

of last Week the Tunnell and to Danaway was filled
near 2 Miles and the Water Rose ~~about~~ about 5 feet
in the Summit besides bringing up 11 London Boats -
A Communication is made of the little Tunnell at the Engine
to the Hill in the Valley - but do not find any additional
Water yet -

The Water from Downampney was expected
to be brought to Bricklade Pond on Thursday or Friday
last - the different Repairs lying wide, I was not able to
go down last Week -

Mr Hall has promised to make a Drawing
of the Floodgate at Burncastles soon -

It will take nearly or quite all this
Week to put all straight - the first Moment after will send
you all the Particulars of the Tunnell, with the necessary
Remarks of Repairs &c

I hope to get the Boats pass the Tunnell
on Tuesday Morning -
under Cover to John Sargent Esq - S. S.

Jewksbury Mr Thomas Caddick

Bruncombe Post 9 Novem^r 1796

Sir In reply to your Letter 31 October I can assure you
that Rice and Oil are considered as tight Goods and
charged as such 3/4 to allow Friends from whom we
never receive any Animadversions thereon they all
regarding the same as right and proper - and therefore
I can have no doubt but you will do the same on Reflection

I hope soon to be able to forward you some of

your Goods as directed by the List of Boats here in these
two or three Days; the Remainder you
may also depend on being despatched immediately on
Arrival.

James Neal Esq^r Henry Haens
Esq^r

Brunnscowle Post 2 Novem 1796

On the Arrival of T. Rowley I will enquire into
the Circumstances of your V^l. as also respecting the
Loss of Drums, and can only say in the mean time
that I conceive the Leakage to have arisen very possibly
from bad Coopersage. as well as from having been exposed
so long to the Sun.

You are by no means to deliver the V^l
until you receive the Freight.

Ventersdyke near Bury
John Phillips Esq^r

Brunnscowle Post 2 Nov 1796

Dear Sir

On my return from Brunnsowle I rec^d your
favour 20th October desiring some Information relative to your
Furniture coming by our Boats which I shall most
readily furnish you, and would only, it were as satisfactory
as I could wish it:

The set of Boards Boats on Board of which your 32 Packages
were sent I find on Inquiry left London the 10th September so that
According to your Account they must have been sometime at
the Hambro Wharf. but I cannot flatter you with their
immediate Arrival: Yet those in the Space of a Week or

10 days to see them at Brimscombe, and you may depend on my taking Particular care to ~~send~~ have them sent forward with the very first Goods that go from here. In the meantime I will write the Master and give him very particular Directions to keep them free from all Hat - they will be sent from hence to Stourport in our own Boats and from that Place they will be forwarded to Bradley by a Boat which attends regularly the Arrival of Goods by the Trows from Brimscombe. And to give them all the despatch in my Power. I will direct the Agents at Stourport to use every Expedition in forwarding them to you - at all times when in these matters I can be of any Service to you. I trust you will favour me with Your Commands, and am
I have this very day written the Captain

Worcester M^r W^m New

Brimscombe Post 2 Nov 1796

✓ Sir/ The Goods specified in your Letter of Yesterday will be here I trust now in a day or two and shall be forwarded by first opportunity - as I do not suppose you can be serious when you talk of the Company taking them. It gives me equal Pain with you that they should have suffered such a detention, but I scarcely know how seriously to Answer such extravagant proposals.

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Bristol M^r Thomas Merrick

Sur/ Breamscombe Post 9 Novem^r 1796.

Indeed in Answer to your Letter 31 October to M^r.

Smith but which pray direct in future to me. Indeed "nor do I know the Reason why your Goods may not be forwarded to you as well as other Peoples" And when neither Yours, nor other Peoples are forwarded, there is never than one Reason, and that a very simple One — because they are not Arrived: I can therefore assure you that in supposing your Goods at our Warehouse you Labour under a Mistake, but they are on their way thither — and you may be assured shall be despatched to you immediately on Arrival, which I hope will soon be —

Coastal of North⁶ Lawrence
L. Edward
Parker
Highsham

Breamscombe Post 2nd Nov^r 1796

You have on Board your Hull of Boats

✓ 32 Boxes & Cases containing Books Furniture &c of which you will take very Particular care — Keeping them free from all Wet — as I have a Letter from the Family Informing me that the least Damp would very much Injure them —

I once more therefore Recommend you to be very attentive to my directions respecting them — and am —

Private Instructions to Richard Mellar

The Contract is c 10/6 for the best Coal &
10/ for the Sludg

If Mr Morse or Hewlet, or any others talk of a higher Price
you must represent to them, that they had faithfully Promised
Mr Nucella to supply him with the aforementioned Qualities
and Quantity c 10/6 and 10/ through even the Price should
Rise between this and Xmas and that he depends on their
Honour & Honesty for the fulfilling of the Contract:
You may add that if he finds them unfair Men - You know
him well enough to be sure he will Wash his Hands of them
and have recourse to the New Port Coal which is now open to
him - All difficulties with the Custom House being cleared
up and for which Advances have been already made to him
You will of course say every thing in Praise of the New Port
Coal - and add any thing further that your own Ingenuity
may suggest -

Do your Business well and if you possibly can be back to
Night - if not to Morrow Morning Early - as the Business
requires despatch, and the Boats must not lose this Spring.

T. N.

Bowbridge Mr John Partridge

Bremscombe Port 3 Nov^r 1796.

Sir! In consequence of your Earnest request I ordered
you last Night a Ton of Coals that your Furnaces might
not be at a stand and to convince you how liberally I
Wish to Act with you - You shall have to day a further
Supply to carry on your Works - all this however being
in dependance on the Promise you have given me

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In your Letter to Mr Smith of a Bill in Payment
in a few days

I know very well that Trade is Liable to Casualties
and am convinced these to be the sole Cause why you have
not already Paid for the area 60 Tons Duesing.

I depend on your Promises. and am —

Worcester Mr Thomas Wans
Brimscombe Post 3 Nov^r 1796

Sir I refer you to my last of the 13 October Inclosing
your Quarterly Accounts amounting to £185..11..6 for
which have been in the daily Expectance of your Remittance
You ~~will~~ send it I doubt not — in a few days —

Gloster Mr Hugh Taylor
Brimscombe Post 3 Nov^r 1796

Sir The Goods you Allude to in your 29 October are
on their Passage thither, and as soon as Arrive will be
forwarded to you.

London Mess^{rs} Brooke & Macklin

Brimscombe. Post 3 Nov^r 1796 —
Gentlemen In Pursuance of the Request of Mr B. V. Brooke
I have to Inform you that the 11 Trusses of Paper are received
at Brimscombe and will be forwarded to you by the first
Boats which go from hence — they have been here longer

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here than you and I could have Wished but the
detention of our Boats on the Thames has been the
Cause. Be assur'd they shall be forwarded by the
first Boat that goes from hence

Leachlade M^r Richard Gearing

Brunswick Post 3 Nov 1796

Sir/ In Your Absence M^r Gearing in reply to my
Letter of 13 October. Acted the part of a good and faithful
Wife she wrote me the 15th and was then Expecting you
in about Ten days. Yet I have no Remittance from you
Pray Read over mine of above date / 13 October / and I can
then have but little doubt that you will Yourself Answer
it by an immediate Remittance.

Bowbridge M^r Partridge

3. November 1796

Sir/ I can now have no doubt after your Promise
by your Note of this Morning of your faithfully making
me the Payments by Tuesday next. I have therefore
Complied with your Request by sending you 26 Tons
of Coals. It gives me Pleasure to have it thus in
my Power to be of service to you. and you may always
depend on my Readiness to Oblige you Consistent with
the Companys Interest. I am.

Stourport M^r John Smith

Brimcombe Port L^o Nov^r 1796

W^{ch} In pursuance of my promise herewith a
Remittance £60. on Master Lubbock Bosanquet & Co^{ys} of this City
And as you may be in want of the ready Money - I have
caused it to be drawn at the days date instead of as usual
at 30 days date. I would indeed have pass'd it to you Payable
at Sight but for the Rasque of miscarriage near the place
this will answer the purpose ^{near} as well.

On examining your Accounts I find some Considerable Charges
for Repairs done to our Vessels at Stourport - It is my
Order to the Bargemen^t, and I beg you to Enforce it -
that no such Repairs be done to any of the Company's Boats
at any other than in our own Yard at Brimcombe; except
in cases of absolute necessity so that the Vessel should not
be able to proceed on her Voyage without them -

In reply to yours & Instant I find you think my Regitation
for your Stourport Entry will answer every expectation
I indeed think they may contribute to give you a little more
Peace and Quietness than you have hitherto Experienced -
I am quite vexed that Rowley cannot come away - as I
shall want him and the others to carry off our London Goods
being now in the hourly Expectation of the Arrival of these
Boats - You may perhaps be able to send the remaining
Crates and other Goods you could not forward by Hartshorn
by Rowley who will be with you I doubt not ere this
as I saw him sail by Bromelod on Tuesday Morning -

As you justly say "It is better to have two Bags over
than One to Pay for" so we will not care about the Money
The Navies therefore shall be sent forward according to
the Address giving us.

Copy

Brennscombe Post 21 Sept 1796

Sir I am Directed hereby to Inform you that Mr
Nucella a Gentleman from London has been appointed
by the Gentlemen of the Committee the Navigation Company
and Chief Agent at this Place to whom you will
therefore in future of course Address your Letters. I am

Wm Drake
Brennscombe Post 21 Nov 1796
Signed } Tho^s Smith
for Mr James Perry & Company

Sir - Above is copy of a letter sent off by Mr J.
Smith on my Arrival here to the different Agents of
the Company - but I send not to you - therefore now forward
it and you will attend to the directions contained therein
By your Letter 3 Instant directed to Mr Smith I receive
your Remittance 21 days date -

£ 30 - on John Phillips London -

Received from Mr Rich bearing for which you will
receive credit when in Cash - ~~the first credit as of~~

I Perceive you have pre-empted your Balances, as Mr
Thomas Smith desired you, which is very right -
Your Requests to Mr Samuel Smith shall be mentioned
to him on his return here, but I think you may possibly
see him before I shall, as he is now in your Neighbourhood

It is True enough that we are Indebted to Mr Bennett the
full Value of the ^{ton} ~~Amount~~ of Coals - when Mr J. Smith
comes that way, he will settle with him -

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Portsmouth
the above

Mr John Jay

Brimcombe Port 5 Nov 1796
[see Folio 277]

Sir/

Above copy of mine to you
of 12 October, as having received no Answer thereto.
I conceive it will have Miscarried.

Kingdon, J, Lills

6 Nov 1796

In conformity to your desire I answer you
by return of post though probably not very satisfactory,
when I inform you that Quarrington is not yet arrived
at this Port, & Beesley only on Friday; -
your wishes, with respect to not over-loading the Boats
shall be complied with, though indeed I must not take
much Merit to myself in thus meeting them, as such,
since I have known the low State of the Water & the
wants of Boats in town have for some time past been
my Intentions.

11 O'clock since the above 2 of
Quarrington Boats are arrived off
the Down

I am S. N.

London Alex. Brodie

6 Nov 1796

In reply to your Letter 3 Ins^t. 105 Cast Bars
& 51 Bars of Iron are arrived at Brimcombe & will be
forwarded to you by the Company's Boats now taking
in their Lading - Mr. Beesley Cothearer. . . . Neither
the Guns nor Bils of Iron you allude to are here; should
they come in time they will be despatched by same Boats.

About to Close this the Vessel
arrives with your Guns & Bil Iron I am
which accordingly will be forwarded as
above

S. N.

Bristol Mr John Holmes

Bremiscombe Post 7 Novem 1771

Sir / I trust your Brother has - although he does not write me so - attended to my desire and Read my Letter of 29 October to the Consignees - Should he by any Chance not have done it - I beg it may still be done as I should choose them fully to know how I consider this Business - and all the trouble the Company have been at, which they seem to regard as a very trifling; "How do ye do" matter if so, they and I differ very much: the last ^{surely} ~~most~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Company~~ ~~surely~~ they could have done would have been to have made some Apology for the Trouble the Stupidity of their Agent has caused the Company with Assurances that they would with Thankfulness make good every Expence, attended by their Personal request / and not through an Agent / that we would once more send our Vessel for the Salt petre: perhaps the Consignees are Ignorant that it has been already twice sent for, and refused to the Chalic which absolutely last Voyage went down solely for it, and was a second time thus disappointed of her Freight solely on their Account, if so they ought to know it, and my Particular directions are that you Inform them of it let them know also that I have myself been twice to Gloster on their Account and that I there heard the Company who have in this case done every thing they could to serve them, much to my ~~and~~ dissatisfaction very disrespectfully spoken of by a Mr. Stuch, who I understood to be their Correspondent -

Therefore the Ball Petre is at length in earnest liberated
I beg they will themselves Inform me of it. as I cannot
think of Ordering the Vessel to Tromlead a Third time
without Charging the Freight. be it delivered, or not,
and therefore choose to have their Authority forfeit.

Indeed in strict Justice they ought to Pay for the two
preceding Trips, nor can I imagine but ^{that} they must
make some Handsome Acknowledgment to the Master
for the Harassment he has had in this affair.

In your Brothers of N^o. Instant he says "I am sorry
to find the Officers at Gloucester are so very troublesome"
that they are an Abominable set. - I am ready enough to own
but in this case as respecting the Bond, they have done
no more than their duty and it is only to the Ignorance
of this Mr. Mills to which the consignees have to impute
the late difficulties - the Order of Council as mentioned
in my former letter has been obtained ever since the 29 July
Incredible almost - but enough of it.

Only I desire once more that these Gentlemen may see this
as well as the aforementioned letter, and when they Inform
me that every difficulty is cleared away - I will do them do
what I can to serve them - When I was last at Gloucester the
Officers talked of Re-Weighing the Ball Petre, and of sending
One of their own People to see it Weighed at the Expence of
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a Guinea a day. Has Mr. have settled this point,
or does he know anything about it - Pray tell him from
me that they talked in a very Presumptory manner about it

Chepston Mess^{rs} J. Jenkins & Co

Breamscombe Post 7 Novem^r 1796

Sirs - Two & Twenty Bundles of damaged Paper
are just Arrived here and will be immediately forwarded
to your Bristol - The Freight of Paper from Breamscombe
to London is 3s/1/6 per Ton including Houage -

Coaley Mill Mess^{rs} W. & Underwood

Breamscombe Post 7 Nov^r 1796

Sir - You must surely by this Time be sufficiently
acquainted with our Canal - as to know that you might
as little to require, as to Engage to deliver Goods at any
specified time - All I can I will promise: that if you
send the 6 Casks they shall be forwarded with every possible
despatch - The Remainder of the 200 Bars are this
Instant putting on Board of James Price and will of
course soon be with you -

The 169 Bars are mounted tight

Abingdon Mess^{rs} W. T. Weeks

Breamscombe Post 8 Nov^r 1796

Sir - Your two Letters 16 & 10 Bittens are duly received
and am much Obliged by your attention to my desire
respecting the Arrival and departure of our Boats -
I thank you also for your Information respecting the Chain
Traces - It is to be behind hand with you in my promise
is the chief part of this - as Beesley and Quarrington
Boats will in a few days be dispatched from hence

by the latter I think you will have an opportunity of
serving your Abington Friends, by the first M^o. likely
in forwarding their Sacking Tea to London - as I intend
loading you some Teals by him - as soon however as
I am finally settled you shall know more particularly what
Quantity Tea &c. having previously Written you this solely
for the purpose of Enabling you to say positively at Abington
that you will have it in your Power to do every thing they
may wish in a very few Days, for besides Warrenton
as already mentioned - Lawrence & Jackson will shortly
come to your Aid -

see Opposite Side.

Inglesham Edward Packer Brimscombe Port 9 Nov^r 1796
Edward Packer delivers to Cost Bearer Tho^s Beesley
£ of Lawrence's Barge Port Poles and takes a Receipt for
the same.

On the Canal Phillip Warner Brimscombe Port 9 Nov^r 1796
Carted to the Company.
Delivers to Cost Bearer Thomas Beesley
One or more of your Horses as he may want them.

Thamload James Gide 9 Nov^r 1796

When you can make it convenient you will bring
up two Ladings of Limestone from Ballowpool, from
Mr Newton, or any other person you can get it most
readily, but the same must be got to this place
by the end of next Month
Jame G. S. S.

Cricklade Mr. Brent

9 Nov^r 1796

The purport of this is to direct you to put on board Brasley's Boats the tons of Senby Coal for the Abingdon Wharf —

I am —

J. N.

Abingdon Mr. J. Weeks Continued from Opposite Side

Wednesday 9 Nov^r 1796.

I wrote this back yesterday from there being some appearance after my writing the above by Accounts received from the Summit — that Brasley would not even with his 7 Boats be able to take in his complete Lading from France, and so it has proved: I have therefore directed Mr. Brent of Cricklade to fill him up with circa 12 Tons of Senby Coal for your Wharf which you will receive and supply their Place with Lacking for London — He goes from this Post to day.

J. N.

Fishbourne Mr. W. M. Hestlebury

Brunncombe Post 9 Nov^r 1796

See Your 3 Casks of Tallow arrived here yesterday and I will take care shall be forwarded to you by this

Spring —

The 5th of Oil for Mr. Wakeman left London the 19th Inst.

J. N.

Wm. The Williams Cardig

Bruncombe 9th Nov^r 1796

Sir! If you will take the Trouble to read mine of the 24th Ulmo over again, you cannot than allow I am justified in saying you have in no wise answer'd it respecting Owner Hughes Freight: I therein to repeat it once again, desire to know whether M^r Tompkins wishes me to Pay the demand of £23.13.0 and I will become Guarrantee to my Company for the due Reimbursement thereof in case of any difficulty with M^r Clarke Torman Company — without a specific answer thereto — I ought not, nor can comply with your Request —

Thos Doctor Snowden

Bruncombe House Wednesday
the 9th Novem^r 1796

Sir! I am concern'd to have to say that the Eyes of the Young Lad. after having been much better. do now give him Pain — In consequence Compliance with your obliging Report to me respecting them for which I beg leave to return you my Thanks — I have not allowed him to touch a Pen and have directed him always to Wear his Hat on in the House, But as I conceived the Air in fine Weather could not be hurtful to him — I have not thought of Confining him to the House — on the contrary I have Encourag'd his going out — and have even let him take two or three Airings on Horseback — He is a very good Boy and

Therefore I cannot ^{but} Interest Myself for him
have thus the Goodness to Inform me

- 1st What you conceive to be the Cause of the Relapse,
- 2nd Do you think he may have been too much in the Air
as also if in Damp Weather he sh^d be kept within Doors
- 3rd Whether the Morning Air - thick & Foggy. is hurtful
to him,

And in a Word whether any other means can be
Pursued than those already taken, to operate the
sure as I wish very much to see him get the better
of so troublesome a Companion

You will have the Goodness to Excuse this rather Extraneous
trouble that my Anxiety for the Lad leads me to request
of you: while I have the Pleasure to Sign Myself with
much Esteem -

John Partridge

9 Nov. 1796.

I have to acknowledge your Bill of 2/m. £60 on
Streetfield & West London - In payment for your
Balance due, and observe with pleasure your
promise of the Remainder for the last Coal in
a short time -

I am
S. N.

London Rob^t Rolleston

10 Nov^r 1796

The 8 Carr^s were forwarded by the Co's Boats Captⁿ Busley 10 Empty Porter addressed in the above Bill to Whitbread Esq^r, which at last closes the Porter Acc^t you were obliging enough to send me, - Sometime ago I transmitted you state of the Acc^t and at same time a Remittance for the balance. I am ashamed the empty Barrels should have remained behind till this time, but one disappointment succeeded another, puts it out of my power sending 'em sooner, If any error in the Account sent, or you sustain any loss in consequence of the delay, be pleased to acquaint me and the deficiency shall be readily made up -

Water in the Canal runs very short at present

I am Sir -

Your obliged humble serv^t
 Sam^l Smith

Stourport W^m John Smith Brimscombe Post 10 Novem^r 1796

Sir / In reply to your sundry Queries in yours of the 4 Instant Benbow Jones dated at Brimscombe the 23 January 1796..... } Lms 60. 0. 0
 and paid at Brimscombe for a deficiency of..... } 59. 0. 0
 Thomas Beard delivered at Brimscombe 6 August 1796 Ls 16. 0.
 John Darke delivered at ... Cotte... 25 Oct^r..... Ls 12. 10. 0
 and Francis Jones paid 27 June 1796 for a deficiency of
 Lms 1. 0. 5. 11/4

By that of 5 Instant you acknowledge the Receipt of £60. N^o 285 14 d: date for Int^t and I thereby perceive that a Bill at 30 d will be equally convenient to you as the short date of above which serves for my Information in future - my motive in

this case for deviating from the customary Rule was
as I perceive you are sensible, Totally in the Power of
fully Accommodating you.
Since the above I am favoured with yours of the 6th Instant
the ~~allowance~~ allowance of $3/2\frac{1}{2}$ you have my permission
to make Mr V. Bolton of Salop - with regard to Mr
Wolingtons Sugars we have as yet no account of them.
I perceive John Darke is coming up - and the sooner you
can dispatch them all the better - My Particular Orders
are that the Oil be always hoisted out of the Boats sailing
and never with Can Hooks - if they will not attend to
me otherwise, as sure as I Live, I'll fine them -
I am with much Esteem
T. V.

Of the 32 Bags of Nails from Joseph Hill of Dudley -
One is wanting - Pray inquire if there has been any
mistakes in the delivery - Havelhorn tells me he has
already written you respecting them - the L. H. C. shall
be stop'd from him according to your desire - Pray never
Charge any $\frac{1}{2}$ or other Fractions of 1 in your Low Bills
if the Amount is above $\frac{1}{2}$ Charge 1 if less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Charge
nothing and if exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ Charge also nothing -

Newport Off^r J. S. J. & Co. New York
Brimicombe Post 11th Nov^r 1796

Conform me of 1000^l 2^l 10^s - Having nothing
for you I have sent my Com^{rs}. I should be glad
if Chapman M^{rs} to Newport for 2 Days off from
work. You will deliver him 200^l and the rest
the amount

Mr John Partridge Brimscombe Post
the 11 November 1796

Sir - I cannot refuse you such a Trifle but I
could Wish from the Respectable Character you bear
that you could manage to put this Business on a something
more respectable footing for Yourself - You shall certainly
have the 15 Tons you request as soon as it is light
to morrow Morning - and the remaining 20 Tons
shall follow in the Boat -

Burdley Mr In Cartwright

Sir / Brimscombe Post 11 Nov^r 1796

In reply to your Esteem'd & Instant I have
Advice of 26 Casks of Oil coming for you by Lewis Boats
as also of 2 Pipes & by J. Mills - as soon as they arrive
you may depend on their being forwarded to you with
every possible despatch -

^{Postscript}
Mr John Poyner

Brimscombe Post 11 Nov^r 1796

Sir / I really have not shewn that attention to your
Letters / directed to Mr Smith / which I otherwise lay it
down as a rule to myself to do to the Generality of the
Company's Friends. because I think you have acted a very
uncandid, if not a very unjustifiable part with respect
to the Seners you gave this Post an account of, as sent

as sent back by your Letter of 6 September and
for which you in a very Cavalier manner require
Remittance to the full Amount - this Requestion you
again renew in yours now before me of the 28th Oct.
allow me to say Sir that before you can have any the
least right to make such a demand - you must fully
Establish the fact of the Damage having been received
on Board the Company's Boats, but which is not all
cleared up to my satisfaction - the reasons wherefore
I shall at all times be ready to make appear: but suppose
for Arguments sake, the Fact Established: did you then
perform the Fair Tradesmans duty? did you then
Act as the known Candour and upright dealings
of my Company, entitle them to expect from those whose
Goods may chance to receive damage in their Boats,
did you in a Word Exert your utmost to save them
from the present, or preserve them from further damage,
No, you did not; You know very well, & Your Trade tells
you that if the Linens were really mildewed you could
not do them a greater Injury than by leaving them in
the Packages, and yet with this Knowledge you willfully
put them in the Situation by sending them back,
of continuing in that very State, a fortnight or three
Weeks longer -

When I consider all this Sir, I think you little Entitled
to receive any the least Indemnification, and I can

have as little doubt, were even the fact proved of their
having received the damage in the Company's Boat.
but which is far from being so, but had a Court of
Justice would think with me. Now I dealt with
these Linens you shall know. far from following the
bad Example you had set me. I caused them to be open
immediately on Arrival and had them Exposed to the Air
in a warm Room unfolded. Then had them Examined
by two Linen drapers and a fair Valuation put on them
and in the Course of a few days sold them at the highest
of the two Valuations which Amounted to £13. 10. 3
and which you may draw on me at sight on giving
me your Receipt in full of all demands. However
unpalatable such a Loss must be, you will confess I
have done more for you than you would have done
for my Company must they have sustained it.

Bristol Mess^{rs} John Innys Baker & Co.

Primscombe Post 12 Nov: 1796
In reply to your Esteemed of 9 Ins^t / rec^d not before
yesterday, & after the Bristol Post was gone off / the two Bales
B 129. 130 are this day arrived in our Basin, and as the
Business seems pressing, you may depend on my Exerting
my Utmost to Let you have them on or before Thursday
next

Two Chests of Linnen are already shipt off for you, the
One on board the *Chalie*, the other in the *Littleton*

Bristol. W. John Holmes

13 Nov. 1796

Herewith the Invoice of the *Charlie*. same post
will also hand you Invoice of the *Littleton*. In the
last you will observe a Pipe & a Butt filled
with Oil taken from the Bottom of the Boats,
so terrible has been the Leakage during their
tedious Voyage. I conceive it chiefly to belong
to Mr. J. Knowles, but should any Top the Casks
belonging to other Consignees have also leaked
you have a discretionary power to divide a part of
the Butt between them, as to you shall appear
fair & requisite — Some of the Rice and Weld
is I find also damaged, but of this I fear I
shall hear enough By & By, a just Compensation
I shall never refuse

~~Worster Mr. John~~

Worster Mr. Saml Wall Brimscombe Post 13 Nov 1796

Sir / Mr. Evans will deliver you the
Bale of Linen & 3 Hds Tobacco Stalks: they only
Arrived yesterday, I am sure therefore you will do
me the Justice to say I have used every possible Expedition
when I inform you they are already on their way to
your City. I hope my Company will meet with no
more such Interruptions as they have of late Experience
indeed considering that a New Survey of the Thames
is now actually making, and that a Sum of Money
is granted by the Comms^{rs} owners of that River for
Repairs we may reasonably expect some Change
for the better I am —

Bristol M^r John Stave -

Brunnscombe Post 13 Nov^r 1796.

Sir /-

I have to reply to the favour of a Letter from you of the 3 Instant requesting my attention to 6 Pipes of Lenseed Oil expected by my Companys Boats, which you should have understood had much run out, and to be on the whole in a very bad Condition. It is therefore with peculiar Pleasure to myself that I can Inform you, at least so far as I have hitherto seen them, that the Case is fortunately otherwise: two of them are Arrived and were Yesterday forwarded you by the Sattelton Thomas Gates Master, and these have been very well preserved; I most sincerely wish those coming may turn out equally as well - but should the contrary happen you may depend Sir on my causing every means to be Employd to provide as far as Possible a Remedy for the past, by having the Leakage got up from the Bottom of the Boat and to preserve them from future Damage by a very attentive Cooperage - as yet no extraordinary Expence has accrued but should it even happen on those Expected my Care and Concern, and I know it to be my Companys Wish - will be rather Occupied in saving you from further Loss, than in Adding to it by any Petty Charge for doing that for our Friends which is equally a Duty, as it is to me a Satisfaction - I may perhaps shortly Come to

Bristol when I shall be happy in Paying my
Respects to you and Cultivating a Correspondence
so pleasantly begun on your part -
I have the Honor to be

Newport Mr John Smith

Brimcombe Post
13 November 1796

Sir! I have the Pleasure of confirming my
last to you of 11 Instant and herewith Invoice of
Goods forwarded by the Bate & Torcible S. Hartshorn
Master - a propos I have given him his instructions
do get a sight of them, and if you think they stand
in need of Alterations or Amendment tell me so
frankly - I am with much Esteem and not in
less haste -

Gloucester Mr George Harmer

Brimcombe Post 13 Nov 1796

Sir! I refer you to the above Invoices of the Torcible
& Bate Samuel Hartshorn Master

Wilton Mr Thomas Clave

Brimcombe Post 13 Nov 1796

Sir I refer you to the above Invoice of Goods
Shipped on Board the Torcible Samuel Hartshorn Master

Worcester Mr Tho Evans

Brimcombe Post 13 Nov 1796

Sir! You will do the needful with this Invoice
of Goods for Worcester of the Bate Samuel Hartshorn -

London, Christopher Chambers Esq. #
14 Nov^r 1796

As soon as I shall have procur'd the Materials, I will give Myself the pleasure of Answering your favor of 31 Oct; and in the meantime, shall be Expecting the further Orders of the Committee, in reply to my last of 23 Oct. to your good self, relative to the Chalier and Disney --- perhaps also their Resolution respecting the Vessel at the Rovings --- Have the goodness to hand them my Inclos'd:

I Hope to inform you in my next, of my Having procur'd you a Lading of the Newport ^{Coal}, as I Have directed the Schooner, in case there sho^d. be no Iron for Her at Cardiff, to proceed thither: you have Heard of the Alterations with the Custom H^o. at Gloucester, respecting their demand of the 5/6 duty; notwithstanding what may Have been said, this Matter does not yet seem settled: I would rather be between the claws of the Devil, than in the Hands of the Custom House!!! pray therefore send me the Act, which regards that duty; I believe their demand unfounded, but with the Act in my Hand, there will need no perhaps's.

If the Law says we must pay the Duty, we will do it with a good grace; e contra; we will resist it with a firmness, that shall teach these Harpies their Duty;

Be assur'd I'll not interfere in my friend Sills's department; In his district the Thames, & on his Wharf, Let Him be sole Master; He cannot be more so, than I wish it Him, and will give Him every Aid in my power towards the Accomplishing it: But at Brimscombe, & on the Canal, your people, and above all your Magnificent London Cartbearers, must know more than me,

nor fear punishment, or Hope for Reward from any
one Else! I am taming these Latter somewhat, but
believe them a set of sad Rascals, one or two perhaps
excepted; I Had Yesterday an Account from M^r. S^t.
Smith at Cirencester that "Beesley's and Lawrence's Boats
"in passing each other below Daneway, had let off six
"Ponds of Water," and the Day before, advices arriv'd from
Hempford, that the latter had run foul of the Swivel
Bridge at that place; Their depredations would almost
drive you mad, but I'll break the Neck of it. --- or
Theirs — There are at this Moment no more than
25 $\frac{1}{2}$ Inches Water at the Summit, thus no boats Can
load above 15. 16 In. wch. added to the Continued
Leakage of some of the Ponds, renders our Situation
dreadful: I Have therefore laid an Embargo on
all the Vessels in the Bason till more favourable
News arrive —

pray send the
Inclos'd to —
Nicholas Lane —

I am apprehensive of Alarming you; or perhaps you'll
begin to think I mean to Entertain you with some pretty-
or some dreadful Novel, such as the Romance of the
forest, or the Chrystal Monstrous Shield &c. &c. but it is
a fact, that Quarrington or Quarrington's people Last
Week Emptied a whole pound, the second from the
Bourne yard — I Have fined Him five Pounds —
which M^r. Sills will keep in his Recollection to withhold
from his Wages

The Committee of Trade of the Thames and
Severn Canal Navigation

Brimcombe post 14 Nov^r 1796

Gentlemen

I Have the Honor to Confirm my Last of 24 Oct^r
Covering my Report respecting a Vessel at the
Rowings with two Documents A & B relating to
the same

I now Inclose you a Letter received at this Port,
from the Custom H^o. of Gloucester, concerning the seizure
of the Seed out of the Charlie; Any Orders I may
receive from your Committee of Resistance, to so
unreasonable, and so insolent a Demand, shall be
Obeyed with Spirit and Activity: The whole of this,
if I am rightly Inform'd, has been a most iniquitous
piece of Business, and to crown all, when Compell'd
to restore the goods, they presume to call on you to
defray the Expences - A Custom House only can
be Capable of such Violence, and daring attempts
after despotism: In modern times It rivals a
Spanish Inquisition!

I Have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
your most Obedient
Hble Servant

T. Nucella Jr

Fromload M^r John Tashley Bainscombe
14 November

Pray deliver to Thomas Gibbons Master of
the Thames & Severn Canal Company's Four the
Iron sides as many of the Casks tall as he can
stow on his Decks, but you will oblige me in not
permitting him to put one single Cask on his
Bulks — do me the favour to be particular
in this — and you will much oblige —

Sir, Your humble servant
I suppose Gates delivered you Pyes Bridle
Thomas Gibbons of New Ironsides —

Abingdon W. Tho: Weeks
Bainscombe pt. 15th Nov. 1796

Sir

I thank you for the divers Informations contain'd in
y^r Letter 11 Inst. and Beeseley Having sundry furni-
-ture on board for a M^r Wilkins of Richmond as
soon as He arrives at Abingdon I desire you will
inform this Gentleman thereof, mentioning to Him
that you do it by my particular directions; you will
also deliver to Beeseley my Orders to receive the
freight £18.5^u7 on delivery of the Goods

To my great Concern, as well as surprize, I find on
board of none of our Boats, as yet arriv'd,
20 Bags of Rice, directed AW^r C.
wch were sent from London 25 Aug^t by G. Heates's
Boat: pray How comes this? the Consignees

threaten the Compt. & with too much Reason, with
a Bill of parcels for them I Hope it proceeds from
no want of attention on your part, but goods that
quitted London near a Month afterwards Have seen
Brimscombe. should you not have already shipped
them, do by the very first Boats, and Inform me in
the mean time of the Cause of their detention that
I may make some attempt after pacifying the House
at Worcester to wch. City they are bound

I am Sir
yr^o Hble Ser^o
T. Nucella Jr

Bristol. W^o Care

Brims^o. p^t. 15 Nov^r. 1796

Sir

I might have thanked you for your Letter Had
you not seen mine to W^o. Holmes, but I think after
the extraordinary trouble my Company has taken
in your Business, through me, & my two Journeys
to Gloster solely on your Account, they at least
Merited your thanks!

The Case after all is certainly However a very
hard one, and I will still do what lies in my
power to serve you, but as two sets of our Boats
are arriv'd from London, I neither can nor ought
to leave the goods they brought with them for Bristol
behind, on Account of the Salt petre, indeed
I much feared I should not have been able to
have forwarded any part of it to you this Spring,
However as you seem so much to be in want of it,

I Have made an Effort to serve you, and
Have directed M. Pashley at Framilode to deliver
out of his Comp^d Warehouse, as many of the Loads
of the Salt petre, as my Company's Vessel the Ironside,
Tho^s Gibbons Mast^r may be able to stow, which
will be about eight or ten: the Remainder you
may depend on Having next Spring

I am Sir
y^r Oble Serv^t

T. Nucella J^r
Annex'd Copy of my letter to the
Collector at Gloucester on the subject of your
Salt petre

NB the following Letter to M^r Jenkins was annex'd

Glocester Mr. Jenkins

Brimsc. p. 15 Nov. 1796

Sir

Mr. Cave writes me He has settled every point respecting the Salt petre with you; unluckily, from the Number of Barges just arrived from London with goods for Bristol I have it not in my power to forward the whole thereof by this Spring, but I have directed Thomas Gibbons Master of my Company's Trow Ironsides, to take in as many of the Casks at Framilode as He can with Safety stow: After what the above Gentleman has written me I need scarcely recommend my Captain to your good Care, being very truly

Sir

y.^r Hble Ser^t

T. Nucella, Jr.

Agent in Chief to the
T & A Canal Navigⁿ

Copy of this Letter sent to
Mr. Cave

Oricklade Mr. Brent

Brimsc. p. 15 Nov. 1796

Sir

In reply to yours of Ins^t you did very right in Lightening Jackson, and in Cases of such necessity I would always give you a directionary power: It was self evident that laden 30 Inches deep He could never pass a Water which did not go beyond 20

I am &c

T. N.

Worcester A Williams & Co -

15 Nov^r 1796

Sirs your 10 Bags of Sugar are this very day landed at Brimscombe & shall be sent you by the first Vessels that go from Hence to your City.

The 20 Bags of Rice & contra I am much concerned, to say, are I fear at Abingdon having been for Expeditions sake, put on board the Abingdon Market Boat at London, which has detain'd them thus long, but I will make Inquiry into it this very post, and do every thing possible to redress the grievance, of which you complain, certainly not without Reason; but allow me to say, I do not think you serious, when you talk in so strange a Strain of sending my Company in, a bill of parcels; I will ever do my Utmost to serve our friends, but I do not like these threats they would almost incline Me to be Uncivil, when I would really wish to be quite the Contrary. I will inform you what they shall Answer Me from Abingdon, and am

Gentlemen

Y^r Hble Ser^t

T. Nucella J^r

Agent in Chief to the
T & S C. Navigⁿ

Cirencester W. Tho^s Cox

Sir

Brimsc^e 11th Nov^r 1796

I answer to y^r Letter 12 Inst^t (directed to W. Smith) I can assure you that the low State of the Water is the sole Cause of the detention of y^r Iron, which however did not arrive Here before 7 Inst^t.
By the first Opportunity it shall be sent you

I am Sir your Hble Ser^t

T. Nucella J^r

Agent in Chief to the T & S C. Navigⁿ