects to
Communicate to, & Consult upon with your
Committee that I begin to think It will now
be necessary for me to come up to town for that
purpose. In the mean time I Hope shortly

to be able to report to your Committee
some good Effects of my Journey to Purton: In
Half an Hour I put my foot in the Stirrup
I Have the Honor to be respectfully

1 October
1796

for your more particular
Information of the Dudgrove
Lock Business I inclose you copy of
Edw^d. Pucker's Letter to W. Sam^l. Smith
of 25 Sep^r.

A Bundle comes to Mr. Sargent
M.P.

Mess^{rs}. James & Lewis Leakebury 5 Oct^r 1796

I have the pleasure to reply to your Esteemed of 1st Ins^t
directed to Mr Tho^s. Smith, and to inform you that I have
the directions of the Thames & Severn Canal Compt^r. Affairs
at this port in quality of their Chief Agent along the
Line of the Canal —

Respecting your question "what would be the Freight
of Ton by our Barges from Henley upon Thames to
Gloucester" I have to inform you, it is 3^{rs} 6^d for Heavy
& 3^{rs} for light Goods & that you may more fully be acquainted
with these our distinctions, I herewith subjoin a Catalogue
of such Goods as are deemed Light & Heavy —
with regard to the latter part of yr^e quesⁿ: "How long I suppose
they would be in unloading Goods from Henley to Gloucester."

I cannot take upon me at present to ~~say~~ positively
to say, as the Thames is just now very low; from the
continual Droughts that have lately reigned, but they may
perhaps be these Weeks coming to the Entrance of our
Canal, this however we consider as a long Voyage,
which as soon as the Springs break up we shall not even
think of — on the Canal itself your Goods will
suffer not detention, and as to the Severn you are
well informed of the Nature of the Springs

then to under it necessarily for me to say
word respecting them. But you may be some
every possible dispatch shall be used in immediately
forwarding your Goods from hence on their arrival, &
I am much oblig'd by the Intentions of your Inquiry

It so seldom happens that Goods to any amount
are shipped at Henley that we have no regular Agent
there, but if you will have the Goodness to drop me a
line when you think of shipping yours I will take
care that proper person be there ready to receive them
& will give you Information of the same in due time
I am ain

J. Nicolle Agent
to the Thames & Severn
Navigation

Thos. Beesley } to the Care of Mr Weeks
} Abingdon ————— 5 Oct. 1776

In reply to your Letter 30 Sept. we have no
✓ Horses here as they are all gone forward with the
Boats which sail'd 10 days since from hence;
thus you must hire others at Abingdon to bring you
on your way; indeed I think it is losing too much
precious time to stay laying at a port where, for want
of Horses, when you can otherwise continue your Voyage,
and I shall at some future ~~time~~ period give the
Coaches a general order in this respect

J. Nicolle Agent
to the Thames & Severn
Navigation

~~Wm Pitt~~ ~~London~~

Dr. Thames & Severn Canal:

1796
Sep. 30

N^o 4.

To Disbursements on the Canal Acco^t
from 23^d April last to this day, —

803 13 11¹/₄

as per Canal Journal Fol^o 192

To Balance — *Including Labourers Wages & Working Goods at the
the Warehouses & specified as per Acco^t N^o 1.*

1226 13 8¹/₂

*A new account (this void) see Lib^o in
Acc^t Gen^l Book
the Book in 10th Nov^r 1796 in
Lib^o*

*I do not add this account as containing only Names. it
can be of no use. nor hold out any right whatever
to the Committee*

£ 2030 7 7³/₄

W^m Pitt
Sir

2nd Octo^r 1796 Brimscombe Post
Agreeable to the Gen^l Order. you have Acc^t of
the Tonnage from 23^d April to the 30th Ult^o. The net
produce of the Tonnage £1226.13.8¹/₂ I am unable to
remit, having no Cash in Hand, therefore must be leave
to submit for the Gentlemen's Consideration the mode
of Settlement of this Balance with Mr. Smith the
Treasurer. The last three Months accounts. ending

Navigation Contra 6^{rs}

1796
Sep. 30

By Sundry Accounts from 23. April
last to this day Viz^t

Net proceeds ^{Amount} of Coal ^{Tonnage} as of Coal } Ledger C Fol: 304, sides N ^o 2	1750 4 1/4
Net proceeds ^{Amount} of Housage & Wharfage } as of said Ledger C Fol: 469	217 5 6

Rec^d. as of J Smith Acco^t in
Proprietors Ledger Fol: 335 for
Rent of the C. Mill & Farm at
Brimscombe, Houses at Wallbridge
&c

	53..18..9
2 Bill Stamps	0..1..6 1/2
Gravel sold	8..7..3
7 3/4 Bushels Lime	0..6..6
Elm Boards	0..3..6
	62 17 6 1/2
	2030 7 7 3/4

" By Balance being the Net proceeds £ 1226 13 8 1/2

ending at Michaelmas are not yet closed at Biencest
Cricklade. and Kempsford Wharfs of course the Tonnages
& Disbursements. during that time are not brought into
this Account

I am Sir your Obed^t hble Serv^t

W. Jos^t Sills
Hambro Wharf
London

Sam^l Smith

5 Oct. 1796

W. G. Gale Nonmouth

This serves principally to inform you that I have received your Bill on London Value £10.- for freight recd. by you but I shall hope to see in future that you remit the exact Balance which in this Case would have been £13.- 3 as that is much more regular than thus constantly keeping the Acct behind hand I am informed is your practice, you will please me by attending in future to this regulation

J. Nuella ^{per Agent}
to the Thames & Swan Canal

Dear Sir

Wilmington Port 5 Oct. 1796

Enclosed you have Contracts of Lord Perth's Land of which I must beg the favour of your Signature and return 'em by way of Southampton

Mr Black who is now here, says the Meeting at Abingdon is ~~off~~ off for the present, owing to Mr Chambers being particularly busy with some Shipping

We are now about the repairs of the Tunnel which will be got over without risque, but I fear not quite so soon as was expected

I am Dr Sir

Your Obedt Servant

Mr Jas Lerry

Merchant

Wolverhampton

J. Smith

Staffordshire

NB the above contracts was sent to the care of Mr John Smith of the Snow Black Pony Boatmen Master the 26th inst & Govt. Secy of D. Decemb. 1796

Brimmscombe. Post. 5th Oct. 1726

Sir

I wrote you 24th Ult. & inclosed Copy of a Letter to Mess^{rs}: Will^m: Waldron & Co. since that Date have rec^d. a Letter from them saying the damaged Skins for which they make the Claim were not in the Boat that was sunk in the Thames in 1794 but in a parcel rec^d. in July 1795 and for which they claim 30 Guineas also since that time 31/10 you will be pleased to say in which parcel this damage arose and if they acquaint you of such Damage at the Time the Goods were rec^d. to appoint any person to ascertain the same

In your Account rendered the 23rd Dec^r. 1795
"you say Will^m: Waldron & Co. & W^m: Waldron's Skins
"Damaged £50 and that they will not take less than
"£20." this you see differs much from the Claim they make by Letter

I must request the favour of your Answer by Return of Post with your Opinion of the best mode of ~~settling~~ settling this business

for Mess^{rs}: Jas^s: Perry & Co.

I am Sir
your Obedt^l: & able Serv^t:
Sam^l: Smith

W^m: Rich^d: Child

Worcester

Oct. 6. 1796

Mr. Brent - Cricklade

In reply to your Esteemed of 4th Inst. I refer you
 in part to subjoined copy of my Letter of
 yesterday to Beesley & have further to request of you
 to the every dispatch in forwarding the Boats now
 with you immediately on his arrival, with respect
 to Horses you will do the same at Cricklade as
 I have directed him to do at Abingdon except those
 which he shall bring with him ^{from thence} can take y^e set
 of Boats back with them to Abingdon which if ~~it~~ it
 can be so managed would be much the best way
 & save some Expence. - at foot the Charges on the
 56 Pigs Lead for Oxford which you will do very
 right in forwarding thither with the above Boats

J N

56 Pigs Lead - to care R Grain Oxford

W ^t 4..18..2..15 which were Ent. ^d in	}	6 3 4
our Trow Bill N ^o 570 of Mills		
22 Sep. 1796 - - charges to Oxford		

A copy of a Letter to J Beesley fol^o 221 was sent with this

Wth Thomas Caddick / Litchbury.

Brunncombe Post 7 October 1796

Sir / I can only assure you in reply to your favor
of Instant that your Goods are on the way - and that as soon
as they Arrive which I believe will be in a few days - they
shall be forwarded to you with every possible Expedition -
my Wish is to Accomodate and Oblige all our Friends -
but the Season is very much against me - Believe me

Sir / Your most O^b Serv^t
T. N.

Wth John Smith / Newcastle /

Brunncombe Post 7 October 1796

Sir / I am concerned to see by your Letter of Instant
the Plague that these Captains & their Wives cause you -
I cannot at once put an end to all the different Abuses
I have to Encounter - but I hope to do it by degrees -
and your Wth Severn Masters of Ships I mean to be among
the first on whom I shall fix my Attention - the Misbehaviour
of Rowley & Paske from whatever Cause it Arises -
for it is not for me to enter into their domestic Brawls
is so Indecent and the Company's affairs have suffered
so much by it - that I give you the Commission accordingly
by my Order to look out for Two clever Men to whom I
may I trust these two Boats for I am fully determined
and you may forward them of it, that if gentle
Measures will not bring them to a sense of their Duty
to make use of Rigorous Ones - I will have Order

Regularity among all the Companies; ^{to want} from
the Highest to the Lowest. and these Masters of Boats
must be Taught that they are as much Bound to obey
Your Instructions, as you are to Attend to mine -
I am However greatly Pleas'd by the Attention you have
in the Instance shewn to the Company's Affairs -
and you may always Promise Yourself my full Support
while you thus Act up to your Duty -
Your other two Letters 28 Sept & 1 Instant. I have also
received and am Oblig'd by your Attention to my request
respecting Mr. Forlocks Stamp. I am

Sir Your humble servant
Signed J. Nuclella Jun^r

Mr. Richard Davis Outworth

Brimmscombe Fort 8 Oct 1796
Sir I understand from your Foreman who will
deliver this to you - that you have about 100 Tons of
Timber Laying at Griffins Mill, which you are Wishing
to ship for Bristol - I have an Opportunity to take it
this Spring in one of our Company's Boats - and only
beg to know in reply, whether I have been rightly Inform'd,
and if so - how many Tons you would Wish to send down
this Spring I am Sir Your Obedt^e Servant
Signed J. Nuclella Jun^r
Agent to the Thames & Severn Navigation

Owner John Gower ^{Thameside near Whelmsley for the} 10 Oct. 1796 ^{House}
^{of the Master of the Chalie}
I Hope what Yates; says tells me is not true that you
do not intend fetching the Purton Coal for the Company
this next spring; if so It will be a great disappointment
to me who have now settled every thing at Purton for your
Coming, besides it will be going from your word which
was "that if you was well enough you would certainly
"go down, & I might depend upon you" I trust therefore
to have a Letter from you Confirming your promise of
bringing up the Coal - if on both sides we do not remain
true to our Engagements all Confidence & Business too
is at an End

Mess^{rs} Butterfield & Petley Lucksbury 10 Oct. 1796
I am much Concerned to inform you that your Linnens
^{are} not yet Arrived, owing to the late drought of Water
I am However in the Hopes of seeing them soon here
and you may ^{be assured} on their being forwarded to you
immediately on arrival

Mess^{rs} Cowell Crane & Co. Worcester 10 Oct. 1796
I can only Repeat to you that as soon as your 20 Bags
of Rice arrive they shall be immediately forwarded to
you I am very much Concerned at these delays but
I have no more the Command of the Elements than
yourselves - However I do trust to be Enabled to forward
them to you the Ensuing Spring, nor will this give more
pleasure to you than to
T N

Committee of Trade & the Thames & Severn Canal
Bunnscombe Port 10 Oct 1798

I beg leave to confirm my last Ist & to inform
your Committee that Having provided myself with the requisite
Passports to the Principal Miners of the Forest of Dean I
immediately on my arrival at Burton sent for them,
purchased on the spot circa 170 Tons, & Entered into a
Contract with them to deliver me between this & Xmas
circa 5 or 600 Tons more — This Coal sells at
Burton for 10/6 & 10s, and it has been ^{in these customary}
for these people to oblige our Boatmen to take it all as
soon as they call it Sludged or muddied, by the high tides in a Severn, ^{as that which}
well that which had remained untouched by it, at the same
price; this I thought unreasonable & therefore insisted on
their allowing me the former at 6 & 10s cheaper to make up for
its present In — & future de — crease of Weight and I have
the satisfaction to say that Having laid the foundation I
established the custom, by actually purchasing 70 tons at that
price —

I had now from the Agents I had received of the beginning
scarcity previous to my setting out provided the ^{Co} with
a Stock of this Coal even beyond my hopes, it remained therefore
only to transport them to Bunnscombe but this was a greater
difficulty than your Committee will perhaps imagine the scarcity
of Boats in this Corner of the world is not to be well conceived
and the Exactions and in many cases insolence of the Boatmen is
equivalent to it, in many & many too many instances I
have already witnessed it & your up Severn Trade is at this
Instant suffering considerably by their misconduct —

To remedy this evil a strong hand is required & I fear tho' my
present occupations will ill allow of it, that I shall be
under the necessity of going over to Stowport if possible
to humanize & put order among these disorderly people
or by at once discharging them, to hold out an example to
Others & convince them all that such like misconduct will
no longer be tolerated by your Committee, I will not

trouble you with the many important Letters I have
been harass'd with on this Subject since my Arrival yet
I cannot than suffer as a slight Sample of the height
to which this evil is mounted one letter I recd. only last
week from your Agent John Smith at Housport I also
send you one Copy of mine in reply thereto. I trust your
Committee will not think this digression misplaced as
every appendage to your Commerce must in a great
measure be equally interesting to you & the Subject
happening to fall on Boats & Boatmen this evil too
much occupied my thoughts to allow me to defer it
till my next general Report or untill I may have
the honor to meet your Committee in Town

I now recur to my former Subject aware of the above
difficulties I determined on procuring Boats where ever I
could find them At Burton my endeavours were fruitless
taking therefore Newnham in my road home I applied to
a Capt Morgan a very respectable man and Owner of 2
or 3 Vessels he however could give me no relief they being
all engaged, nor could he even point out any others to me in
that Neighbourhood - on this instead of crossing the
passage which would have been my direct road to Birnsway
I rode on to Framiload & had there the good fortune to
procure three Boats which will bring off about 110 Tons
this next Spring. I have now engaged two more to the above
number and as the Chalie is come into Port from her
Bristol Voyage and the Materials are not yet as your
Committee will easily conceive prepared for putting her immediately
into hand, I have settled with the Master yates that she
shall in the mean time go to Burton which will advance us
about 45 Tons more

In all however that I have done since my Return
from Burton I have of course consulted Mr Black and in Justice
to his Goodness and the excellent advice he has given me I must
say that if in any thing I have done I meet with the
approbation of your Committee I am wholly indebted for it to
his Matures wisdom and more enlightened experience

London Mr Joseph Mills

Brunsbcombe Post 11 October 1796.

I was pleased to see by your much Esteem'd of the
29 Sept. that you had on several Thoughts directed
Wesley to meet the Safferton Detachment at Cricklade and
I have since learnt that he has sent the other Morse his
Foreman - I hope he is equal to the Trust - the £10.10.0

paid Mr Lambfield has been carried to the Credit of your Trust

You proffer but too melancholy a Truth when
you call the Navigation of the Thames a Barbarous One
and God knows we suffer too much by that to allow our
own Navigation to be also depredated on by its Barren

as to the Protestation of Mills respecting the Affairs of

the Dudgeons Lock I have ^{some} difficulty to believe them

do you think his People would have thought of doing
it without being certain of his Countenance - besides

even was it so - It ought not to be so - the Postbearers
ought to be the Captain of his set of Boats - have the

Men under his Command, and be answerable for their
misconduct - but we want Energy throughout our

Navigation - from the Hambro Wharf to Brunsbcombe
from Brunsbcombe to Stourport - you will perhaps have

seen by my Letter of Yesterday to the Committee what a pretty
amusing Dance these Gentry are leading us at this latter

place - With the Annexed Invoice, you will do the
needfull and believe me with much Esteem - L. N.

At the Personal request of the Shipper Mr Tom Nock
conformed by a Written Order - I have desired Mr Weeks
to direct Morse to take on to your Wharf 8 Bags of Nails
though as within consigned to Sam^l Lewis Kingston - nor are you
to part with them till further Orders -

SL
K

Worcester Mr W^m News Bruncombe Post 11 Oct 1796

Sir. I have an Account of all the Goods mentioned in your Letter of the Instant except the Salt Petre - being on their way to this Port - and you may depend on every possible despatch the Instant they Arrive.

I am much concerned that it has so unhappily fallen out that the late draughts of the Thames have so long detained some of them, but the Springs will now soon be Opened and Business will once more I hope go on in its usual Channel.

Bridgend. Mr L. Plumer Bruncombe Post 11 Oct 1796

Sir. In reply to your favour of Instant the Freight of Machinery from London to this Port is 60/4. and the Goods for our Navigation are secured at the Hambro Wharf Thames Street near Pauls Wharf London

I have enquired after your Maps which shall be sent according to your desire to Mr Henry Charles at Cardiff the first time our Schooner makes that Voyage

Monmouth Mr Tho^s Hughes Bruncombe Post 11 Oct 1796.

Sir I have before me your Letter of Instant Inclosing an Account of Freight on Iron from Cardiff to this Port to the Amount of £23. 13. 0. this however Mr Smith informs me he has agreed with Mr Williams of Cardiff that you are to settle with him - Should an opportunity Offer, I will think of your Vessel and remain

address Mr Rich Learning

Bruncombe Post 11 Oct 1796

Sir/ Pray Inform me by Return of Post whether
you have not in your Warehouse 12 Pigs of Lead for
Mr Marcus Parker of Wantage - and thereby Oblige

Abingdon Mr Tho Weeks

Bruncombe Post 11 October 1796

Sir/ Your Esteem of 30 Septem^r inform'd me of the
Sailing of Beesley & Arrival of Quarrington at your Wharf
I have been since in the daily expectation of your Advice
of the Sailing of this latter also - which from your Silence
must suppose has not yet taken Place - Be so good in future
to advise me of the Arrival at - as well as departure from
Abingdon of the Boats from London - This serves principally
to request of you to direct Morse - Beesley's Foreman who
has Charge of the Sapperton & Stroud to take on to London
8 Bags of Nails $\frac{SL}{K}$ though they stand in his Trow Bill
consign'd to Samuel Lewis Hengston -

I return you my Thanks Sir - for your obliging
attention to the little Commission of Fish which Arrived safe.
perhaps I may at some future Period be troublesome to you again
and this I hope will encourage you freely to dispose of him
who is very true - S. N.

I understand from Mr Hills that my Trunks
are coming with Post Bearer John Jackson
to whom I pray deliver the Inclosed and have further the Goodness to see
that they are properly and carefully Stowed -

Continued

As I came down I perceived your Abingdon Horses had all
Chains to draw the Boats - Ours have but only Ropes
which were continually breaking - Pray enquire if
Strange / I think that is his Name, the Company's Head starts
which he finds best by Experience - Chains or Ropes,
and whether the former are not too heavy &c

Abingdon Boat Bearer ^{J. G.} Jackson

I learn from Mr Sells that you have my Trunks
aboard your set of Boats - and this serves to desire you
will be particularly careful to keep them free from all Wet
as they contain Linen Books and other Valuables which
will suffer much injury if Exposed thereto - Your Friend
J. N.

Mr. Nucella
Smith

Brimstone Court 9 Oct 1798

Sir / you will please order the 8 Bags Nails
Committed to Sand Lewis, Kingston, which ~~has~~ I
understand passed this place 26 Sept last, to be
forwarded to W. Hambro Wharf, & ~~to~~ London &
there to remain till further orders from me -

8 Bags of Nails

Jam. N. ~~Smith~~

an Order to send my Company a Lading this
very Spring up to Framulode where I will Order the
Boats in readiness to receive it, on your Advice
when it will probably be there, I am afraid I
cannot Hope at present for better terms than those
you settled with Mr. Smith of 8/6 but as it will be
much your Interest, so I have little doubt but you
will let me Have them in a very short period at
a cheaper Rate: the Freight possibly 4/ & 4/6
I leave it to you but claim your Exertions for
the Interest of my Company, who will in their
turn, if well served, there is no doubt, take off
a large Quantity of your Coal -- Only always
Keep in View that "the lower the Rate, the more
to your advantage" for as I understand this Coal
resembles in quality most of any yet discovered
the Newcastle Coal, if you enable us to carry it
down the Thames, by underselling the Newcastle
our demand on you may be immense, I Hope
for your speedy reply I am with Esteem

J. Nuella Jr

I conceive it to be a Matter perfectly understood
that as this Coal runs small, and is there very
liable to waste & loss of Weight, you will allow
21 to the Ton

11
Framilode Edm. G. Wells 12 Oct. 1796

I am much Obliged by your attention as I am
now at a Certainty & shall know how further
✓ to proceed with my people — Since there
will be a Sufficiency left for you I need give
you no further Order, but in case you should
want a few ton to fill up the Chinks you
may in my Name apply to M^r. Morse, or
M^r. Hewlett, shewing them this

Glocester M. Geo. Harmer 13th Oct. 1796

✓ Herewith as usual your Quarterly Account amounting
to £. £. £46.5.7 which finding Right, I have no
doubt will be answered by a ready Remittance

Tewkesbury M. Tho. Easthope 13th do. do.

✓ Idem as above £. £. £10.12.10

Worcester M. Tho. Evans ... 13th do. do.

✓ Idem as above £. £. £185.11.4

Upton M. Tho. Claro ... 13th do. do.

✓ Idem as above £. £. £9.17.9

Cirencester M. Wm. Hill ... 13 Oct. 1796

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Cirencester W. W^m Hill 13th Oct. 1796

✓ Herewith y^r acco^t Curr^t amounting to £. 8. 48. 7¹/₂ wch I trust you will find Right & favor me as usual with your ready Remittance

Seachlade M. Rich^d Gearing - 13th Oct. 1796

✓ Annex'd y^r acc^t Current on which £. 8. there is a Balance due to the Comp^y of £. 153..12..10. I am concern'd to find you so much, & since so long a period, in arrears, of the Inconveniency of which you cannot than be sensible and I am therefore in the full Expectation that you will balance the Account by a speedy Remittance

Purton. Rich^d Morse 13th Oct. 1796

✓ In pursuance of my Contract with you for 70 tons Purton Coal, say 30 as last & 40 this Spring I have given Benjamin Bowkley & Thomas Gibbons an order to you for the same: you will I have no doubt give my people a good Coal, & as free from Sludge as possible.

I find it has been a practice for the Boatmen to take Coals without an Order; In future I desire you never to deliver any with^{out} such an Order signed by me or Mr. Smith.

I beg you to remember me to M^r Morse & Remain

P.S. I will thank you to make this new Regulation respecting the Boatman's producing an Order known among the Miners

281
Purton Rich^d Hewlit

13 Oct^r 1796

In pursuance of my Contract with you for i^r 40.50
ton of Purton Coal this Spring I have given Benj^m
Bowkley an Order on you for the same, & Have no
doubt you will provide him with a good Cargo & as free
from Sludge as possible

I understand it has hitherto been the practice for
my people to receive Coals from you without Orders:

In future I desire you will never deliver any without
such an Order sign'd by me or M^r Smith

P.S. I will thank you to make this new Regulation
respecting the Boatman's producing his Order, known
among the Miners —

Seachlade, John Walker, 13 Oct^r 1796

Your much Esteemed of 19 Sept^r has been duly received
✓ covering your Remittance at 1/m date £60. — on
James Wear Charford

for which when paid your Account will be Credited

I Herewith inclose you as Usual your quarterly
Account amounting to E. E. £66.16.2 —
which I Hope you will find right, I remain
with Esteem

Newnham John Morgan 13 Oct. 1796

There is a small Error in your Account on the Charge
of freight for the Coal of 1/8 which will bring the total
Amount to 75 8 8

and annex^d you will find the Statem^t 1 7 2
of an outstanding trifle against you of £ 74 1 6
which makes the sum due you.

for which I Have the pleasure to Inclose you a ^{ad} Remittance
Remittance of

£ 74.1.6 drawn this day a 30^d. D. date by B & J
Grazebrook on Foster, Lubbock & Co. order Thomas
Smith & Endorsed by Him to you.

N. please acknowledge & Receipt of Returns of
post

Sir Brimscombe Port 14th Oct. 1796
I send you annexed Invoice of Goods of Chalie T
Yates & Black B Bowkley which expect will be with
you on Sunday next — You will please Observe
the Timber in Trow Black is carried by Measure &
y^e Fire Wood by actual Weight. the Timber was
measured by Tho^s. Bagnal from which no alteration
in the charge of course can be made should it be
measured for less in Bristol but the Fire Wood
I am informed is to be weighed in Bristol, & should
suppose will prove full y^e ⁷⁰⁰ 14. 14 as charged — you will
do right to receive the Freight as soon as you can

~~John Morgan~~
Mr. John Holmes

Bristol (Sign'd) Thomas Smith