

20. January 1709. 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 Tuesday  
the 20.<sup>th</sup> day of January 1709.

The report or adjudgment of the Commissioners at their meeting  
held at the King's head in Cirencester Gloucestershire on the 3.<sup>rd</sup> & 4.<sup>th</sup> days  
of December 1708 on certain matters then submitted to them was  
read and it was then resolved and ordered. That the said report  
~~shall~~ and the same is approved of and assented to by this  
meeting, but under the Condition that no part be objected to by  
Lord Bathurst - But if Lord Bathurst objects to any part of the  
report This meeting reserves the like power - And for ascertaining  
the same That the monies due on the said award be tendered to  
Lord Bathurst forthwith and be paid to him on the Execution  
of a sufficient instrument for the discharge of the same.

Then it was ordered that Mr Thomas Lane be and he is hereby  
appointed Clerk to the Company of Proprietors of this Canal  
Resolved that for the future the seal of the Company shall be  
kept by the Clerk in a box to be secured by three different locks, the keys  
of which shall be kept one of them by the Clerk to the Company -  
one other by the Treasurer - and the other by some other Member of  
the Committee - That the seal shall never be used but at Committee  
when the Instruments to which it shall be fixed shall be sealed and  
signed by the Chairman of such Committee and countersigned by  
the ~~Committee~~ <sup>Treasurer</sup> and that then the seal shall be replaced in the  
Box which shall be again locked and the keys delivered to the  
respective keepers of them.

Resolved that the Clerk take the Opinion of some eminent Counsel  
respecting the bonds which have been issued to several Proprietors on  
account of Interest due to them and the proper mode of giving the  
Proprietors a security for such Interest.

Resolved that this meeting adjourn to the 5.<sup>th</sup> day of February next  
at eleven o'clock in the morning at the Crown and Anchor  
Tavern in the Strand - And that the Committee do then produce

an Estimate of what money it will require to complete the present plan for the Canal and another Estimate of what money it will require to complete the proposed plan - and that Mr Perry and Mr Whitworth be desired to attend such adjourned meeting.

10 shares - Hadest.  
25 shares - Morden  
10 shares - Lant. Shadwell.  
100 shares - John Shalici  
19 shares - John Lane  
30 shares - Bowdler  
100 — J. W. Latham  
10 — J. for Mrs. Walthouse  
10 — J. for Rev. J. Stafford  
18 shares - H. Purcell  
60 — Chris Chambers  
55 — Dr. for Lowbridge Wright  
85 — Dr. for Robt. Rolleston  
50 — Dr. for John Sargent  
15. John Disney  
30 Mr Stevenson Adm<sup>r</sup> of the late  
J Stevenson  
£ 635 shares

5<sup>th</sup> February 1789. At an adjourned special general Meeting of proprietors of the Thames and Severn Canal Navigation held at the Crown & Anchor Tavern in the Strand in the County of Middlesex on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1789 -

The proceedings of the last special general meeting were read.

This meeting having then taken into Consideration the purposes for which the special general meeting of proprietors was called on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January last and having considered the act of Parliament in that respect were of Opinion that no other business can with propriety be taken up than such as is expressed in the request to call such special general meeting - Whereupon the Case stated and the Opinion taken in obedience to the directions of the last special general meeting were read and were referred for consideration to the next general meeting of proprietors -

Mr D. Littleton for self	100	Bnd <sup>t</sup> forward	—
To Mr. Welhouse	10	James Perry	50
Do for Revd Mr. Stafford	10	Do for Thomas Hayes	50
Raymond	3	Do for George Anfrere Esq	50
Chris <sup>r</sup> Chambers	60	Total shams	<u>004</u>
do for Lowbridge Bright	55		
do for Robert Robinson	50		
do for John Sargent	50		
do for Peter Baker	50		
James Black	5		
D <sup>o</sup> for Rob <sup>t</sup> . Robertson	85		
D <sup>o</sup> for Sophia Chambers	30		
D <sup>o</sup> for Francis Chambers	50		
James Mangston	8		
Mr Stevenson Adm <sup>r</sup> of late	30		
J Stevenson Sec	—		
John Phallic	100		
Langthorn	100		
John Disney	15		
D <sup>o</sup> for Will Jones	3		
D <sup>o</sup> for E. Mouchet	2		



with legal interest for the same from the  
one thousand seven hundred and eighty of  
July to be paid and satisfied.

And the condition of this obligation is such that provided  
the above bounden company of Proprietors shall pay or cause to be  
paid to the said his Exec<sup>ts</sup> Admin<sup>rs</sup> or  
assigns the said sum of Pounds together with such  
interest for the same, after the rate of L5 p Centum per annum,  
as shall become due thereon, out of the tolls, rates and duties arising  
from the said Canal navigation, after the payment of the interests  
which shall become due upon the money actually borrowed or to be  
borrowed for making completing and maintaining the same and  
secured by Assignment or mortgage of the said tolls Rates and  
duties; and before the said Company shall make any Dividend  
of the profits of this Canal Navigation (except the interest of the  
money borrowed as aforesaid) then this obligation to be null and void,  
otherwise to remain in full force & virtue."

"Given under our common Seal the Day  
of 1789."

Resolved that the foregoing Resolution & Order  
be, and are hereby declared a bye Law of this Company, & that the  
common Seal be affixed thereto accordingly

Witness  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith

Chris Chambers  
Chairman

It appearing to this meeting, upon mature deliberation, that  
some of the proceedings of the special meeting of the company of  
Proprietors held at the Crown and Anchor Tavern in the Strand  
London on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January last, as respected the appointment  
of a Clerk to this Company, and the regulation of the custody and use  
of their Common Seal were irregular, the same not having

been specified in the previous notice sent to the several proprietors  
It is Resolved that the same be rescinded and made void and the  
same are hereby unanimously made void accordingly.

Resolved that it is highly expedient and necessary for the  
business of this Company that the person to be appointed Clerk to the same  
do reside in the Counties of Gloucester or Wilts, and as near to some part of the  
line of the Canal as may be found convenient.

That the Seal of this Company shall be kept by the Clerk for the time  
being, in a Box to be secured by three different Locks, the Keys of which shall  
be kept by three several Members of the Committee, and that the Seal shall never  
be used but at a General Meeting or Meeting of the Committee, and where applied  
to any Assignment, Mortgage or Bond for the securing of the payment of  
Money, the same shall be signed by the Chairman for the time being, and  
counter signed by the Treasurer. And that in all cases the Seal shall be  
replaced in the box which shall be again Locked, and the Keys delivered to the  
respective keepers of them.

That it appearing to this Meeting that the money actually  
borrowed by this Company upon the credit of Assignments or Mortgages of the  
Tolls rates and duties of this Canal navigation amounts only to the sum of  
Thirty one Thousand, two hundred & sixty nine Pounds. The Committee be  
impowered, if found necessary, to borrow the further sum of Twenty eight  
Thousand, seven hundred & thirty one pounds - making together the sum of  
Sixty Thousand Pounds. upon the same security for the making complete  
and maintaining the said Canal Navigation.

That the lately engraved form of Assignments or Mortgages  
to be issued by this Company for the security of money borrowed on the  
credit of the tolls rates and duties of the Canal, having the words,  
"Thames and Severn Canal Navigation" for the check thereon  
and printed on parchment, be henceforth made use of by this Company.

That no Assignment or Mortgage be issued by this  
Company for any greater sum than £500, or for any less sum than  
£50.

That upon the application, and for the better accommodation, of such persons as have advanced money on the credit of the tolls rates & duties of the Canal, the Committee do affix the Seal of this Company, and the Chairman thereof for the time being do sign, & the Treasurer do countersign their respective Names to so many new Assignments or Mortgages of different value each, as shall amount to the gross value of those already issued for money lent and advanced to this Company; and that upon such old Assignments or Mortgages being returned and cancelled, they do deliver new ones of equal gross value, in lieu thereof.

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Whereas a Resolution was entered into at the last General Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> October last 1788 appointing a Select Committee in order to purchase & employ Boats and provide coals for public Sale & otherwise advance the general trade of the Company, and intended to operate as a bye Law, It is now further Resolved and Ordered that the same be ratified & confirmed under the Seal of this Company: and in explanation of the same, it is now further resolved that the said Select Committee do conduct their said business in the name of <sup>James</sup> Perry & Co. and that they do detain the payments of a sufficient proportion of the Tonnage which may be due from them to the Company, for the reimbursement of their necessary expences in promoting the trade on the said Canal Navigation, so essential to the advantage of the Proprietors at large & of the public in general, untill such time as by order of a general meeting, or otherwise, the same shall be discontinued. The intent & meaning of the Company being to introduce the practicability of navigating the Canal; and to all intents & purposes to indemnify the said Select Committee from all costs & charges whatsoever, and to that end, do declare this resolution to be a bye Law of this Company, and do affix their common seal hereto accordingly.

Witness  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Smith,

Chris<sup>t</sup>. Chambers  
Chairman



Ordered That all Boats passing the five Locks below the Summit  
Bond at Daneway Bridge shall observe the following order viz  
so soon as Boats have observed the Hours of passing the Tunnel to the  
Sapperton end, and the time is expired for the Boats to draw up, the first Boat  
shall draw into the Chamber of the upper Locks at Daneway Bridge, and the  
Lashers of the lower Gates drawn to let her descend, observing at the same time to draw  
the upper Lashers of the second Locks to fill the Chamber of the said Lock, and at the same  
time the first Boat waiting below the fifth Lock below Daneway Bridge shall draw into  
the Chamber of the said Lock and ascend, leaving the said Lock Chamber full for the  
use of the first descending Boat; and then both Boats ascending and descending proceed  
untill they meet; so soon as the said Boats have met the second descending Boat  
above the uppermost Lock shall move down to meet the first ascending Boat, and  
also after the first descending Boat shall have passed the fifth Lock the second ascending  
Boat shall proceed. It being the intent and meaning of this order to make one  
Lock full of Water serve the passing of two Boats, one ascending and one descending  
Under the Penalty of Three Pounds

That the same regulation be observed in passing the four Locks  
at Siddington, the Watchman noticing the time for Boats arriving at Siddington  
from the Tunnel, to begin passing such Boats.

That Boatmen with Boats passing thro' the Tunnel must  
notice and comply with the following Orders viz.

The first Boat lying below the fifth Lock below Daneway Bridge  
shall begin to move at five o'clock every Morning, and the Boats going down  
the said five Locks moving downward in their turn, it being intended for the  
ascending Boats to enter Sapperton end of the Tunnel by six o'clock and  
clear the Hailwood end of the Tunnel by nine o'clock of the same day.

The Boats passing from the Hailwood end of the Tunnel do begin  
to pass through the Tunnel at nine o'clock in the Morning, so as to clear the  
Sapperton end of the Tunnel by twelve o'clock each morning

That the same order as above be observed for passing Boats through  
the Tunnel from the Sapperton end of the Tunnel between the hours of  
twelve & four o'clock in the afternoon - That the same order as above  
be observed for passing Boats through the Tunnel from the Hailwood end of the  
said Tunnel between the hours of four and seven in the afternoon, under the Penalty  
of Five Pounds for disobedience of any of the fore going Orders



That this Navigation be open for Boats passing upon it between April 10<sup>th</sup> & September 10<sup>th</sup> from five o'clock in the Morning untill nine in the Evening and in the other part of the Year from six o'clock in the morning untill seven in the Evening, this order must be observed in the open Canal only and not to alter the orders for passing the Tunnel or the Locks below (Daneway) under the Penalty for non-attendance of Forty Shillings.

cc. That the Master of every Boat employed by this Company or by the Select Committee of this Company whose Boats pass in the Name of <sup>James</sup> Perry & Co are hereby directed and required to deliver to the Wharfinger or Wharfingers of this Company where they shall discharge their Lardo, or any part thereof, a true manifest of what they shall so deliver; as also an account of any Goods or parcels of Goods we the said Company do absolutely forbid every pilferage or embezzlement or Sale whatsoever of any part or parcel or parts or parcels of the said Lardoes committed to their care, or their being disobedient to the written order or direction of a member of our Committee or Wharfinger, the true intent & meaning of this Company being ample Wages to their Servants and no other perquisite whatever; under the Penalty of Four Pounds.

That no Shaft or pole shod with Iron be used in the course of this Canal but all and every such implements on Entry into this Navigation be under the first Wharfingers care on the Canal untill the return of the Refull, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings.

That no Shaft or pole be used to push Boats forward or move any Boat between Bidmads Mill and Cirencester and between Siddington upper & Lower Locks or any other part of the Canal which is lined with Clay in the bottom, in order to preserve the bottom & Lining of the Canal from being disturbed & losing Water; under the Penalty of Three Pounds.

That the upper Gates of the Locks be always kept shut, when the Chamber of the Lock is full of water, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings.

That no Water be flushed through the Ladders of any Lock or otherwise be permitted to run waste by any person or persons whatsoever without leave in Writing from a Member of the Committee, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings.

That hand Bills be renewed to prevent depredations on the Property of the Company and injury to their Works, declaring if they continue, this Company will be obliged to forbid their Towing path being made use of but for the use of the Canal.

That the Wharfingers on this Navigation do attend Personally the Weighing of the Coal and Merchandise and see to the delivery thereof, and also that every Watchman or headman employed as such over other men shall duly attend and Labour with them, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings in any such cases.

That Watchmen shall keep the Canal, Banks, Towing path and Fences &c in perfect repair in their respective districts, that they shall see to the regular using of this Navigation by Boatmen, and due observance of the Companies Bye Laws & Orders and report to our Committee every Person or Persons who shall neglect to obey the Bye Laws & Orders of this Company or their Committee or shall commit any depredations upon the Companies Property, or do the said Company any injury or commit any defraud whatsoever, in cases where such watchmen shall want assistance. It shall be granted by the Clerk of our Works or some Prop<sup>r</sup> who is a Member of the Committee of Proprietors, but not otherwise, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings.

Every Person made Master of a Boat shall attend his respective Boat constantly during the Hours or time she is in employ, and not absent himself from the said Boat under any pretence whatsoever under the Penalty of Forty Shillings.

Every Master of a Boat going a Voyage shall take in his provision for the Voyage before his departure and shall lodge on Board his Boat with his men during his Voyage, and neither the said Master or his men absent themselves under any pretence whatsoever from the said Boat during her Voyage under the Penalty of Five Pounds.

That all Boats exceeding Twenty Tons Burthen shall pass any part or Locks on this Navigation if loaded during the Months there is plenty of Water but at all other times no Boats but what are the full size of the Lock Chamber, shall pass through any of the said Locks except they are loaded with Salt and such Salt Boats being the length of Sixty feet & twelve feet wide approved by the Wharfingers of this Company, under the Penalty of Five Pounds.

And it is further Resolved that the above regulations respecting the Servants Agents, Workmen, Boatmen, & others concerned on the Works of the said Canal Navigation, (beginning with the Words "That all Boats passing the two Locks below the Summit Pond &c, on the second side of <sup>be and</sup> Lock 2<sup>d</sup>), they are hereby made Bye Laws for the Government of.

of this Company, and ordered to be considered as such and the common  
 Seal is affixed here accordingly -

Witness  
 J. Smith



Meeting

Chris<sup>r</sup> Chambers  
 Chairman

Meeting, upon further consideration of a Resolution  
 entered into at the last General Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October  
 1788. respecting the then intended application to Parliament for an Act  
 for "making & maintaining a Navigable Canal from the River Thames to  
 the Strand Water Canal at Wallbridge &c Do revoke & rescind the said  
 Resolution, and do now empower the Committee of this Company  
 to treat with the Commissioners of the Thames or Isis upon the most  
 advantageous entrance into the River Thames, and pursue such  
 measures as they shall judge most advisable for completing & perfecting  
 the connection of the Canal Navigation with the said River Thames.

Ordered that Sir Edw Littleton, Bart. Edw L. Loveden Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Raymond Esq<sup>r</sup>. Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Carter, Mr. Jas Perry, Mr Wm Jones, Mr Chris<sup>r</sup>  
 Chambers, Mr Loug<sup>e</sup> Bright, Mr Tho Lane, The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> Disney,  
 Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Bayard, Mr Jas Black, & Mr In<sup>o</sup> Chalie, be & they are hereby  
 elected a Committee for conducting the works & managing the Affairs  
 of this Navigation.

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.

James Perry	50
D <sup>o</sup> for Mr. Edw Littleton	100
D <sup>o</sup> for Mr. Mori Welhouse	10
D <sup>o</sup> for John Jefferson	10
D <sup>o</sup> for James Stafford	10
D <sup>o</sup> for W <sup>m</sup> Barrett	10
Chris <sup>r</sup> Chambers for John Sparling	20
James Black for Mary and Petit	10
D <sup>o</sup> for Esther Madwell	5
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Pro <sup>o</sup> for and	233
Chris <sup>r</sup> Chambers	60
d <sup>o</sup> for Lawbridge Bright	55
d <sup>o</sup> for John Dawson	50
d <sup>o</sup> for John Sargent	50
d <sup>o</sup> for Peter Baker	50
James Black	5
d <sup>o</sup> for Rob <sup>t</sup> Rollerton	85
d <sup>o</sup> for Sophia Chambers	30
d <sup>o</sup> for Frances Chambers	50
John Disney	15
D <sup>o</sup> for Tho <sup>s</sup> Hayes	50
D <sup>o</sup> for Ed. Monckton	2
John Carter	3
Tho <sup>s</sup> Dayles	4

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At a General Meeting of the Proprietors  
of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at the Bull  
Inn, in Fairford on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1789.

Ordered that Sir Edw. Littleton Bart., Edw. L. Louden Esq,  
John Raymond Barber Esq., Mr. Jm. Carter, Mr. Jas. Perry, Mr. Willm. Jones,  
Mr. Chas. Chambers, Mr. Louis. Bright, Mr. Thomas Lane, the Rev. Doctor  
Disney, Mr. Robt. Collaston, Mr. Jas. Black & Mr. John Chalie, be, & they are  
hereby Elected a Committee for conducting the Works & managing the affairs of  
this Navigation

Mr. Perry reported to this Meeting that he hath purchased six  
Trows viz: the Ironsides (Trow) Repaired & fitted for Severn use

Radnor — d<sup>o</sup> . . . purchased  
Littleton — d<sup>o</sup> . . . new  
Harges — d<sup>o</sup> . . . purchased  
Bright — d<sup>o</sup> . . . d<sup>o</sup>  
Jones — d<sup>o</sup> . . . d<sup>o</sup>

Three Frigates from 30 to 40 Tons  
Two Trows on the Stocks at Trimscomb nearly finished, and  
one Trow building at Flourport.  
Three Large Thames Boats now in employ and  
one other nearly finished  
a quantity of Timber laid in for Building one Thames Boat  
& two Severn Trows (not paid for)  
About 4000 Tons of Staffordshire Coal brought down by the above  
Boats & Stacked for use

Some Forrest Coal, some Bristol & some Tenby Coal likewise  
Imported for use. and that a Trade has been opened for the  
Supplying of Bristol & Wath with Stone which is likely to produce  
an advantageous back Freight to Bristol.

And further that he hath drawn upon Mr Wm. Stevenson for the  
sum of £1700. being part of £2000 borrowed for the time present  
upon the Security of Sir Edw. Littleton, Mr. Chambers & Mr. Chalie  
and the said provision of Vessels & Coal and the said loan of money  
for that purpose being now approved. It is Resolved that  
the Committee be requested to give orders for and they are hereby

Authorized to take the necessary measures to provide such further  
number of Boats and  
quantity of Coal as they shall think sufficient for the Consumption  
of the Country throughout the line of the Canal and That the  
account be carried to the General Account of this Company until such  
time as the same can be regularly transferred to the Account of the  
Select Committee, when they shall open Books for admissions of the  
same, or can be by them settled with any private Company, who  
may be desirous of taking up & carrying on the Said Trade

Sir Edw. Littleton having communicated a Copy of Mr. Smeatons  
Report to Lord Eliot respecting some of their Works in his Lordships Estates  
at Lutton & Lidy, Dated August 14<sup>th</sup> 1789 - and Mr. Flower having by the  
direction of the Committee of this Company, considered the same & drawn  
up observations thereon addressed to this Company as follows vizt.

To the Gent<sup>rs</sup> of the Thames & Severn Canal  
Gentlemen

I have seen Mr. Smeatons Report to Lord Eliot  
and wish you to inform his Lordship that it was never intended to distress  
his Tenants at the time of Flooding their Meadows; But to lay in a Gr<sup>o</sup>ve  
Trunk with a paddle in the end to raise or put down, as the Water might  
be spent from Down Ampney River until the Gravel became water tight  
in the Lidy Pond. If Lord Eliot would grant the Company a Lease  
of Lutton lower Mill the Proprietors may abandon the Feeder from  
Down Ampney River. I would not advise the Proprietors  
to go on Mr. Smeatons Plan at present at the tail of Lutton Lock,  
for in Winter or wet Seasons there is a sufficiency of Water. At the  
time I set out the Canal from Lutton to Kempford I found the Down  
Ampney River run in its ancient course through Lidy, which caused  
me to raise the Canal Aqueduct at Lidy to its present level, to give  
the Down Ampney River proper water way - understanding the  
floods of the River Thames & Isis backwatered up Down Ampney  
River, much higher up the Said river, than where the Canal passes over  
it at Lidy; and since I have cut the Canal, and put down the Aqueduct  
at Lidy & Marston, Lord Eliots Steward has deepened some new  
watercourses to turn the Down Ampney River out of its ancient  
course to flood some Land, and run under the Marston Aqueduct.  
I do not think the quantity of water to be taken from Down Ampney  
River into the Canal through the Feeder will ever be an injury to

Lord Elliot's Tenants; the quantity will be small, being only for the supply of one canal pond, which is rendered leaky by a holed bottom, which in my opinion will stop in the course of two winters.

Fairford 5<sup>th</sup> October 1789

Josiah Howes

Ordered that a copy of the above observations be transmitted to Lord Elliot accompanied by the following letter signed by the Chairman  
Fairford Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1789.

My Lord

Sir Edward Littleton having communicated to the General Meeting of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigators Mr. Ince's report respecting some of their works thro' your Lordship's Estates at Lutton & Rissay; I am authorized by this Meeting to convey to your Lordship their thanks for such communication.

This Company of Proprietors thought they could not pay a more respectful attention to your Lordship's letter to Sir Edw. Littleton & communication of Mr. Ince's Report, than by directing their Engineer Mr. Howes to consider the same and I have the honor of inclosing a copy of his Observations thereon for your Lordship's perusal & satisfaction. I am further authorized, my Lord, by this Meeting to assure your Lordship, that while this Company have endeavoured to bound all their proceedings by the direction of the Act of Parliament, they have been very desirous of accommodating the execution of their works to the convenience of the Country, and have by no means been inattentive to the doing every thing that may be found to be agreeable to your Lordship.

The conduct of your Lordship's Agent, however, it is presumed has not reached you under the representation of truth; I am, therefore, obliged to suggest that it may probably be found reprehensible, and particularly the late reported Act of cutting down a Bank made to keep the Water in the feeder leading from Down Ampney River to Rissay Canal Bond. — With respect to the using the Water of Down Ampney River the Company, must be regulated by the powers of the Act of Parliament, leaving themselves open to the damages they may necessarily commit. I have the honor to be my Lord your Lordship's obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

To  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Elliot

Ordered that all Grain or Flour, Malt, Beans & Pease  
passing upon this Canal between Highham Lock & Trimscombe shall  
pay a Tonnage at the Rate of Three pence of Ton of Mile for any  
distance not exceeding Twelve Miles, & that no more Tonnage be  
taken for any Distance exceeding Twelve Miles

That the Tonnage upon Big Iron, Big & Shot Lead, Castings  
Bar Iron, Tin, Tin Plates, Black Glass Bottles, Clay, Deals & Deal Boards  
Copper, Brass in Tils & Pig or Ingot, Bricks, Salt, or Salt Rocks,  
Pottery Ware, Limestone, Chalk, Stone & Fuller provided the same do pass  
the full Distance of this Navigation be lowered to four Shillings of Ton

That Flint Stones passing the full length of this Canal do  
pay a Tonnage of Three Shillings of Ton & no more.

That all Coal passing the full length of this Canal do pay  
four Shillings of Ton & no more.

That Nails, Anvils, Forging pans, Iron Hoops, together  
with Steel in the Bar and Faggot passing the full length  
of this Canal be lowered to four Shillings of Ton & no more.

As in the very advanced state of this Canal Navigation  
it will be necessary to remove some of the persons who have been  
engaged in the carrying on of the works, and to appoint other  
Clerks & Officers for the superintending & conducting the use of this Canal

It is Resolved that the Committee be empowered  
to proceed in, and conclude all such matters.

That this General Meeting of Proprietors be  
adjourned to the Kings Head Inn, in Cirencester  
on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Decemr next

Chris<sup>r</sup> Chambers for by 60

for Lowbridge Bright 55

for John Dawson 50

for John Sargent 50

for John Sharling 20

for Geo. Stephens 50

John Disney - - - 25

To for Ed. Manckton 2

Thos. Hayes	50	Shams
John Carter	3	
James Perry	50	
for Mr. Littleton	100	
for Moreton & Witham	10	
for John Jepson	14	
for James Stafford	10	
for Wm Barrett	14	
James Mack	5	
for Mary Anne Petit	10	
for Esther Shadwell	5	
for Robert Robertson	85	
for Sophia Chambers	30	
for Francis Chambers	50	
Menden	25	
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Dec: 8. }

At a General Meeting of the Proprietors of  
the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held by adjournment  
(from the Bull Inn in Fairford on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October last) at the  
Pringi Head Inn, in Cirencester on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of  
December 1789.

Ordered that the order made at the last General  
Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1789. respecting the Tonnage upon  
Pig iron, Pig & Shutt Lead be settled at four Shillings & Sixpence provided  
the same do pass the full distance of this Navigation, be understood  
to mean from Brimscomb Port to Englisham Lock. — And that  
the next following order respecting the Tonnage of Flint Stones  
passing the full length of the Canal, be understood to mean from  
Englisham Lock to Brimscomb Port, — and that the Tonnage be  
paid accordingly, and the same do pass forward to Wallbridge  
without further cost or charge.

That every Clerk, Wharfinger, &c appointed, shall give  
such Security for his orderly Behaviour, and the faithful Discharge of  
his Duty as the Committee shall judge necessary. <sup>by the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of this Company</sup>

That a Master, or Head-Wharfinger, be appointed to  
Superintend, and direct, the Under-Wharfingers, Clerks, Servants, and  
Watchmen of this Company, and from time to time to deliver, and see  
executed, the Orders of this Company, and their Committee, and also to  
collect, and receive, from the said Wharfingers and others, the Companies  
Money and Dues, paying the same into the hands of the Company's  
Treasurer, and rendering a full and clear account thereof to the Comm<sup>rs</sup>,  
when, and as often as they shall meet, if required. And that the Residence  
of such Head-Wharfinger be at Brimscombe Port.

That the Wharfingers on this Navigation do attend their  
respective Wharfs during the Hours appointed for doing Business  
upon this Canal Navigation and do also personally attend the unloading  
and Loading of Coal, Goods, Wares & Merchandize, the Weighing, Hoisting  
and delivery thereof; that they keep correct entries in the Books delivered  
them appointed by the Company, to be kept at each respective Wharf;  
That they shall report every Boat Owner or Master of a Boat,  
Watchman & every other Person or persons who shall not conform to  
the regular using of this Navigation, and duly observe the Companies  
Bye Laws and orders and these Clauses of the Act of Parliament

made for the orderly using of the Navigation and preserving the works  
from injury: Also do report such persons as do commit depredations upon  
the Company's or any other persons Property coming on or being upon this  
Navigation; That the said Wharfingers do report the Watchmen who shall  
be found deficient in their Duty, and do settle their accounts and pay the  
Balance remaining in their Hands every fourteen days to the Head Wharfinger  
of this Company, and in all matters and things do conform to the directions  
and orders of this Company, their Committee, or any Member thereof.

That every Watchman shall sign an Agreement with the Head  
Wharfinger, on his appointment, to the following purport, vizt That he  
articles and agrees to serve ~~the said~~ the said Company of Proprietors as a  
Watchman and Labourer upon the said Navigation, and to employ his full  
Time diligently in the said Company's Service, in such manner as he shall  
from Time to Time, be directed, in Writing, by the Committee, or Head Wharfinger,  
and faithfully to give an Account, in writing, Weekly, to the said Wharfinger,  
of the Height of the Water daily upon the Pills of the Locks in the Course  
of his Watch; and also of all Injuries done to the Navigation and Works, and  
by whom, and the Time of doing it; and also to report, in Writing, all Offences,  
and the Name of <sup>the</sup> Person offending, and the Time he sees or finds them  
committed against the Directions of the Act of Parliament, the Bye-Laws,  
Orders and Directions of this Company, Also, that he shall keep himself  
Sober, and be obedient to the Orders of the Committee, and the Wharfingers,  
and if absent from his Watch, without Leave, shall forfeit to the said  
Company the sum of Three Shillings of Day. And that he shall  
not leave the Service of the Company without giving two Months Notice, in  
Writing, if required by the Committee. And the said Head Wharfinger, on  
Behalf of this Company, on the faithful Performance of his Agreement,  
shall covenant to pay the said Watchman his Wages weekly, and provide him  
a House to live in during the continuance of his Service to the said Company,  
but no longer.

That each Watchman, upon his Appointment, shall have delivered  
to him, in a Book, a Copy of the Bye-Laws of this Company, and also an Account  
of his Walk, and the distance of his Watch, and of his Duty in looking after, and  
keeping in Repair, the said Canal Navigation, Locking Path, Fences, and Banks,  
Feducts, Drains, Water-gates, Cylles, Sluiceways, Walls, Piers, Gates, Watercourses,  
Roads, Wharfs, and all other the Works of the Navigation, and also every Order  
and Direction necessary for the Performance of his Duty as a Watchman

That an Mason and Carpenter be retained in the Service of this  
Company for keeping in repair the Works of the Navigation

That a Book, called a Tonnage Book, be kept at each Wharf, for regulating the Entry of all Boats, their Loading, and their Tonnage, that the said Book be ruled in Columns, to denote the date, Bermit, Number, Boat Number, the owners & Boats name; the Master's name (who shall sign the report) particulars of the Cargo on board, the weights, the distance, rate of Tonnage, Amount of Tonnage, amount of sums received, and amount of sums remaining due, and that all Entries be made in this Book regularly as they occur, or Reports of Boatmen are made

That another Book be kept at each Wharf called the Houseage Book, for regulating the Entry of all Merchandise inward and outward, ruled in Columns according to the underwritten Specimen

Inward Entries

Table in the Tonnage Book	Date goods are received and taken into the Warehouse	Name of Goods	Boat Name and Owner's name, who arrives the Goods	From whence the Goods are brought and by whom received	Number of the Boat or Name	Particulars of Goods	Number of the Warehouse and Floor the Goods are lodged in	Tonnage and Bermit Rates	Sums paid as Charges on Goods	Date of Goods delivered and Folio of Entry of the Delivery
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Outward Entries

Table in the Houseage Book	Date Goods are delivered from Wharf or Warehouse	To what Part Goods are delivered out, and Master's Name	Owner's Name of the Goods, and to whom assigned	Master of the Boat	Signature Name to whom the Goods are delivered	Number of the Boat or Name	Particulars of the Goods	Houseage charged or Wharfage	Tonnage inward out Bermit, &c	Sums received on the Delivery	Sums remaining due
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And that these Entries be made in course, immediately as the Goods are received or delivered, and all other Books be kept which shall be found necessary.

That no Clerk, or Servant of this Company, under any Pretence whatsoever, do ask, demand, or receive for himself, in respect of doing, or executing any part of the Business of his Office, or otherwise, any Fee or Gratuity whatsoever, except what shall be paid him by the said Company of Proprietors, under the Penalty of Ten Shillings for every Offence.

That Copies of Tables of Rates of Wharfage be kept up in every Warehouse and Counting House, and that the Head Wharfinger do see this Order complied with.

That when any Stranger Boat shall come into this Navigation, or any Boat engaged, and the Wharfinger hath cause to suspect an unfair Report of the Cargo, the said Wharfinger shall put the Act of Parliament in force for the discovery of the Fraud, if any, and shall proceed to recover the Penalties accordingly.

Ordered that, upon any Boat being sunk in, or upon, this Navigation the Master, or owner of such Boat shall give to the Wharfingers, before raising the said Boat again, a Note to the following Purport, viz:

"I promise to pay AB on demand, as Agent to the Company of Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation, such sum of Money as the Committee of Proprietors, at their next Meeting, shall adjudge come to pay, for the Expence and Damage of raising my Boat sunk in the said Navigation the      of      last. As Witness my Hand  
this      Day of      17      82"

That the Wharfingers and Watchmen do attend upon this Navigation from the 15<sup>th</sup> of April to the 10<sup>th</sup> of October from 5 o'clock in the Morning untill 9 o'clock in the Evening, & the other Part of the Year, from 6 in the Morning untill 6 in the Evening. And it is further ordered, that the Navigation be locked up at all other Hours (the Tunnel excepted); and if any Boatman, or other Person, shall break open the Locks of, or use Violence to, the Navigation, at any other Hour, he or they shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the sum of Forty Shillings

That no Person shall take into, or discharge out of any Boat, the whole, or any Part of the Loading, upon the Bank or Banks of any Aqueduct, or while such Boat remains in the Chamber of any Lock, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings for every Offence

That if any Person or Persons shall throw Stone, or other Rubbish, into this Canal, or wash Sheep, or bath therein; or turn Horses, Cattle, Sheep, or Swine, loose upon the Towing path of the said Canal; or throw, or send any Dog, or other Animal, into the said Canal, they shall forfeit for every Offence the sum of Twenty Shillings

That if any Person, or Persons, shall wilfully unmoor any Boat, and leave the same adrift, or shall float any Planks, or Timber, along the said Canal, so as to endanger, or injure, the Banks thereof, such Person, or Persons, shall forfeit, for every Offence, the sum of Twenty Shillings

That no Boatman be permitted to steer more than one Boat at a time, or have any other Boat in Tow, nor shall any person under Eighteen years of Age attempt to steer or take the management of any Boat or use the Locks upon this Navigation under the Penalty for every Offence against the Owner of the Boat of Ten Shillings

That the Rates of Wharfage for all Merchandise lying upon the Wharf a longer Space of Time than twenty four Hours and also for the use of the Crane, Weighing & Hoisting be according to the

the Rates following viz.

	Wharfage	For the Value of the Goods or Carriage	Weighting	Housing
For Coals, Limestones, Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Lime, Loppet, Musk, Lead, Iron, Metals, Arcs, Jewery, Brind, Bells, Shrubster, Burrs for Mill Stones, Saddles, Humps, Saws, Grindstones, Chisels, Axes, Madder, Soap, Ashes, Salt, Oak Bark, and all Merchandise by the Ton of 20 <sup>0</sup> or 60 Square feet	1 2 0 3	1 2 0 3	2	3
For every 20 Iron Pots, under 8 Gallons	0 2	0 2	3	3
For every Butt, Puncheon, or Pipe, of Liquor, each	0 3	0 3	2	3
For every Iron Pot, or Boiler, of Gallons upwards, each	0 1	0 1/2	1	1/2
For every hhd of Groceries, Hardware, Lids, and all Packages of a proportionable Bulk	0 1	0 1	1	2
For every Tierce of Ale, Woodpack, Bale of Cotton, Packet of Cloths, Crate of Glass, Earthenware, or any Package of a proportionable Bulk or Weight	0 1	0 1	1	1
For every Box, Box of Candles, Nails Bag, Trays, Sledge, Small Baskets, Firkin, Childerkin, Bunnet, or any other Package of the same Bulk	0 0 1/2	0 0 1/2	0 1/2	0 1/2

Wharfage, Housing &c Rates carried forw. to, & continued. Fol. 33.

That all Coals, Goods, Commodities, and other Things, which shall be unladen upon any Wharf, shall be placed at least five feet from the Water Edge, as the Wharfingers shall direct and order, upon Pain of the Master of such Boat or Vessel forfeiting for every Offence the sum of Forty Shillings

That all Boats using the Thames and Severn Canal Navigation be gauged according to the following Directions, viz. That all & every Boat be gauged by the proper and usual Instruments, by fixing six of them upon every such Boat, viz. two upon each Side of the Head of the Boat; two upon each Side of the Boat in the middle; two upon each side of the Boat in the Stern Part: that every Boat gauged have Plates, let into each Side of the Thames Boats, and into each End of the Severn Boats, denoting, by Notches and Figures, the Number of Tons, Halves & Quarters, when loaded, such Boat does carry, beginning with one Ton up to her full Loading, and that every Boat, when so gauged, be entered in a Register kept for that Purpose, only according to the following Form viz.

on Gauging Plate by the	Marks on Gauging Plate	Marks on Gauging Plate
12	Owner's Name & Master's	
11	Name, Number of the	
10	Boat, where they live,	
9	whom gauged by, and	
8	Date signed.	
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That every Boat, when gauged, be examined, and discharged of her Furniture, and that it be put down in the Register in what State she is in when gauged: that is to say.

Whether false Bottom, or no false Bottom.

Whether a Fire Place, or none.

Whether Tarpolins, or no Tarpolins.

Whether Boards, Planks, Pieces of Timber, or none, or what Number.

Ordered, That every Boat shall have on Board, if the Owners chuse, when gauged,

Two Deal Planks, Narrow Bedding and Sheets, Jury Masts, Sails, and two Shovels, or be allowed for them if gauged without; when found on Board 10<sup>cts</sup> or in Proportion for any part.

If gauged with a Hearth or Fire, it shall be registered, and if taken down on Board after gauging, the Boat Owner shall be allowed Tonnage for it } 3<sup>cts</sup>

If put on Board a Boat after gauged, the Proprietors shall allow the Owner of such Boat for Tonnage } 3<sup>cts</sup>

If a false Bottom put down untill regauged in the same manner } 10<sup>cts</sup>

To be allowed for each Tarpolin not less than four Yards Square, so that the whole Allowance do not exceed } 5<sup>cts</sup>

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That the Register declare every particular relating to the State of the Boat and Furniture when entered; and That a Copy of the same . . . . . if required, be given to every Owner of a Boat, <sup>he</sup> paying for such Copy.

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That <sup>gauging instruments and</sup> a Copy of such Register . . . . . be kept at every Wharf or other Place. The Committee of Proprietors shall direct, that any Frauds in changing or altering Indexes may be discovered; and it is further ordered, that all and every Clerk, Wharfinger be careful in gauging with the said Instrument every suspected Boat, and if found guilty to pursue the Direction of the Act of Parliament to recover from all and every Owner of such Boat such Penalties as the Act directs (See Section 77)

That no Boat be allowed to pass upon this Navigation, when the Owner or Master thereof shall refuse to let such Vessel be gauged as directed by these Laws; and if any Master or Owner of a Boat, upon Notice, shall refuse or neglect to have his Boat gauged, he shall forfeit the sum of Forty Shillings

Entered before in  
this Book, Fol<sup>o</sup> 30.  
as a private order.

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~~That when any strange Boat shall come into this Navigation, or any Boat unguaged, and the Wharfingers hath cause to suspect an unfair Report of the Gauge, the said Wharfingers shall put the Act of Parliament in force for the Discovery of the Fraud, if any, and shall proceed to recover the same accordingly~~

That the Bye Law made at the General Meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> of April last directing that Boats exceeding 20 Tons Burthen shall pass any part or Locks on this Navigation, if loaded, during the months when there is plenty of Water to be repealed, and in lieu thereof it is Ordered That no Boat of less Burthen than 60 Tons shall use this Canal Navigation and pass through the Locks thereof between Brimscomb Port and Englisham Lock, between the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Novemb in every year, under the penalty of Five Pounds for every Offence, except the same be loaded with Salt, and the Boat be of the length of 60 feet and 12 feet wide And that from the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of November to the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May, no Boat of less Burthen then 100 Tons do pass any Lock upon this Navigation under the like Penalty of Five Pounds.

That every empty Boat passing upon this Canal shall give way to every loaded Boat, untill the loaded Boat hath cleared the empty Boat: and that every loaded Boat going from Cirencester or Saddington in each line of the Canal shall give way, in Manner as aforesaid, to every loaded Boat coming towards Cirencester or Saddington upon Pain that the Master of such Boat, for every Offence, shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings

That in order that the Locks, Stop Gates or Tunnel, may not receive Injury by the passing of Boats or Vessels through the same, it is ordered, That no Boat or Vessel shall pass any such Lock, Stop Gate, or Tunnel, when it shall appear by the Indexes, or Marks affixed to such Boat, or Vessel, and from the Gauge of Water upon the Pills of such Lock or Locks or Stop Gates, there is not a clear two Inches of Water between the bottom of such Boat or Vessel, and the Pill of such Lock, Stop Gate, or Tunnel, on pain that the Master of each Boat for every Offence, forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings

That no Boat shall be Navigated upon this Canal, with the <sup>Stern</sup> ~~Foremost~~ foremost, or without a Rudder at the Stern; nor shall any Boat whether loaded or unloaded, be haled along the Canal without a Person at the Helm to guide the same; nor without the haling Line being affixed to the Mast to prevent the Boat running or beating against Bridges, Banks and other Works of the Canal; nor shall any Boat, or Vessel, pass upon this Canal with less Loading than 20 Tons, unless the said Boat shall have a false Rudder hung to the lower part of her real Rudder of at least four Feet long and 18 In. deep, to be affixed and used at all Times when any such Boat shall have less Lading than 20 Tons on Board; and for every Offence against this Order the Master of such Boat shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings

That every Boat shall stop at a Post to be fixed 10 yards Distance from every Lock, and from thence to be gently shafted into the Lock; and every Master of a Boat or Vessel, shall, before he opens the Gates of any Lock, examine the Paddles, and see that the Lock is fit to receive the Boat, and in moving the Boat into the Chamber of the Lock the Master of the Boat shall be provided with a piece of Wood or Lever, which he shall put between the Lock Wall and the side of the Boat, to prevent the Boat striking the Lock, or Lock Gates; and for every Offence against this Order, shall forfeit the sum of Forty Shillings

That in case any Master of a Boat, or his Assistant, having the conduct of a Boat to hale along this Canal, shall leave open any Gate, or Gates, erected upon any of the Works of the said Canal, longer than is necessary for the Horse, or Person haling any such Boat or Vessel, to pass through the same, such Master, or person, so offending shall forfeit, for every Offence the Sum of Ten Shillings

That every Boatman, or Person having the Command or Conduct of a Boat, shall, when the same is not navigating upon the Canal, hale the said Boat to the Side of the Canal, and there moor and fasten her at both Ends, and keep her there so moored, as not to incommodate the Passage of the said Canal, or Towing Batts, or the loading or unloading of any Boat or Vessel, upon Pain of the Master of every such Boat forfeiting, for every such Offence the sum of Forty Shillings

That every loaded Boat coming up to any Wharf belonging to this Company shall be unloaded as soon as may be, without any pretence to delay, upon Pain that the Master of such Boat shall forfeit the sum of Forty Shillings



That every Boat arrived at any Wharf, and being cleared of its Lading, and not actually, bona fide, taking in fresh Loading; and also that every Boat which shall be cleared of its Loading within 24 Hours after it has arrived at any such Wharf, do give way, and be removed, so as to make Room for any loaded Boat coming up to unload, upon Pain that the Master of every such Boat as aforesaid, not giving way and being removed, but obstructing any loaded Boat from coming up to unload, shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings, for every Offence.

That no Master of a Boat shall take on Board his Vessel any Person, or Persons, to be Passengers, or Passengers, without Leave in Writing from some of the Wharfingers and paying  $\text{xx. xx. xx.}$  for the same; and it is also ordered, that every Boat stopped by the Wharfingers, or Watchmen, whose Master, or the Person having the Conduct of such Boat, shall be in Liquor, be detained untill they are sober, and every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence, the Sum of Five Shillings

Wharfage, Hoisage &c continued brought forward from Fol<sup>o</sup> 31-

	Wharfage	For the use of the Crews & Porters	Wharfing	Hoising & unloading
For every Cord Wood, Cord Charcoal, 100 Sheds, Loggots, Piles, or 500 feet Boards 4 inch. . . . .	0.3	0.3	—	—
For every Ton of Square or round Timber . . . . .	0.9	0.9	—	—
For every Ton of Mahogany, Box, hard wood, and all sorts of Dry wood . . . . .	0.3	0.3	6	0.6
For every 50 bundles of Laths, or Loopers Hoops each 100 . . . . .	0.6	0.6	—	1.0
For every Sack of Corn, Meal, Barley, Oats, Beans & Lentils, Hempseed, & not exceeding 4 Bushels . . . . .	0.1	0.1	—	0.1
For every 20 raw Hides, or 1000 Horn Taps . . . . .	0.6	0.6	—	0.6
For every Thousand of Staves				
{ Pipe or heading	1.6	1.6	—	1.6
{ Head or Panel	1.0	1.0	—	1.0
{ Lock - Sticks	0.6	0.6	—	0.6
For every Barrel of Oil, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine & Rosin . . . . .	0.02	0.02	0 1/2	0.1
For every Hundred Mt. of Cheese, large and small . . . . .	0.1	0.1	1	0.1
For Deal Planks, Single, 9 to 15 feet long for 100				
5 Pieces	0.6	0.6	—	0.6
double 9 to 14 ditto . . . . .	0.10	0.10	—	0.10
ditto 15 to 20 ditto . . . . .	1.4	1.4	—	1.4
3 in. 9 to 12 ditto . . . . .	1.0	1.0	—	1.0
ditto 13 to 18 ditto . . . . .	2.0	2.0	—	2.0
For Single Half Deals, or Ballins	0.3	0.3	—	0.3
Double	0.5	0.5	—	0.5

# Oak Planks

	Wharfage	For the Use of the Crown	Wharfage	
2 to 2 1/2 in. thick, 12 to 30 feet long, each	0 2	0 0 1/2	0 0 1/2	
31 to 40 feet ditto	1	0 1	0 1	
30 to 36 feet ditto	1	0 1	0 1	
37 feet & upwards	1 1/2	0 1 1/2	0 1 1/2	
For Spar, Joist, and Square Stuff, under 4 in. on side for 100 feet	2	0 2	0 2	
4 in. and upwards, ditto	3	0 3	0 3	
Wainscot Boards 1/2 in. 3/4 in. & 1 in. 12 feet long 500 Boards	4	0 4	0 4	
Guns	20 D <sup>wt</sup> 32 under, each	4	0 4	0 4
	20 D 38 B . . . . . ditto	6	0 6	0 6
	30 D 40 B . . . . . ditto	8	0 8	0 8
	40 D 50 B . . . . . ditto	10	0 10	0 10
	50 and upwards	12	1 0	1 0
For Mill Stones, or Blocks of Marble, to be computed 12 Solid feet to the Ton	of one Ton Weight	0 10	0 10	0 3
	one Ton ten d <sup>o</sup>	1 6	1 6	0 3
	two Tons . . . d <sup>o</sup>	2 6	2 6	0 3
	two Tons ten d <sup>o</sup>	5 0	5 0	0 3
	three Tons . . . d <sup>o</sup>	10 0	10 0	0 3
three Tons ten d <sup>o</sup>	15 0	15 0	0 3	
For Cylinders, every Ton Weight thereof	5 0	5 0	0 3	
For every Bundle of Brooms, Baskets, and more, each, cont <sup>y</sup> 12 and no more, and all Bundles of the same Kind, &c	0 0 1/4	0 0 1/4	0 0 1/4	

And every now enumerated Article, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, to pay in Proportion to the foregoing Rates, and no more.

And it is further Resolved that the before mentioned regulations respecting all persons concerned in the Works or navigating the said Canal Navigation, beginning in Fol. 30 with the Words Ordered that, upon any boat being sunk &c. be and they are hereby made Bye Laws for the government of the Working & using of this Canal Navigation, and ordered to be considered as such, and the Common Seal is affixed hereto accordingly.

Robert Colleston  
Chairman

Witness  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith

Ordered that certain Extracts from the Act of Parliaments  
this day read & approved including the 30, 53, 55, 68, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82,  
83, & 84 Sections respecting the well governing the <sup>Partmen</sup> & regulating  
this Canal, and also <sup>the</sup> Bye Laws respecting the same, made at the General  
Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April last & at this Meeting, and also  
such Orders as were made at the General Meeting held the 6<sup>th</sup> Octo:  
last and this day amended respecting the rates of Tonnage be forthwith  
Printed together.

That such orders as have been made at this Meeting  
regulating the conduct of the several Servants of this Company. be  
forthwith printed for their use

Resolved and Ordered that it be referred to the  
Committee of this Company. to take into their Consideration in the  
course of the Months of Janry. Feby. & March next, the Orders  
made at the three last General Meetings respecting the introducing  
a Trade upon this Canal Navigation, & that they be empowered to  
proceed in promoting such measures for completing the same to all  
intents & purposes as this General Meeting could do, by entering  
into agreement with any person or persons for any time or term  
of years (not exceeding ten years) by giving such encouragement  
to the forwarding of the said Trade as the said Committee shall  
judge to be most prudent & necessary for the general Interest  
of this Company. - And it is in like manner referred to the  
said Committee to consider of the expedience of securing a Wharf  
& Warehouses in London, for the use of the Traders on this Canal  
Navigation, & to proceed therein in making such Contracts for the  
same as far as this Company. of Proprietors might do in any  
General Meeting.

Ordered that this General Meeting of Proprietors  
be adjourned to the first Tuesday in April next, then

To be held at Brimscombe Port in the County of Gloucester.

Robert Challenor	85	Prot. forward	552
Ditto for John Sargent	50	James Perry	50
Ditto for Chris <sup>t</sup> Chambers	60	D <sup>o</sup> for Edw Littleton	100
John Disney	25	D <sup>o</sup> for Moreton Walkhouse	10
Ditto - for John Chalie	100	D <sup>o</sup> for John Lesson	10
Ditto for George Aupere	50	D <sup>o</sup> for James Stefford	10
Ditto for Matthew Chalie	30	D <sup>o</sup> for Will <sup>m</sup> Barrett	15
Ditto for Edw Monckton	2		<u>750</u>
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hayes	50		
James Black	5		
d <sup>o</sup> for Mary ann Petit	10		
d <sup>o</sup> for Esther Shadwell	5		
d <sup>o</sup> for Sophia Chamber	30		
d <sup>o</sup> for Frances Chamber	50		
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1790. }  
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At a Special Meeting of the Proprietors of this Navigation  
 of this holden this 26 day of February 1790, at the Crown  
 & Anchor Tavern Strand London in consequence of the  
 Notice duly given according to the Requisition of the  
 Act of Parliament.

The notice for calling such Meeting having been first  
 read & the Subject thereof taken into Consideration. It is  
 Resolved & ordered, That the Committee of this Company, for  
 the time being, or any three or more of them, Shall & may &  
 they are hereby impowered to hire or purchase a convenient  
 Wharf in London to accommodate all Persons trading on  
 the Rivers Thames & Severn & the Thames & Severn  
 Canal Navigation with a safe and commodious Landing  
 & Warehousing for their goods & merchandizes & to erect &  
 make such Buildings & other accommodations on such  
 Wharf as the Committee shall think proper & convenient  
 for the commodious use and enjoyment of the Same.

J <sup>r</sup> . D. Littleton	100
Moorclen	25
John Chalie	100
D. . . . . for J. L. Boisier	28
John Disney	25
Barrett	14
<u>Ch<sup>r</sup>. Gullett</u>	0
W. Jones	3
Chris Chambers	60
James Perry	50
D. for M <sup>r</sup> . John Lane	10
D. for Morston Wilhouse	10
D. for John Dejeon	14
D. for James Stefford	10
D. for Thomas Heyer	50
James Black	5
for Mary Ann Pitt	10
for Esther Shadwell	5
for Sophia Chambers	30
for Frances Chamber	50

1790.  
April 6.

At a General Meeting of the Proprietors of the  
Thames & Severn Canal Navigation, held at Brimscomb Port  
House on Tuesday the 6.<sup>th</sup> day of April 1790.

M<sup>r</sup>. Smith is desired to push forward and finish the buildings of  
this Navigation to the utmost of his power and procure some additional  
hands to finish the inside of those erections, already covered in, and  
to make the Watchman's House at Inglesham his first Object.

Ordered That M<sup>r</sup>. Watts be desired to remove the buildings he has  
placed upon the towing path walls at Stroud, or if that shall be found  
injurious to him he shall prevent the Eve drops of the said buildings, &  
a Water Spout from running upon the Towing path of this Navigation, &  
also pay an acknowledgement for placing Buildings upon the  
Navigation Fence Walls.

That Timber be purchased for building more Thames Boats at  
Brimscombe. —

That Coping Stone for the Wharf Walls, and finishing of the Navig<sup>n</sup>.  
be got upon Beesley Common. —

That proper Benches be made on the outsides of the high banks  
at Kempsford. —

Whereas the Tunnel proves to be very imperfect and leaky in  
various parts of it, in order to Remedy such defects.

Ordered, That Ralph Shepherd & John Holland, with M<sup>rs</sup>.  
Masons, a Carpenter & proper assistants under them do proceed  
to remedy and perfect the defects in the said Tunnel: and  
with gravel, masonry and proper materials do stop the leaky  
parts thereof. Also in order to discover the defects, we order  
That each side of the Tunnel in those parts where any leakage  
is suspected or appears the Rock or bottom of the Tunnel shall  
be laid dry and open to inspection three feet from the side walls,  
that the defects may be discovered and remedies be applied; And  
also that every Crack or hollow which shall be found in the  
bottom of the said Tunnel be ratched with gravel, and well secured  
after being laid open across the tunnel bottom. And also  
that such Cracks or hollows which are <sup>in the Rock</sup> on the side walls be  
well corked with hay, & solid masonry placed on the face  
of them before the lining & side walling is again erected;  
And also to apply such other remedies as the nature &  
Circumstances of the Work shall require upon the exigencies  
being reported and the remedies being approved by the

Committee of

Committee of Proprietors or any member thereof.

We also direct that the Side walling be very carefully examined by proper openings from Space to Space & when any rubble Stone be found behind such Walls it be removed & that the back of the Walls be well Clayed, Wherever the Clay is found deficient, which being done the Wall shall be built up of a proper thickness with a fair Face against the Clay Lining, & there being some places where the Tunnell has been Carried out of its direction, that there be referred to the Report of the Headmen to the Committee & as before directed.

That a Journal be kept of every days proceedings with a very particular account from day to day of the defects discovered where found & the means applied for the Cure of such defects, to be delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Smith.

That Ralph Shepherd & John Holland begin their work together at the parting of M<sup>r</sup> Weeks and Rich. Jones's work and pursue it to Sapperton one way and to Haly Wood the other way.

Ordered That S<sup>r</sup> Edward Littleton Bart. E. Loviden Loviden Esq. John Raymonds Barker Esq. M<sup>r</sup> John Carter M<sup>r</sup> James Perry, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jones, M<sup>r</sup> Christopher Chambers M<sup>r</sup> Lowbridge Bright M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lane, The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor Disney, M<sup>r</sup> Robert Rolliston, M<sup>r</sup> James Black M<sup>r</sup> John Chalie be & they are hereby elected a Committee for conducting the Works, and managing the Affairs of this Navigation Company.

That the General Meeting of Proprietors be adjourned to the first Tuesday in October, to be held at Brimscombe Port House on this Navigation.

Chris Chambers	60 Shewy	James Perry	50
Do for Matthew Chafie	30 Do	Do for S <sup>r</sup> Edw Littleton	100
Do for Lowbridge Bright	55 Do	Do for Thomas Hayes	50
Do for Geo. Rupperts	50 Do	Do for John Lane	19
Do for John Sargent	50 Do	Do for Moreton Walthouse	10
Do for John Shantling	20 Do	Do for John Jefferson	12
James Black	5 Do		243
for Francis Chambers	50 Do	Pro <sup>o</sup> forward	650
for Sophia Chambers	30 Do		693
for Mary Ann Pabit	10 Do		
for Etlw Shadwell	5 Do		
for Rob <sup>t</sup> Rolliston	85 Do		
	450		

1790.  
Oct. 5.<sup>th</sup>

At a General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation held at Brimscomb Port House on Tuesday the 5.<sup>th</sup> day of October 1790.

The several proceedings of the Committee of the Company of Proprietors of this Canal navigation having been read from the entries thereof in their Register. Resolved that the same are approved by this meeting.

Resolved that the Committee do proceed in their enquiry into the most immediate & effectual way of supplying this Canal navigation with water during the Summer months, And that they do employ an Engineer or Engineers for that purpose.

Resolved, that all open accounts with any publick houses in Gloucestershire for the accommodation of the Committee be forthwith closed & discharged & that no further current account be kept with them: but that the necessary and reasonable expences of the members of the Committee when on the service of this Company at any place on the line of the Canal, be paid by them selves and afterwards allowed in their several bills of Charges.

It appearing to this meeting that the subscription of the several Proprietors of this Canal Navigation amounting to £130,000 together with the further sum of 57720 £ - part of the sum of £60000 directed by the act of Parliament to be borrowed by mortgage of the tolls, rates & duties of this Canal, have been expended in making the <sup>same</sup> purchasing of lands adjoining thereto, and also in erecting Wharfs, Warehouses, and various other necessary buildings thereon. By which means the Works have been brought into their present advanced State; And it also appearing that the final completion of this Canal Navigation: by securing a sufficient supply of water, the erecting various other buildings, the making necessary repairs, & the payment for other lands necessary to be bought for the use of the Company, as also the interest of money already borrowed, will incur very considerable expences not provided for by the present act of Parliament.

Resolved, that the Committee be empowered, and directed by this meeting to apply to Parliament at the Commencement of the next Sessions, on the Part & behalf of the Proprietors of this Canal Navigation, for the power of borrowing on mortgage a further sum of money not exceeding the sum of sixty thousand pounds Sterling.

M<sup>r</sup> Perry having signified by his letter of July 5.<sup>th</sup> last to the Committee of Proprietors his desire to resign his office of Surveyor of this Canal Navigation, and having again this day repeated it, Resolved that the same be accepted agreeably to his request.



Ordered, That <sup>r</sup> Edward Littleton, Baronet, Edward  
 Loveden Loveden Esq. John Raymond Barker Esq. M.<sup>r</sup>  
 John Carter, M.<sup>r</sup> James Perry, M.<sup>r</sup> William Jones M.<sup>r</sup>  
 Christopher Chambers, M.<sup>r</sup> Lowbridge Bright, M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
 Lane, The Rev.<sup>d</sup> Doctor Disney, M.<sup>r</sup> Robert Rotteston,  
 M.<sup>r</sup> James Black, M.<sup>r</sup> John Chalie, be and they are  
 hereby elected a Committee for Conducting the works, and  
 managing the Affairs of this Navigation Company.

That the General Meeting of Proprietors be adjourned  
 to the first Tuesday in April 1791. to be held at Brimscomb  
 Port House, on this Navigation.

John Disney. - - - - -	25. Shares
Ditto for Edw. Moreton -	2.
Robert Rotteston -	85.
for John Chalie -	100.
for Matthew Chalie -	30.
for Chris <sup>t</sup> Chambers -	60.
Lowbridge Bright -	55.
James Black -	5.
for Frances Chambers -	50.
for Sophia Chambers -	30.
for Mary Anne Petit -	10.
for Esther Shadwell -	5.
Tho. Baylis -	1
James Perry -	50
D <sup>r</sup> for <sup>r</sup> Edw. Littleton -	100
D <sup>r</sup> for Thomas Hayes -	50
D <sup>r</sup> for Moreton Walkhouse -	10
D <sup>r</sup> for John Jesson -	10
D <sup>r</sup> for James Stafford -	10
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