

At a General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at Mr. Stevenson's in Queenstreet Cheapside London on Tuesday the 3rd Day of April 1787

Ordered that power be given to the Treasurer to issue Navigation Bonds for £2000, if the Committee shall at any time think it expedient

That Sir Edward Littleton, Edw. Loveden Lovelock, John Carter, Esq., John Raymond, Esq., Mr. Perry, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Lowbridge Bright, Mr. The Lane, Mr. Croft, Mr. Black & Mr. Charlie be, and they are hereby elected a Committee for conducting the works & managing the affairs of this Company, and do meet on Saturday 12th May next -

That this general Assembly of Proprietors be adjourned to the first Tuesday in October next at the Kings Head in Cirencester

	Shares
Chris ^r Chambers for Self	60
Do for John Sparling	20
Do for Peter Parker	50
Do for John Dawson	50
Do for John Sargent	50
James Black	5
for Matthew Charlie	30
for Sophia Chambers	30
for Mary Anne Petit	10
for John Lane	19
for Esther Shadwell	5
Tho Lane	17
for Lowbridge Bright	55
for Sir Edward Littleton	100
for William Jones	3
for Thomas Hayes	50
Mr. Stevenson	30
for Katherine Letitia Petit	10
for James Croft Esq.	10
James Perry	50
for Isaac Moron	10
for Robert Rollaston	50
for Will ^m Barrett	11
John Charlie	100
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At a Special General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at Goldsmiths Hall London the 10th July 1787 - For the purpose of appointing a Treasurer in the room of the late Treasurer Mr. Thomas Stevenson who is dead, it was unanimously resolved that William Stevenson Esq. Brother of the said Tho. Stevenson be & he is hereby appointed Treasurer to the said Navigation.

Resolved also that the said William Stevenson do give security to the Company to the same Amount & in the same manner as was given by his said late Brother & that he do deliver such Security to the Committee at their next Meeting.

Resolved that Sir Edw. Sillitton Bart. Edward Loveden Loveden Esq. John Chalie, James Croft, Robert Bayard, Chris. Chambers, Lowbridge Bright, James Black, James Perry, John Raymond, John Carter, Willm. Stevenson & Tho. Lane Esquires, be & they are hereby appointed a Committee to manage the affairs of the said Company, & that they do meet at the Kings Head in Cirencester on Wednesday the 22nd Aug^r next at ten o'clock in the morning for the dispatch of business.

Resolved that the next General Assembly be held at the Kings head in Cirencester on the first Tuesday in October next.

	Shares
John Chalie	100
James Croft	10
Robert Prollston	85
James Black	5
Tho. Lane	17
Proxies	
Robert Prollston for Chris. Chambers	60
Robert Prollston for Frances Chambers	50
James Black for Sophia Chambers	30
James Black for Matthew Chalie	30
Tho. Lane for Sir Edw. Sillitton	100
D ^o for Lowbridge Bright	55
D ^o for Thomas Hayes	50
D ^o for William Jones	3
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As this only copy of the Orders of the Meeting. see Original with a parcel of papers consisting of Bonds &c. in the Box where this Book is kept.

At a General Meeting of the Proprietors of the
Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at the Kings Head
Inn, in Cirencester on Tuesday 2^d October 1787

Ordered that Two pence off Ton be taken for the Wharfage on all the
Coal which shall Lye on the Wharfs more than Twenty four Hours, and that
all Coal in future be Stacked under the direction of the Wharfinger

That no Pond of Water on this Navigation be drawn down on any
pretence whatever, without an Order from some Member of the Committee
in Writing.

That no Person be suffered to draw the Water through the upper
Lashes of the Locks to flush out their Boats, or to throw any Rubbish, Weeds, Silt
or Stone into any of the Ponds or Locks

That no person whatever be allowed to use any Shafts made with
Iron, upon this Navigation

That the above Orders be considered as Bye Laws of this Company
and that all Persons offending in any of them shall be subject to the
Penalties provided by the Act of Parliament.

That the present Stock of Coal on the Island at Trainscomb be
removed to Daneway Wharf for Sale and that a Stock of Coal be kept there
in future for Sale

That the Committee be empowered if they see it necessary
to keep Two Barges employd in bringing Coal from Stourport to
Trainscomb on the Companies account.

That the Committee of this Navigation be Instructed to Enquire
into the intended improvements on the River Thames and to guard the
Interest of this Company as far as they are able

That the Committee be Impowered to Enter into an Agreement
with the Stroud Company for the erection of a Wharf Warehouse and
Alteration of the Lock at the Entrance of the Stroud Canal at Framiloe

That the Stop Gates at Coxes Burn & Coats Field be made
by Planks, Let down in a Groove on each side

That a Towing path be made ^{under} the Bridge of the upper
Lock at Siddington, and all other Bridges to be hereafter erected

Ordered That the Line of the Canal be followed, as laid down
 in the Parliamentary plan, in passing over the Estate of
 Esq. held under the Church of Bristol, between the 3rd & 4th the Locks
 near South Jersey.

That all money due to the Company for Tonnage and
 Freight be collected by the Clerk of the Works

That the Hollow left by the Slip of the Earth in
 the 8th Pit be immediately filled up by Charles Jones under
 the direction of Mr. Colver the Engineer

That so long as the Work in the Tunnel shall continue
 to be paid for by Cubical Measure, that the Clerk of the Works do
 deduct a proportion of the Small Tunnel according to the Length, &
 to divide the quantity of work done by 34 Cubical Yards, to
 constitute one yard in Length

That the Committee be Impowered to pursue such
 measures as they may think proper to forward the intended
 improvements in the Navigation of the River Severn

That Sir Edw. Littleton, Bart. Edw. L. Lovden Esq., John
 Carter Esq., John Raymond Esq., Mr. Berry, Mr. Wm Jones, Mr. Chambers,
 Mr. Bright, Mr. Tho Lane, The Rev. J. Disney Mr. Bayard, Mr. Black,
 Mr. Chalie, be, and they are hereby Elected a Committee for conducting
 the Works and managing the affairs of this Company.

That this General Assembly of Proprietors be
 adjourned to the first Tuesday in April next 1788 then to be
 held at the Kings Head Inn, in Cirencester

		Shares.	Pro ^{ts} forward	559
Lewbridge Bright	55	James Black	- 5.	
James Perry	50	D ^o for Math. Chalie	30.	
D ^o for Isaac Moron	10	D ^o for Sophia Chambers	30.	
D ^o for Robert Prokerton	50	D ^o for M. anne Petit	10.	
D ^o for Will ^m Barrett	14	D ^o for John Lane	19	
Chris ^m Chambers	60	D ^o for Esther Shadwell	5	
D ^o for John Sparling	20	W. Jones	3	
D ^o for Peter Baker	50			
D ^o for John Dawson	50			661
D ^o for John Sargent	50			
D ^o for John Chalie	100			
D ^o for Geo Aubrey	50			
	559			

At a Special General Meeting
of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation
held at the Crown and Anchor Tavern in the Strand in the County
of Middlesex on Tuesday the 12th February 1778

Resolved, that Mr Thomas Lane be requested
to wait on Earl Bathurst and state to his Lordship that it is the earnest
desire of this Company to show every possible respect and attention to his
Lordship. That it seems impossible at present to ascertain the damages
occasioned by the Canal as many of those Damages are not yet ended
but as soon as they are this Company will be ready to pay a full
compensation for them. That in the mean time the Company are
ready to agree with his Lordship for the Water of Tenners Mill
and the Stratton Water at the Yearly Rent of Fifty eight pounds
fourteen shillings (being the Sum mentioned in the ~~report~~^{report} exclusive
of the damages to the Water Meadows) and the Company will covenant
that in case they take any of the Tenners Mill Water between the first &
twelfth days of May in each Year exclusive or any of the Stratton Water
between the twenty first day of April and the second day of May in each
Year exclusive they will pay his Lordship the sum of Ten Guineas
for each of those days on which they take such Water

Resolved, That Mr Pitt of Cirencester, Mr Carter
of Bucklade and Mr Sellwood of Abingdon be and they are hereby
nominated for the Election of one of them by the Commissioners under the
Act of Parliament to be their Clerk at the ensuing Meeting

Resolved, That this Meeting be adjourned until
Friday next at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon then to be held at this
place. And that the Proprietors residing in Town have Notice
of such Meeting

Signed by the Proprietors then present for themselves
& Proxies, the word "award" having first been
erased and the word "report" interlined to make
it agreeable to the original paper signed by the
Referres and by them called a Report

£ 10	for Earl of Radnor	Shars
£ 10	for Moreton Walhouse Esq	10
£ 10	for Revd James Stafford	10
£ 10	for self	100
	Carry over	130

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Bring over	130
Robt Bayard	10
Barrett	14
John Chalie	100
Ditto for John Lewis Boissier	28
Ditto for Mat ^o Chalie	30
Ditto for Gab. Clarmont	20
Chris ^m Chambers	60
Do for John Sparling	20
Do for Peter Baker	50
Do for John Dawson	50
Do for John Sargent	50
Do for Geo. Aspre	50
W. Jones	3
Do for Lowbridge Bright	55
John Disney	15
James Perry	58
Do for Isaac Moron	10
Do for Rob ^t Proleston	50
Tho Same	17
Do for Thomas Hayes	50
James Black	5
Do for Matthew Chalie	30
Do for Sophia Chambers	30
Do for Mary Anne Pitit	10
Do for M ^r John Lane	19
Do for Esther Shadwell	5
M Stevenson Admor of late J Stevenson	30
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At a Special General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at the Crown & Anchor Tavern in the Strand in the County of Middlesex on Fryday the 15 of February 1788.

M^r Thomas Lane reported to the meeting that he had waited upon Lord Bathurst on wednesday last pursuant to the resolution of the last General Assembly, and had stated to his Lordship the purport of that resolution and had conferred with his Lordship pretty much at large thereon and had left a Copy of that resolution with his Lordship, and that as to the satisfaction for damages his Lordship concurred with the Proprietors in opinion that they could not be settled till they were all ended, but that he wished that as soon as any district should be finished, the damages done to his lands therein might be settled and paid for. That as to the waters and the rent to be paid for the use of them, his Lordship said he only desired that the Tenants of his lands might be secured the full enjoyment of the waters as they now use them, but that he conceived that the terms proposed by the Proprietors would not have that effect: That however his Lordship said he would write into the Country to make some enquiries and that M^r Lane should then hear from him.

That M^r Thomas Lane then exchanged with his Lordship the Deeds of the 7 & 8 of January last and that he brought away the original Lease & Release signed by his Lordship & Lord Apsley.

This Assembly having afterwards taken into consideration that it would be proper to call the Commissioners together to appoint one or more Trustee or Trustees for the investment of certain Trust Monies and to settle the purchase monies to be paid for certain Lands to be taken for the use of the Canal. Therefore this Assembly doth resolve & direct that the said Commissioners be desired to meet for those purposes on Wednesday the 2 of April and that proper notice be given of such intended meeting pursuant to the directions of the Act at the Bull Inn, Fairford.

And whereas the last Assembly held at Cirencester on the second day of October 1787 appointed their

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next General Assembly to be held on the first
 Tuesday in April 1788 at the Kings hedd in Cirencester
 Now this Assembly doth resolve and direct that
 such General Assembly shall be held on the first
 Tuesday in April at the Bull Inn in Fairford
 instead of Cirencester.

	Shas
J ^r David Littleton	100
do for Earl of Radnor	10
do for Moreton Walkons lye	10
do for Rev ^d James St. John	10
John Chaliv	100
do ditto for Mat Chaliv	30
do ditto for John L. Boissier	28
do ditto for Gabriel Colarmont	20
Robt Bayard	10
John Disney	15
Geo. Aufrere	50
Chris ^r Chambers	60
do for John Sparling	20
do for Peter Baker	50
do for John Dawson	50
do for John Sargent	50
W. Jones	3
do for Low. Wright	55
Barrett	14
James Perry	30
do for Isaac Moron	10
do for Rob ^t Colleston	50
James Black	5
do for Sophia Chambers	30
do for Mary Anne Petit	10
do for John Lane	19
do for Esther Shadwell	5
Tho Lane	17
do for Thomas Hayes	50
W Stevenson Admor of late J Stevenson	30
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1788.
April 1st.

At a General Meeting of the Proprietors
of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at the Bull
Inn, in Faversham on Tuesday 1st April 1788

Mr. Lane's Letter to Sir Edw. Littleton dated 17th March
1788, being received communicating Lord Bathurst's desire to enter into some
permanent agreement with the Company as to the matters in difference
between them with regard to the terms recommended by Sir G. Baul & Mr.
and the Company being equally disposed to the same amicable adjustment,
Nicholas, It is Resolved that Mr. Chambers & Mr. Black be desired
to attend to & pursue the business referred to therein, agreeable to the Company's
resolution at the Special General Meeting of the 12th February last, which
they wish to make the basis of a written agreement with his Lordship, and
that they proceed therein as soon as possible as the season of the year requires
the Company to cleanse the water courses, & to take the Stratton Water into
the course

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to borrow the further
sum of Ten Thousand Pounds upon the Security of the Tolls, rates &
duties of the Canal, taking up the same in such payments & at such
times as Mr. Chambers, Mr. Chalie & Mr. Black shall think necessary,
and that he do Issue Bonds or assignments according to the Act of
Parliament bearing Interest after the rate of 5th per cent and of such separate
value each as may be most agreeable to the persons who advance the
same, not exceeding the sum of £500 each.

That the sum of £10 on every share in part of Interest
due on the severall Tolls already advanced thereon be paid or assured
agreeable to the direction of the Act of Parliament to the several proprietors
in cash or Bonds according to the number of their respective Shares,
That is to say, that the Treasurer do Issue such Bonds to every proprietor
of five or more Shares, according to the number he shall be possessed of,
bearing date the 1st day of August next, and carrying the same Interest
payable at the same times as the other Bonds Issued by this Company, and
that he do pay to every proprietor of less than five Shares his proportionate
claim in cash, and place the same to the account of the Company

That Sir Edw. Littleton, Bart., Edw L. Loveden Esq:
 Mr Carter, Mr Raymond, Mr Perry, Mr Jones, Mr Chambers, Mr Bright
 Mr Tho. Lane, the Rev. Doct. Disney, Mr Bayard, Mr Black, and
 Mr Chalie, be, and they are hereby Elected a Committee for conducting
 the Works and managing the affairs of this Company.

That this General Meeting of Proprietors
 be adjourned to the first Tuesday in October next, then to
 be held at the Bull Inn, in Fairford.

	<u>Shag</u>
Mr Littleton for Self	100
do for Earl of Radnor	10
do for Mr Walthouse Esq.	10
do for Rev. Mr. Jas. Massford	10
W Jones	3
Lowbridge Bright	55
James Black	5
D. for Sophia Chambers	30
D. for Mary Anne Petit	10
D. for John Lane	19
D. for Esther Shadwell	5
John Carter	3
Chris Chambers	60
do for John Sparling	20
do for Peter Parker	50
do for John Dawson	50
do for John Sargent	50
John Disney.	15
James Perry	50
do for Rob ^{ts} Colleston	50
Chris Chambers for Geo. Tuffere Esq	50
James Black for John Chalie	100
Tho. Baylis	1
Edw. Loveden Loveden	25

1788.
Oct: 7.

At a General Meeting of the Proprietors
of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at the
Bull Inn, in Fairford on Tuesday 7th day of October 1788

Resolved that application be made to Parliament by
this Company, in the ensuing Session for an Act to explain and
amend their present Act entitled an "Act for making and maintaining
"a Navigable Canal, from the River Thames or Isis, at or near Leachlade,
"to join and communicate with the Stroudwater Canal at Wallbridge,
"near the Town of Stroud; and also a collateral cut from the said ~~at~~
"Canal at or near Siddington, to or near the Town of Cirencester, in the
"Counties of Gloucester and Wilts. And also for powers to finish & complete
the said Canal Navigation through the Counties of Gloucester, Wilts & Berks
and to join & communicate with the River Thames or Isis at or near
Puscot in the said County of Berks near Leachlade aforesaid in the
said County of Gloucester, and that the Committee of this Navigation for
the time being or any three of them be empowered to conduct and
direct the said application

That Mr. Chambers & Mr. Black be requested to
acquaint Sir George Young & Mr. Call with the Companies intention
of such application and to request their support in Parliament

a Letter being this Day received dated Septemb 22nd 1788
signed by Robert Thompson as Agent to the Right Hon.^{ble} Henry Earl
Bathurst and the said Letter being read as follows

"To the Company of Proprietors of the Thames and
"Severn Canal Navigation

"As Agent for and on the behalf of the Right
"Honourable Henry Earl Bathurst you are hereby required forthwith
"to satisfy and pay the said Earl for all the Land now or late belonging
"to him taken set out or ascertained in making or maintaining your
"Canal and Collateral Cut, and other works thereto belonging or any of them,
"and for which satisfaction hath not already been made, and also

"to satisfy and pay the said Earl for the Damages done to
his Mills Waters, Woods Lands Tenements and Hereditaments
in making or maintaining the said Canal and collateral Cuts
and Works or any of them or otherwise in Relation thereto.

Dated this Twenty Second day of September 1788
"Robt. Thompson"

Resolved that the said Henry Earl Bathurst. be
paid the residue of his money due for the Land taken for the
use of this Canal Navigation which Land the Agents of this
Company have been directed to measure for that purpose

And it is hereby ordered and directed that Samuel
Smith Clerk of the works do pay the Balance to the said Earl
Bathurst. on the execution of a sufficient instrument for the
discharge of the same

Ordered that the said Sam^d Smith do apply to
the Tenants of the said Earl Bathurst. for a specific demand
of their respective claims for Trespas committed by the Agents
Agents and workmen belonging to this Company in making and
compleating this said Canal Navigation thro' their respective
Lands and Grounds, and that such accounts when received be
laid before the Committee of this Company. that they may be
examined and discharged without any unnecessary delay

That the said Sam^d Smith do pay to the said
Earl Bathurst for such Stone and Clay raised by the Serv^{ts}
of this Company. so far as can be at present ascertained at the
customary rates this Company have generally paid, and also to
request Mr Robert Thompson Steward of the said Earl Bathurst.
to deliver in a Bill of the specific demands which the said Earl
Bathurst makes upon this Company for Mills, Waters, Woods, Tenements
and Hereditaments or for any damage or Trespas done thereto
to the end that the same may be laid before the Committee of
this Company for their adjustment and discharge

Ordered that the Gins used in making the
Tunnel of this Navigation at Sapperton or so many as belong
to this Company, be advertised to be sold in the Birmingham

Salisbury and Winchester News Papers, so soon as the said
Tunnel is finished, reserving one year only for the Company's use,
and to apply for the Sale to Land Smith the Clerk of the Works.

That Mr Colborne be paid the Annual Rent of Mr
Wallington's Land up to Lady Day last.

That a Cut be made from the Thames to convey Boats
along our Dudgeons meadow in the line which the Canal will
pass, provided it is carried to Ruscot

That the Tunnel of this Navigation be immediately
finished & cleared, and the Shafts closed, and two Bank Stops put down
at proper distances in the Tunnel in order to fill the said Tunnel
with water (so far as it be finished) as soon as the Springs rise
with the Winter Rains, and its ordered that such Shafts as are left
open at the top be walled round to prevent accidents

That the Water be got into every part of the Canal
which is finished as soon as possible

That the sum of Six Hundred & Eighty six Pounds
Six Shillings & 12^d be paid into the hands of Sir Edw Littleton
Bart. & Edw L. Lovden Esq. on account of Lands set out for
making this Canal Navigation over the Estate of Lord Coleraine
situate in the Parish of Thempford in the County of Gloucester
conformable to an Order of the Commissioners under the Act.

Being informed that a Man is in Agitation for the General
Improvement of the River Severn and as we are fully convinced of the
Great Benefits which must accrue to the Landed, Commercial & Manufacturing
Interests of this Kingdom, from such Improvements being carried into Execution,
it is therefore Resolved at this General Meeting that whenever the
Improvement of the Navigation of the said River is brought forward this
Company will give it, all the support in their power

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to Borrow the
further sum of Five Thousand Pounds upon the Security of the
Tolls, Rates & Duties of the Canal taking up the same in such payments
and at such times as Mr Chambers, Mr Hatfield & Mr Black shall

shall think necessary & that he do Give Bonds or Assignments according to the Act of Parliament bearing Interest after the Rate of Six p Cent. and of such separate Value each as may be most agreeable to the persons who advance the same, not exceeding the sum of £500 each

It being judged expedient & necessary to the facilitating the navigation of the Canal that a certain number of Boats be forthwith provided in order to navigate the Canal with effect, and to provide articles of Commerce for the supply & consumption of the adjoining country. It is **Resolved** that a certain number of this Company be formed into a select Committee in order to purchase & employ such a number of Boats for doing the business upon the said Canal and to lay in for the supply of the Public, such a quantity of Coal as the said Committee shall find necessary, and for the furtherance of the same Sir Edw. Littleton, Bart. Edw. L. Lovden Esq., Mr. John Carter, Mr. James Perry, Mr. Wm Jones, Mr. Chas. Chambers, Mr. Lowb. Bright, Mr. Robt. Bayard, Mr. James Black, & Mr. Jas. Chalie are hereby requested to take upon them the trouble of carrying into execution the said plan of forwarding the business of the Canal, and are hereby empowered to vary improve & enlarge the same in such manner as they, in their judgement shall from time to time think necessary, and for their Indemnification & security for the money which they may have occasion to Borrow & expend in conducting the said business, This Company do engage to reimburse them all expenses outgoings and Losses they shall sustain therein upon condition that they do pay the residue or surplus of the profits arising from such business (if any such shall be) to the Company's Treasurer for the time being, for the general purposes directed in the Act of Parliament. And it is mutually agreed between the parties concerned that this Resolution shall continue in force and be considered and operate as a bye Law of this Company untill the said select Committee shall discontinue the business, and all the accounts & disbursements are settled & discharged between the Company & the said select Committee, when the Company engage to take possession of the Boats, Coal & other Stock at their original cost. That the select Committee do use the Boats named as follows

belonging to this Company viz. The Thames, the Littleton
 The Severn Nancy
 The London Ironsides
 Fly
 Swift

Ordered That Sir Edw. Littleton, Bart., Geo. Lou. Loeden Esq.

Mr. Raymond Esq., Mr. Geo. Carter, Mr. James Perry, Mr. Wm Jones, Mr.
 Chris. Chambers, Mr. George Bright, Mr. Tho. Lane, The Rev. Doct. Disney
 Mr. Rob. Bayard, Mr. Jas. Black & Mr. John Chalie, be & they are hereby
 Elected a Committee for conducting the works of this Navigation

Mr. Littleton for self	100
do for Earl of Radnor	10
do for Mordaunt Walhouse Esq	10
do for Rev. James Bayard	10
George Bright	55
Chris. Chambers	60
do for John Sparling	20
do for Peter Baker	50
do for John Dawson	50
do for John Sargent	50
John Disney	15
James Perry	50
do for Rob. Rolleston	50
James Black	5
do for Sophia Chambers	30
do for Maryanne Petit	10
do for John Lane	19
do for Esther Shadwell	5
do for John Chalie	100
Tho. Baylis	1
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That the next General Assembly
 be held on the first Tuesday in April
 1789. at the Bull Inn, in Fairford

John Carter	700
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