

Buildings and for Land, Clerks Salaries &c
 and Resolved That the Committee do sign a
 Draft upon the Treasurer for the said sum
 of Six hundred and Thirty pounds two
 Shillings and Five pence in favor of
 John Chalce, William Stevenson and Jasper
 Atkinson Esquires subject to the control of
 a General Assembly agreeably to a resolution
 of the General Assembly holden the 25 day of
 October last. —

Mr. Dennett having signified to the
 Gentlemen present at this General meeting
 that the cause mentioned in the Minute Book
 of the 14th June last is near coming on to
 trial — this meeting do authorize Mr.
 Chambers and Mr. Black to give directions
 for defending the same. —

Resolved That this General Assembly be
 adjourned to Tuesday the 24th day of January 1797.
 to be holden at the house of Mr. Joseph Sells
 No 217 Upper Thames Street London at three
 o'clock in the afternoon. —

	Whole Shares	Half Shares
John Lane Chairman	19.	19.
Matthew Chalce	68	38
John Hayes Petitt	5	5
Do for K. L. Petitt	5	5
Do for M. A. Petitt	10	10
Geo Wilson	4	4
Leah Shadwell	20	20
Do for Esther Shadwell	5	5
	136	126

see Resolutions
 of 28th June
 last.

	Bro. over	136	126
John Challic		100	100
Ditto for Mr. Mustard Higgins		36	36
Ditto for Mr. J. L. Boylston		11	
John Disney		37	37
D. for S. Edw Littleton Barb.		100	100
D. for Lewis Disney Fytche		61	61
D. for Ann Stefford		5	5
George Edw. Hales		4	4
James Black		5	
D. for Lowbridge Bright		55	55
Robert Colleston		85	20
M. Russell		20	20
		<u>655</u>	<u>564</u>

1797.
Janry 24.

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal navigation holden by adjournment at the house of Mr Joseph Sills No. 217. Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 24th day of January 1797

- Present -
- John Lane Esq^r
 - John Challic Esq^r
 - George Wilson Esq^r
 - William Barrett Esq^r
 - George Craft Esq^r
 - Robert Colleston Esq^r
 - Christ. Chambers Esq^r
 - William Stevenson Esq^r
 - Rev. Doctor Disney
 - Mr James Black
 - Mr G. E. Hales.
 - Lancelot Shadwell Esq^r Proxies

Proxies

Lowbridge Knight Esq. — J^r. W. Black
Mrs Martha Higginson }
J. L. Boissier Esq. } — J^r. M^r. Chalie Esq^r
Matthew Chalie Esq. }
Sir Edward Littleton }
Lewis Disney Esq. } — J^r. Rev^d. Doctor Disney
Mrs Ann Stafford }
Mrs Esther Shadwell — L. Shadwell Esq^r
Mrs Francis Chambers }
Mrs Sophia Chambers } — C. Chambers Esq^r

The following detailed state and representation of the resolutions and proceedings of this Company respecting the necessarily suspending the payments of the Interest due to the several mortgagees and bond creditors having been read and considered. Resolved unanimously that the same be approved and printed, and a Copy signed by the clerk sent to each of the said Creditors

London, January 24. 1797

At a General Assembly of the proprietors of the Thames and Severn Canal Navigation holden this day, their engagements with their Mortgagees and bond Creditors, and the State of their resources were the Subjects of their particular attention and deliberation. —

The several Resolutions which they have successively passed, upon mature consideration, respecting their debts require to be attended to; and they will prove the earnest endeavours of the Company to forward and secure the future payment of the Interest of them, as soon as the receipt of the Net produce of the Tolls of the Canal will admit.

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It is also a Consideration, which, ^{will} necessarily induce further confidence in measures, which, nothing but the urgency and necessity of the occasion would have suggested, that the Proprietors are themselves also Creditors of the Company, upon the securities in question to the amount of two thirds of their whole debt.

Deputy, however, as they are concerned as Mortgagees and Bond Creditors, they are desirous that those who stand in the character of Creditors only should receive the fullest information of the proceedings of the Company of Proprietors, in which they have a common Interest; and, therefore, they wish to recapitulate, and introduce into one view, their several resolutions concerning this Subject.

On the 14th June, 1796, it appeared to a General Assembly of the Proprietors, notwithstanding the advancement of Fifteen Pounds per Share in December 1793 (which has been made by about two thirds of the Proprietary only) and the subsequent Subscriptions for Half Shares under the late Act of Parliament, (which has not been adopted by a greater proportion of the whole body) that the Net profits of the Tolls arising from the Navigation were as yet insufficient to discharge the growing Interest due to the Mortgagees and Bond Creditors at the regular stated times, — It was, therefore, — Resolved, That the payment of Interest on all Mortgagees and Bond Securities should be, without distinction, postponed.

Resolved, also, That the only profitable mode, under the present circumstances, of providing an effectual and permanent security for the Mortgagees and Bond Creditors, either consistent with, or independent of the advantage and Interest of the Proprietors at large, was by an encouragement and extension of the trade on the Canal, which should therefore be effected by every possible exertion; and for that purpose, that the balance of the Cash in hand, and all Sums arising from the half Shares, which had been taken up, either already paid, or which were

directed so to be on the 24th Instant, be immediately applied in
the increase of the Stock of Boats, &c for carrying on the trade
of the Canal, and the purchase of Coal.

Resolved, also, That it be strongly recommended to such
Proprietors as had not so done already, to take up their
Respective Half Shares, in order that the whole Proprietary
might be more nearly on the same footing; and that all sums
of Money arising therefrom be applied to the purposes of
Trade, as aforesaid.

Resolved, also, That the Trade of the Company, and the
Coals, Stock, and funds for Carrying on the same, and the
profits arising therefrom, be under the direction of a Committee
distinct from the general Committee of the Company, and
subject only to the Controul of the General Assembly; and that
the accounts and business of such Committee of Trade be
kept in books distinct and separate from those of the General
Committee.

Resolved, also, That Sir Edw. Littleton Bar.^t Esq., Loveden
Loveden Esq., Christopher Chambers Esq., James Perry Esq.,
Thomas Lane Esq., James Black Esq., Proctor and Dale Esq.,
Lowbridge Bright Esq., and Robert Rolleston Esq., be a
Committee for the purposes of superintending, directing, and
managing the Trade of this Company, and the Stock and
Funds belonging to the same, subject to such alterations
as may from time to time be made by any General Assembly;
any three of which Committee of Trade, to be a quorum, for the
purpose of drawing on their bankers, and for all other purposes
of business; and that such Committee do annually report,
at a General Assembly to be holden in London between
Lady day and Midsummer, the State and Situation of
the concerns under their management.

Resolved, also, That the Committee of this Company be
authorized and empowered to pay to such Committee of Trade,
so as above appointed, by Draft on their Treasurer, all such
Sums of Money as are appropriated to the purposes of Trade
by the preceding resolutions.

The unanimous concurrence of the Company's Creditors,
either explicitly or tacitly, in the preceding Resolutions,
encouraged

encouraged the proprietors to proceed at their next General Assembly, on the 28th of the same Month, to consider of the best manner in which they could be most effectually carried into execution, that all the creditors, indiscriminately, might have every satisfaction and security that the circumstances of the case would allow. With this view they passed and entered in their book the following Minute.

The Unanimous Resolution of the last General Assembly, "That the payment of Interest on all Mortgage and Bond Securities shall be, without distinction, postponed," having been passed and adopted, upon the urgency and necessity of the occasion. It is now further Unanimously Resolved by the proprietors present (part of whom are also Mortgagees to a very considerable amount) that W. Saml's Smith, or the Clerk of the works of this Company, for the time being, do receive all the tolls of this Canal, and the Cents due to the Company, and do keep a separate and distinct account of the same; and, after paying for the necessary Works, Repairs, Salaries, and such other out payments as are immediately connected with the Canal, that he do remit the Net remaining produce of such tolls and Cents to the Treasurer, to be placed to the account of the General Committee; and that the same be by them, from time to time, applied according to the direction and appropriation of a General Assembly of this Company.

Resolved Unanimously, That John Lane Esq^r Matthew Challe Esq^r and William Smith Esq^r Treasurer, be added to the Committee of Trade

It was also in furtherance of the same design of more particularly and conclusively appropriating the Net produce of the Tolls &c to the purpose above mentioned, that a subsequent General Assembly, on the 25th of October following, directed the Committee to pay to the Treasurer the Net produce of the Tolls, Cents, and Wharfage, after deducting the expence of Repairs, Salaries, and other out payments as are immediately connected with the Canal, and that the Treasurer do place the same in the Names of John Challe, William Stevenson, and Jasper Atkinson Esq^r subject to the Controul of a General Assembly

And

And on the 22nd of November last, it appeared to another General Assembly, by an account transmitted by W^r Jam^s Smith, dated Brimscombe Port, the 10th of the same Month, and signed by him, that the Gross Sum received for Tonnage, Wharfage, and Rent, between Lady Day last and Michaelmas, or thereabouts, amounted to £ 2065. 6. 3¹/₄ and that the various Expenses incurred, during the same period, for the Repairs, Salaries, and Watchmen, Fire Engine, &c. amounted to } 1435. 3. 10¹/₄
 Leaving a Balance of £ 630. 2. 5

The Meeting, therefore, Unanimously Resolved, That the Committee should sign a Draft upon the Treasurer, for the said Sum of £ 630. 2. 5 in favor of the Trustees before mentioned, agreeably to the Resolution of the 25th of October: and the Committee signed such Draft accordingly on the same day.

It now only remains to inform the Mortgage and Bond Creditors, that the Net produce of the Tolls, Rents, and Wharfage of the Canal will be paid half Yearly to the separate Account of the Trustees; and that as soon as the same shall amount to Half a Years Interest of their respective demands, they shall receive immediate notice. The Proprietors feel very sensibly for the inconveniences which themselves and others may sustain by this disappointment; but they conceive that the Resolution of postponing the payment, without any distinction, is essential to the justice of their proceedings. They trust, however, that this failure of their former punctuality will prove but temporary, and is chiefly occasioned by the pressure of the times, by which they are affected, in common with many other public bodies. And it is a Consideration greatly favorable to the General Interest of the whole Concern, that a few Years will terminate the annuity paid to the patentee of the Fire Engine, and gradually reduce the expence of the General annual Repairs of the Canal; and, in the same period, the Receipt of the Tolls will be increased by the necessary increase of the Trade, both of Coal and Merchandize.

The Company think it proper to observe further, that through several proprietors have already very materially assisted by Building Boats at their own expence, and letting them to the Company at an annual Rent, to meet the increasing

increasing demand for the use of them, the vigorous prosecution of their trade has, nevertheless, met with some impediments; It has been obstructed by the defective state of the Navigation of the Upper district of the Thames, which, however, it is hoped, will in the Course of the Spring, receive considerable improvement. Their Trade has also been very greatly impeded by the seizure of their Vessels by the Officers of the Customs on the River Severn, on doubtful and disputed grounds. Joined to these Circumstances, the ^{un}usual drought during the last Summer and Autumn has been very unfavourable to the Carrying Trade.

The Proprietors having thought that all the Creditors of the Company were alike justly entitled to this information, they very readily communicate it under the signature of their Clerk. And, confiding in the attention of their General Committee and the Committee of Trade, they, as proprietors and Creditors, depend upon their exertions for the General advantage of all the Creditors in the first instance, and finally for the advantage of the Proprietors.

Resolved that John Lane Esq^r. Christ^r. Chambers Esq^r and James Black Esq^r. be requested to attend to the Interests of this Company as they are Concerned in the Tax on Inland Navigation proposed by the Minister by adopting such proceedings as they think fit to Modify or Correct the provision of the proposed Bill and that they do report to the General Committee.

Resolved that this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 4th day of April 1797 to be then holden at the House of M^r. Joseph Lill N^o 27 Upper Thames Street London, at 2 o'Clock at Noon

	Shares	Half Shares		Shares	Half Shares
Robert Chatterton	85	20	John Lane	19	19
James Black	5		John Chalie	100	100
D ^r for Lovbridge Bright	55	55	J ^o Chalie for M ^o Chalie	68	58
Chris Chambers	60		J ^o Chalie for M ^o Higginson	36	36
for F Chambers	30		D ^r for J ^o L. Boisvire	11	
for S Chambers	50			232	213
	285	75		285	75
				517	288

	Shares	Half Shares
John Disney. ---	37.	33.
D. for Sir Edw Littleton Bart	100.	100.
D. for Lewis Disney Hytche	61.	61.
D for Ann Stafford - -	5.	5.
Geo Wilson - -	4.	4.
G Croft - -	2.	2.
George Edw. Hales - -	4.	4.
M Stevenson - -	14.	14.
D. for self & J Collins - -	2.	2.
	<u>229</u>	<u>225</u>
Bro ^t from the other side	517.	288
	<u>746.</u>	<u>513.</u>

1797.
April 6.

A General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the house of Mr Joseph Sills N^o 217 Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 5th day of April

1797. — Present

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| The Rev ^d Doctor Disney | | Proxies |
| John Chalici Esq ^r | | Lewis Disney Hytche |
| George Wilson Esq ^r | | Sir Edw Littleton |
| James Black Esq ^r | of Rev ^d D. Disney | Mrs Ann Stafford |
| Thomas Lane Esq ^r | | Lambrogeton Esq ^r |
| George Croft Esq ^r | of Mr Black | William Bassett Esq ^r |
| Matthew Chalici Esq ^r | | J L Boissier Esq ^r |
| Mr George Edward Hales | of Mr Chalici | Mr. Nathaniel Higginson |
| Mr Robert Rolleston | | Christ ^m Chambers Esq ^r |
| Mr Wm Smith Treasurer | of Mr Rolleston | George Aupere Esq ^r |

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The several proceedings of the Committee
of the Company of Proprietors of this Canal
navigation having been read from the minutes
thereof -

Resolved unanimously that the same
are approved by this meeting -

Resolved that Sir Edward Littleton Bart
Mr. Louisa Lavelle Mr. Christopher Chambers
Mr. Jacob Bridge Bright Mr. James Perry
Mr. James Black, Mr. John Chalce,
The Rev.^d Doctor Disney Mr. Robert Rolleston
Mr. Brownlow Bate Mr. Matthew Chalce
Mr. Lancelot Shadwell, Mr. John Lane
he and they are hereby Elected a Committee
for conducting the works and managing
the affairs of this Canal navigation -

Resolved that the Thanks of this meeting
be given to Mr. Joseph Sells Agent to this
Company residing in London for his zeal
and attention to their general concerns -
And that he be presented with the Sum
of Twenty Guineas and a Silver Cup with
an inscription thereon expressive of its
approbation of his conduct

Resolved that this General Assembly
be adjourned to Tuesday the 23rd day of May
1797 at the house of Mr. Joseph Sells -
No 217 Upper Thames Street London
at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely

John Disney. - - -	36.	- -	32.
D ^o for S ^{rs} Sir Edward Littleton B ^t	100.	- -	100
Carried over	136.		132

	Brother	136.	132.
John Disney for Lewis Disney Fytche		61.	61.
D ^o - - - for Ann Stafford		5.	5.
Matthew Chalie		68.	58.
Geo Wilson		Δ	4
George Edw ^d Hales		4	4
George Croft		2.	2
James Black		5.	
for Lowbridge Prright		55.	55
for W ^m Barrett.		11.	11.
		85.	20.
Robert Rolleston		47.	47.
Ditto for Geo. Aufreere		60.	
Ditto for Chris ^t Chambers		100	100
John Chalie	543	36	36
Ditto for Martha Higginson	100		
Ditto for John L. Boisjier	11	11	
	7	690	535
	707		

1797.
May 23.

A General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the house of M^r Joseph Sills No 217 Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 23rd day of May 1797. — Present

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| The Rev ^d Doctor Disney | Lewis Disney Fytche Esq ^r | } M ^r Disney |
| Sir Edward Littleton | M ^{rs} Ann Stafford | |
| Edw ^d Lowenhouven Esq ^r | Morton Walhouse Esq ^r | } M ^r Ed |
| John Chalie Esq ^r | Lowbridge Prright Esq ^r | |
| Matthew Chalie Esq ^r | W ^m Barrett Esq ^r | } M ^r Black |
| Chris ^t Chambers Esq ^r | M ^{rs} Martha Higginson | |
| John Lane Esq ^r | John Lewis Boisjier Esq ^r | } M ^r Chalie |
| Robert Rolleston Esq ^r | M ^{rs} Sophia Chambers | |
| James Black Esq ^r | M ^{rs} Frances Chambers | } M ^r Chalie |
| M ^r Geo Edw ^d Hales | | |

Resolved That this General Assembly

be adjourned to Tuesday the 13th day of June
 1797 at the house of M^r Joseph Sills No 217
 Upper Thames Street London at 2 o'clock
 in the afternoon

	Shares	Half Shares
D ^r Littleton	100	100
do for late Norton Walkhouse	10	10
John Disney	36	32
D ^r for Lewis Disney Hytche	61	61
D ^r for Ann Stefford	5	5
Matthew Chalier	68	58
John Chalier	100	100
D ^r for Martha Higginson	36	36
D ^r for J ^r L. Boifshur	11	
John Lane	19	19
D ^r for S ^r J ^r Ruffels	20	20
George Edw ^d Hales	4	4
Robert Colleston	85	20
Ditto for Geo. Aufrevel	17	47
James Black	5	
D ^r for Lowridge	55	55
Height	}	
D ^r for W ^m Barrett	11	11
Chris ^t Chambers	60	
for Sophia Chambers	30	
for Francis Chambers	50	
	813	578

1797 }
June 13.

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal navigation holden by adjournment at the house of Mr. Joseph Sills No. 217 Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 13th day of June 1797

It appearing by an Account transmitted by Mr. Samuel Smith, dated Brimscombport the 1st of April last, and signed by him (Said Smith) that the sum of Four hundred Seventy Seven pounds one Shilling and eight pence half penny is the balance of the receipt of the Tonnage Wharfage and Rent belonging to the proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal navigation from the 1st day of October 1796 to the 31st of March last after deducting the payments for Rent of Roads and Sands, the maintenance of the Fire Engine; repairs of the Canal, Locks, and Buildings, and Lockard, Clerks Salaries &c; and that in consequence of his late purchase of Coal he cannot remit the money to be placed to the Account of the Trustees; Resolved, therefore, that the same do remain a debt due to the said Trustees, to be discharged as soon as conveniently may be agreeably to the resolutions respecting the same, and the circular letter of January the 24th 1797. —

Resolved That this General Assembly be

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be adjourned to Tuesday the 8th day of August 1797 at the house of Mr Joseph Smith No 217 Upper Thames Street London at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

John Disney.	— 36.	— 32.
D. for Lewis Disney Fytche.	61.	— 61.
D. for Ann Stafford	— 5.	— 5.
Dr. Littleton	— 100	— 100
D. for Mrs. Walthome	10	— 10
D. for Corralius Dense	— 10	— 10
John Chaliv'	— 100	— 100
D. for M. Higginson	— 36	— 36
D. for J. L. Boissier	11	—
George Edw. Hales	— 4	— 4
Robert Colleston	— 85	— 20
Ditto for Geo. Auprere	— 47	— 47
Matthew Chaliv.	68	— 58.
W. Stevenson	— 14	— 14
	<u>507.</u>	<u>497.</u>

1797.
Aug: 8.

A General Assembly of the Proprietors of the
Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by
adjournment at the house of Mr Joseph Sills
No 217 Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday
the 8th day of August 1797. — Present,

Proxies	
The Rev ^d Doctor Disney	Sir Edw Littleton
John Chalie Esq	Lewis Disney Esq } <i>pro Dr Disney</i>
Robt Colleston Esq	Ann Stafford
James Black Esq	Lawbridge Bright } <i>pro Mr Black</i>
Math ^a Chalie Esq	Willm Barrett
Chris Chambers Esq	Frances Chambers } <i>pro Mr Chambers</i>
William Smith Esq	Sophia Chambers
W ^m Stevenson Esq	Martha Higginson } <i>pro Mr Chalie</i>
	J. Boissier

Resolved That this General Assembly
be adjourned to Tuesday the 3rd day of October 1797
at the house of Mr Joseph Sills No 217 Upper
Thames Street London at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

	Shares	Half Shares		692	467
John Disney - - -	36.	32.	Matthew Chalie	68	58
D ^o for S ^r Edw Littleton -	100.	100.	W ^m Stevenson	14	14
D ^o for Lewis Disney Esq -	61.	61.		<hr/>	<hr/>
D ^o for Ann Stafford -	5.	5.		774.	539.
John Chalie - - -	100.	100.			
D ^o for W ^m Higginson	36.	36.			
D ^o for J. L. Boissier.	11.				
Chris Chambers -	60				
for Sophia Chambers -	30				
for Frances Chambers	50				
Robert Colleston	25.	20			
Ditto for Geo. Ayrer	47.	47			
Jan ⁿ Black	5.				
D ^o for L. Bright	55.	55			
D ^o for W ^m Barrett	11.	11.			
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1797.
Oct. 3.

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors
of the Thames & Severn Navigation holden
by adjournment at the House of Mr Joseph Mills
No. 217 Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday
the 3rd day of October 1797. - Present

Rob ^t Rolliston Esq ^r	Proprietors
The Rev ^d Doctor Disney	Sir E Littleton
John Chalie Esq ^r	Lewis Disney Esq ^r } D ^r Disney
Matthew Chalie Esq ^r	Ann Stafford
James Black Esq ^r	Loubridge Bright } M ^r Black
Christ ^l Chambers Esq ^r	William Barrett
William Smith Esq ^r	Frances Chambers } M ^r Chambers
Wm Stevenson Esq ^r	Sophia Chambers
	Martha Higginson } J Chalie
	J L Brissier
	Gallfore
	J. M. Rolliston

Resolved. That the Seal of this Company
be affixed to a certain Indenture bearing date
this day between this company on the one part
& Sir Edw^d Littleton Bart, Loubridge Bright
John Chalie, Matthew Chalie & Christ^l Chambers
Esq^r John Disney J P, John Lane, Tho^s Lane
Wm Smith, Wm Stevenson Esq^r on the other part
purporting to be a bill of Sale of all the Coals
Boats Barges, Houses, Carts, Carriages & other
Stock of this Company for the purpose of securing
the payment of the sum of £2000 advanced by them
to this Company in equal Shares of 200 £ each
& interest thereon on the 24th of June next, The
Interest on such Shares to be computed from
the day of payment of the same to W Smith Esq^r
The Treasurer.

Resolved. That the Treasurer do transfer the aforesaid sum of £2000. to the account of the Committee of Trade, as soon as the several payments hereof shall be actually made by the parties.

Resolved. That the Committee of Trade do pay monthly into the hands of W^m Smith Esq^r on the acc^t of Sir Edw^d Littleton Bart & others the produce of the Coal at Abingdon Wharf in part payment, as far as the same will go, of the said sum of £2000, this day borrowed as aforesaid & Interest for the same.

Resolved. That the Seal of this Company be affixed to a bond of Arbitration between this Company, & Mess^{rs} Joseph Cripps, & Edward Cripps, for the settling a division of the Water of the River Churn.

The several proceedings of the Committee of the Company of Proprietors of this Canal Navigation having been read from the entries thereof.

Resolved Unanimously that the same are approved by this meeting.

Resolved. That Sir Edw^d Littleton Bart
Mr. Lovden Lovden Mr. Christ^m Chambers
Mr. Lowbridge Bright, Mr. James Perry
Mr. James Black Mr. John Chelie
The Rev^d Doctor Disney Mr. Rob^t Rolleston
Mr. Matthew Chelie

Mr. Sampson Shadwell, Mr. John Lane
& Mr. W^m Stevenson (in the place of Mr. Bate whose present residence at Birmingham renders it impracticable for him to attend the business of the Canal) be & they are hereby constituted a committee for conducting the Work &

of managing the Affairs of this Canal navigation.

Resolved That this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 12th day of Dec^r 1797. at the House of Mr. Joseph Sills N^o 217 Upper Thames Street London at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

	Shares	half Shares
Robert Colleston -	85	20
Ditto for Geo. Aufere -	47	47
Chris ^r Chambers - - -	60	
Do for Sophia Chambers -	30	
Do for Francis Chambers -	50	
John Chalib - - - - -	100	100
D ^o for Martha Higginson -	36	36
Do for J ^o L. Boobier - - -	11	
James Black - - - - -	5	
D ^o for Lowbridge Bright -	55	55
D ^o for William Barrett -	11	11
John Disney. - - - - -	36	32
D ^o for Lewis Disney Hytche	61	61
D ^o for Sir Edw Littleton Bar. ²	100	100
D ^o for Ann Stafford - - -	5	5
Matthew Chalib - - - -	68	58
W Stevenson	14	14
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1797.
Dec. 12.

A General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Great Ouse Navigation holden by Adjournment at the House of Mr Joseph Gills N^o 27 Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 12th Day December 1797 Present

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| ✓ Pres ^d Doctor Disney | Propos ^r |
| ✓ John Chubb Esq ^r | ✓ Lewis Disney Esq ^r |
| ✓ Matthew Chubb Esq ^r | ✓ Sir Edw Littleton } p ^r Dr Disney |
| ✓ John Lane Esq ^r | ✓ Ann Stafford |
| ✓ Christopher Chambers Esq ^r | ✓ Martha Higginson } p ^r Mr Chubb |
| ✓ Robert Rolleston Esq ^r | ✓ J L Boissier |
| | ✓ Tho ^s Lane Esq ^r } p ^r Mr John Lane |
| | ✓ Sir Henry Kestel |
| | ✓ Sophia Chambers } p ^r Mr Chambers |
| | ✓ Francis Chambers |
| | ✓ George Suppore Esq ^r } p ^r Mr Rolleston |

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Pay^d 1460.9.7
Balt: 1612.13.10

It appearing by an account transmitted by Mr Samuel Smith dated Trincombe Port the 5th Day of October last signed by him (Errors Excepted) that the Sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Twelve Pounds Thirteen Shillings & Ten Pence is the balance of the receipt of Tonnage Wharfage & Rent belonging to the Proprietors of the Thames and Great Ouse Navigation from the 31st Day of March 1797 to the 30th of September last, after deducting the payments for Rents of Roads & Lands; the maintainance of the Fire Engine; Repairs of the Canal, Locks and Buildings, and for Land, Clerks Salaries &c. and that in consequence of the continued purchase of Coal from Staffordshire, and the new importation of Coal from Newcastle, which produced a considerable increase of Tonnage, he cannot remit the Money to be placed to the account of the Trustees, Resolved, therefore, (agreeably to a similar resolution of this Company on the 13th Day of June last) that the same do remain a debt due to the said Trustees, to be discharged as soon as conveniently may be agreeably to the resolutions respecting the same, and the Circular Letter of January 24. 1797.

Resolved. That this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 13th day of February 1797 at the House of Mr J^o Gills N^o 27 Upper Thames Street London at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

John Disney	36	32	John Lane	19	19
D ^o for Lewis Disney Esq ^r	61	61	D ^o for Sir Edw Littleton	20	20
D ^o for Sir Edw Littleton	100	100	D ^o for Tho ^s Lane	17	17
D ^o for Ann Stafford	5	5	Matthew Chubb	68	58
	202	198	Carried over	326	312

	Brought over	
John Chalib	100 Shares	100 half Shares
Miss M ^{rs} Higginson	36	36
Miss J ^{rs} Boissier	11	
Robert Rolleston Esq	25	20
D ^o for Geo. Aupere	47	47
Chris ^r Chambers	60	
for Sophia Chambers	30	
for Francis Chambers	50	
Brought from the	326	312
other side		
Shares	745	515

1790.
February 13.

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal & Navigation holden by Adjournment at the House of Mr Joseph Sills N^o 217 Upper Thames Street, London on Tuesday the 13th Day of February 1790

Present

John Lane Esq^r
Rev^d Doctor Disney
James Black Esq^r
Will^m Barrett Esq^r
Thomas Lane Esq^r
Matthew Chalib Esq^r
John Chalib Esq^r
Robert Rolleston Esq^r
Christopher Chambers Esq^r
Lancelot Shadwell Esq^r

Proxies

Dr Men^r Ruppel & John Lane Esq^r
& Martha Higginson & J^r Chalib Esq^r
& J L Boissier
& J^r Geo. Littleton
& Lewis Disney & J^r Doctor Disney
& Ann Stafford
& Geo Aupere Esq^r & R Rolleston Esq^r
& Esther Shadwell & L Shadwell Esq^r
& Lawrence Bright Esq^r & J^r Black Esq^r
& Francis Chambers & C Chambers Esq^r
& Sophia Chambers

The Resolution of a General Assembly of Oct^r 7. 1788 appointing a Committee to purchase Boats & Coal &c for the purpose of introducing & establishing the Trade of the Canal; and also the Resolution of a General Assembly of April 7. 1789 confirming the same, and ordering the said Trade to be carried on under the

the Firm of James Perry & Co. and also the Resolutions of a General Assembly of June the 14th & 28th 1796 appointing another Committee for superintending directing & managing the Trade of the Company with particular directions for their conduct therein which have varied the manner of conducting such business having been read and considered it is therefore now Resolved that the operation of the aforesaid Resolutions of the two first mentioned General Assemblies be discontinued and cease, and that the said Trade be managed in conformity to the aforesaid Resolutions of 4. General Assemblies of June the 14th & 28th 1796

Resolved that the said Trade be from henceforth uniformly conducted and carried on as well on the River Severn as on the Thames in the names of the Company of Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation in conformity to the inscription upon and registration of the Vessels of this Company agreeably to the late Act of Parliament for that purpose.

Resolved that this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 3rd Day of April 1798 at the House of Mr Joseph Sills N^o 217 Upper Thames Street London at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon precisely.

	Shares	Half Shares	Shares	half Shares
John Lane	19	19	Wm Barrett	11. 11.
D ^o for S ^r J ^o Pusch	20	20	James Mark	5. —
John Chalie	100	100	D ^o for L. Bright	55. 55
D ^o for M ^o Higginson	36	36	Matthew Chalie	68. 58.
D ^o for J. L. Boisier	11		Chris Chambers	60. —
John Disney	36	32	for Sophia Chambers	30. —
D ^o for Sir Edw Littleton Bart	100	100	for Frances Chambers	50. —
D ^o for Lewis Disney Fytche	61	61		289. 124.
D ^o for Ann Stafford	5	5	bro't over	562. 482
Robt. Rolleston	25	20		851. 606
Ditto for Geo. Ayscove	47	47		
Lancelot Shadwell	20	20		
D ^o for Esther Shadwell	5	5		
The Same	17	17		
	562	482		

1790. }
April 3. }

No. 217 Upper Thames Street London

April 3. 1798

A sufficient number of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal navigation not having attended by themselves or Proxies a General Assembly to be holden by adjournment on this day and at this place. — The said General Meeting in pursuance of the Act of parliament in that behalf made is further adjourned to this day three weeks being the 24th Inst. then to be holden at this place — As witness my hand

Joseph Sills

1790. }
April 24. }

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the House of Mr. J. Sills Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 24th day of April 1798.

Present

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|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| John Lane Esq ^r | } | Sir Henry Rupert |
| Sir Edw ^d Littleton | | M Walthouse. Cor James |
| Rob ^t Rolliston Esq ^r | | G Dupre ... S. Bright |
| Stiles — Esq ^r | | M Chelie .. D ^r Disney |
| John Chelie — Esq ^r — | | W. Stevenson. M Higginson |
| Ch. Chambers Esq ^r — | | J S Boissier — |
| | | J Chambers — |
| | | F Chambers — |

Proxies

The several Proceedings of the Committee of the Company of
 proprietors of this Canal Navigation having been read
 from the entries thereof

Resolved Unanimously That the same are
 approved by this Meeting

Resolved That Sir Edw.^d Littleton Bart.
 Edw.^d Lorenson Lorenson Esq^r Christ^r Chambers Esq^r
 Lowbridge Bright Esq^r James Perry Esq^r James Blackley
 John Chalie Esq^r Res^d J^r Disney, Rob^t Rolleston Esq^r
 Matt^r Chalie Esq^r Lancelot Shadwell Esq^r John Lane Esq^r
 W^m Stevenson Esq^r be & they are hereby elected a Com-
 mittee for conducting the works & managing the affairs
 of this Canal Navigation

Resolved that this general Assembly
 be adjourned to Tuesday the 22nd day of May
 1798 at the House of Mr^r Jos^s Sills N^o 257 Upper
 Thames Street London at 2 O'clock in the afternoon
 precisely.

	Shares	half Shares
John Lane John Lane	19	19
J ^r for S ^r R. Ruffell for Sir H^o Ruffell	20	20
W ^m Littleton Sir Edw.^d Littleton	100	100
J ^r for W ^m Wathouse for Mr Wathouse	10	10
J ^r for James at Sir Denne	10	10
George Edw ^d Haly G^d Haly	4	4
John Chalie	100	100
J ^r for Mat ^r Chalie	68	58
J ^r for Da ^r John Disney	36	32
J ^r for W ^m Stevenson	14	14
J ^r for M ^r Higginson	36	36
J ^r for J ^r L. Hoiffier	11	
Chris ^t Chambers	60	
for Sophia Chambers	30	
for James Chambers	50	
Robert Rolleston	85	20
J ^r for Geo ^r Aufrore	47	47
J ^r for Lowbridge Bright	82	
	<u>782</u>	<u>471</u>

1798.
May 22.

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal navigation holden by adjournment at the house of Mr Joseph Sills Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 22nd day of May 1798. —

Present

Sir Edw. Littleton Bart.	Promises	James Walhouse	pro
James Black Esq		Cornelius Denne	J. E. Littleton
Willm Stevenson Esq		Lewis Disney Jytche	pro
Rev. Doctor Disney		Ann Stafford	D. Disney
Robert Rolleston Esq		Martha Higginson	P. M. Chalkley
John Chalie Esq		L. Boissier	
Math. Chalie Esq		George Aupre	pro
G. E. Stales Esq		Loubridge Bright	Robt Rolleston Esq
Christ. Chambers Esq		Sophia Chambers	pro
Mownlow Bate Esq		Frances Chambers	Chambers Esq
Alex. Brodie Esq			

Resolved That this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 10th day of July 1798 at the house of Mr Joseph Sills Upper Thames Street London at 2 o'clock A.M.

	Whole Shares	Half Shares
Pro Littleton for self	100	100
Do for James Walhouse	10	10
Do for Cornelius Denne	10	10
John Disney	36	32
D ^o for Lewis Disney Jytche	61	61
D ^o for Ann Stafford	5	5
John Chalie	100	100
D ^o for Martha Higginson	36	36
D ^o for L. Boissier	11	
Robert Rolleston	85	20
Ditto for George Aupre	47	47
27 Ditto for Loubridge Bright	82	1
35. 55	583	422

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Brought Over	Shares	half shares
Matthew Chalie	583	122
Chris ^r Chambers	68	58
for Sophia Chambers	60	
for Francis Chambers	30	
James Black	5	
Brownlow Bate	3	
W ^m Stevenson	14	14
George Edw ^d Hales	4	4
	<u>817</u>	<u>498</u>

1798. }
 July 10. }
 At a General Assembly of the Proprietors
 of the Thames & Severn Canal navigation
 holden by adjournment at the house of
 Mr Joseph Sills Upper Thames Street London
 on Tuesday the 10th day of July 1798 -

Present

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|---|-----------|---|
| Rev ^d Doctor Disney | Proxies - | Lewis Disney Fytche } Dr Disney |
| W ^m Stevenson Esq ^r | | Ann Stafford } |
| Matthew Chalie Esq ^r | | Sophia Chambers } Chambers Esq ^r |
| Christ ^r Chambers Esq ^r | | Francis Chambers } |
| Robert Rolleston Esq ^r | | George Aupere } R. Rolleston Esq ^r |
| John Chalie Esq ^r | | Loubridge Bright }
Martha Higginson } Dr Chalie
J. S. Bessier } Dr Chalie |

Resolved that this General Assembly be adjourned
 to Tuesday the 2nd day of October 1798 at the house
 of Joseph Sills Thames Street London at 2 o'clock A.M.

	Shares	Half Shares		whole Shares	half Shares
John Disney	36	32	Robt Rolleston	85	20
Dr for L. Disney Fytche	61	61	Do for Geo. Aupere	47	47
Dr for Ann Stafford	5	5	Do for Loubridge Bright	2	1
Matthew Chalie	68	58	John Chalie	100	100
Chris ^r Chambers	60		W ^m Stevenson	14	14
for Sophia Chambers	30			<u>328</u>	<u>182</u>
for Francis Chambers	50		bro ^r own	318	156
				<u>646</u>	<u>338</u>
	<u>310</u>	<u>156</u>			

1790.
Oct. 2.

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the
Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment,
at the House of Mr Joseph Hills Upper Thames Street
London on Tuesday the 2nd Day of October 1790.

Present

Rev^d Dr Disney
W^m Stevenson Esq^r
Matthew Chalie Esq^r
John Chalie Esq^r
G^r Hales Esq^r
Rob^t Rolleston
Christopher Chambers Esq^r

Proxies

James Disney Fyche }
Ann Stafford } Rev^d Dr Disney
Sir Edw^d Littleton }
Stevenson Woodlins } W^m Stevenson Esq^r
W^m Higginson, } J^m Chalie Esq^r
J^s S^r Phipps }
George Supere } Rob^t Rolleston Esq^r
Lambidge Bright }
Francis Chambers, } Chas^r Chambers Esq^r
Sophia Chambers }

The several Proceedings of the Committee of the Company of
Proprietors of this Canal Navigation having been read
from the entries thereof

Resolved Unanimously That the same are
approved by this Meeting

Resolved That Sir Edw^d Littleton Bar^t
Edw^d Loueden Loueden Esq^r Chas^r Chambers Esq^r
Lambidge Bright Esq^r James Perry Esq^r James Black Esq^r
John Chalie Esq^r Rev^d Dr Disney Rob^t Rolleston Esq^r
W^m Stevenson Esq^r be & they are hereby elected a Committee
for conducting the works & managing the affairs of
this Canal Navigation

Resolved That this General Assembly
be adjourned to Tuesday the 27th Day of November 1790

at

at the House of Mr Joseph Sills Upper Thames Street
London at 2 o'clock.

	Shares	Half Shares
John Disney	36	32
D ^o for Sir Edw Littleton B ^t	100	100
D ^o for Lewis Disney-Hytche	61	61
D ^o for Ann Stafford	5	5
John Chaliv	100	100
D ^o for Martha Higginson	36	36
D ^o for J ^o Lewis Boissier	11	14
M ^r Stevenson	14	14
D ^o of John Collins	2	2
George Edw. Hales	4	4
Matthew Chaliv	68	58
Robert Colleston	84	20
D ^o for Geo: Aufriere	47	47
D ^o for Lowbridge Bright	55	55
Chris ^r Chambers	60	
D ^o for Sophia Chambers	30	
D ^o for James Chambers	50	
	<u>763</u>	<u>534</u>

1799. }
 Jan'y 22. }

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the House of Mr Joseph Sells Upper Thames Street London on Tuesday the 22nd Day of January 1799

Present

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| Res ^d Doctor Disney | Present | For Edm ^d Littleton | } Mr J ^r Disney | |
| John Chatic Esq ^r | | L. L. Fytche | | |
| Rob ^t Kelliston Esq ^r | | Ann Stafford | | |
| James Black Esq ^r | | G. Higginson | | } J ^r John Chatic Esq ^r |
| Chris ^t Chambers Esq ^r | | J. L. Boissier | | |
| Matthew Chatic Esq ^r | | George Clifpore | | } R. Kelliston Esq ^r |
| John Lane Esq ^r | | Lassbridge Bright | | |
| Lancelot Shadwell Esq ^r | | Sophia Chambers | | } C. Chambers Esq ^r |
| | | Francis Chambers | | |
| | | Hester Shadwell | | } L. Shadwell Esq ^r |
| | J ^r W ^m Russell | } J ^r Lane Esq ^r | | |

Resolved That the Tonnage on Chaise be reduced to 4^s p^r Ton for the whole length of the Canal and 2^s p^r Ton p^r mile for all intermediate distances.

Also that the Tonnage up Stair or flats be reduced to 1^s p^r Ton p^r mile.

Resolved That this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 2nd Day of April 1799 at the House of Mr Joseph Sells Upper Thames Street London

at 2 o'clock		Pro-Over	616.451
John Disney	36	32	} James Black 5 621.451
Do for S ^r Edm ^d Littleton	100	100	
Do for Lewis Disney Fytche	61	61	
Do for Ann Stafford	5	5	
John Lane	19	19	
Do for J ^r W ^m Russell	20	20	
John Chatic	100	100	
for M ^r Higginson	36	36	
Do for J. L. Boissier	11		
Matthew Chatic	68	58	
Lancelot Shadwell	20	20	
Chris ^t Chambers	60	—	
Do for Sophia Chambers	30	—	
Do for Francis Chambers	50	—	
	<u>606</u>	<u>451</u>	

1799. }
April 2. }

No. 217 Upper Thames Street London.

April 2. 1799. —

A sufficient Number of the Proprietors of the
Thames & Severn Canal Navigation not having attended
by themselves or Proxies at A General Assembly appointed
to be holden by adjournment on this Day and at this
Place — The said General Meeting in pursuance
of the Act of Parliament in that behalf made is
further adjourned to this Day three Weeks being the
23rd Ins^t then to be holden at this place. As
Witness my hand.

Joseph Mills

