

1809

N<sup>o</sup> 80 Lombard street London  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1809.

A sufficient number of the Proprietors of the  
Thames & Swern Canal Navigation not having attended  
by themselves or proxies at a General Assembly  
appointed to be holden by adjournment this day and  
at this place; the said General Assembly in  
pursuance of the Act of Parliament in that  
behalf made, is further adjourned to this day  
three weeks being the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant, then to be  
holden at this place. — As witness my hand.

Harry Harford

25 April Genl. Mull.  
Doubtly on Coals.

1804

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames and Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the house of John Stevenson Salt Esq<sup>r</sup> Lombard street London on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1804.

<p>Present</p> <p>Matthew Chalcie Esq<sup>r</sup>          Lancelot Chambers Esq<sup>r</sup>          John Disney Esq<sup>r</sup>          John Stevenson Salt Esq<sup>r</sup>          M<sup>r</sup> George Edward Hales          Robert Rolleston Esq<sup>r</sup>          Thomas Lane Esq<sup>r</sup></p>	<p>Proxies</p> <p>Administration of John Chalcie Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>          The Rev. Doctor Disney          Christopher Chambers Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>          M<sup>r</sup> Francis Chambers          Exor of M<sup>r</sup> Sophia Chambers          J<sup>r</sup> Chambers Esq<sup>r</sup>          Lewis Disney Fyfe Esq<sup>r</sup>          Abraham Milkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>          M<sup>r</sup> Richard Miller          The Exors of M<sup>r</sup> Steynton Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>          Exors of D<sup>o</sup> John Collins          Sir Edward Littleton Bart<sup>l</sup>          The Rev. Egerton Stafford</p>
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The several proceedings of the Committee of the Company of Proprietors of this Canal Navigation, having been read from the entries thereof

Resolved, That the same be approved by this Assembly.  
 Resolved, That the following bounties be allowed out of the Tonage on coal passing along the line of the Thames & Severn Canal to continue in force from the eleventh Instant

At Leachlade Wharf

On Bilston, Newport & Forest Coal; proper certificates being produced of the same having been sold to Highworth Haringdon & other places not less than nine miles distance from the Wharf & not being in the line of Canal Two shillings per Ton of 20 Cwt<sup>s</sup> - The same allowance to be made to all Importers & purchasers of coal at Drimcomb port upon the production of the certificates required as above

Resolved, That Sir Edward Littleton Bart<sup>l</sup> Lowbridge Bright Esq<sup>r</sup> The Rev. Doctor Disney, Matthew Chalcie, Lancelot Shadwell, John Lane, John Stevenson Salt, Lancelot Chambers, Edward Loveden Loveden, Thomas Lane, John Disney, Robert Rolleston, and Thomas Perry Esquires, be, & are hereby elected a Committee for conducting the affairs of this Company.

Resolved that this General Assembly be adjourned to the 3<sup>d</sup> day of October next

	Shares	Shares
Matthew Chalcie	58	58
(ditto) for the Administration of J <sup>r</sup> Chalcie	100	100
(ditto) for the Rev <sup>d</sup> D <sup>r</sup> Disney	20	20
Robert Rolleston	20	20
L. Chambers	20	20
Ex <sup>r</sup> C. Chambers	5	
Ex <sup>r</sup> S. Chambers	60	
Ex <sup>r</sup> F. Chambers	30	
Ex <sup>r</sup> J <sup>r</sup> Chambers	140	
John Disney	5	
Ex <sup>r</sup> for Lewis Disney Fyfe Esq <sup>r</sup>	25	16
Ex <sup>r</sup> for Abraham Milkinson	61	61
Ex <sup>r</sup> for Richard Miller	10	10
J. S. Salt	4	
Ex <sup>r</sup> as Executor of W <sup>m</sup> Stevenson	13	4
Ex <sup>r</sup> for D <sup>o</sup> John Collins	10	10
Ex <sup>r</sup> for Sir Edw <sup>d</sup> Littleton Bart <sup>l</sup>	2	2
Ex <sup>r</sup> for Rev <sup>d</sup> E. Stafford	100	100
George Edward Hales	7	5
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	634	410

Brought up  
 M<sup>r</sup> Lane  
 Ex<sup>r</sup> for John Lane  
 Ex<sup>r</sup> for W<sup>m</sup> & William Barrett dec<sup>d</sup>

686	457
17	17
19	19
11	11

N<sup>o</sup> 80 Lombard Street London  
Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup> of October 1804

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 this day & at this place, the  
said General Assembly, in pursuance of the Act of  
in that behalf made, is further adjourned to this day  
three weeks being the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant; then to be holden  
at this place. As witness my hand.

Harry Harford

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the house of John Stevenson Salt Esq. Lombard street London on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 1809

**Present**  
 Matthew Chalie Esq.  
 Lancelot Chambers Esq.  
 John Disney Esq.  
 John Stevenson Salt Esq.  
 Thomas Lane Esq.  
 W. George Esq. Hales

**Proxies**  
 Administration of John Chalie Esq.  
 The Rev. Doctor Disney  
 Christopher Chambers Esq. de  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Frances Chambers  
 Exor of M<sup>rs</sup> Sophia Chambers  
 J. R. Chambers Esq.  
 Lewis Disney Esq. de  
 Abraham Wilkinson Esq.  
 M<sup>r</sup> Rich. Miller  
 The Exor of M<sup>rs</sup> Stevenson Esq. de  
 D<sup>o</sup> of John Collins  
 Sir Edw. Littleton Bart  
 The Rev. Gyrton Stafford  
 John Lane  
 Exor of M<sup>rs</sup> Barrett de

The several proceedings of the committee of the Company of Proprietors of this Canal Navigation having been read from the entries thereof,  
 Resolved, That the same be approved by this Assembly.  
 Resolved, That Sir Edward Littleton Bart. Rowbridge Bright Esq.  
 The Rev. Doctor Disney, Matthew Chalie, Lancelot Shadwell  
 John Lane, John Stevenson Salt, Lancelot Chambers, Edward Loveden Loveden, Thomas Lane, John Disney, Robert Robertson and Thomas Perry Esquires be & are hereby elected a committee for conducting the affairs of this Company.  
 Resolved, That this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November next

	Shares	Half Shares
Matthew Chalie	58	58
(Ditto) for the Administration of John Chalie	100	100
(Ditto) for the Rev. Dr. Disney	20	20
J. S. Salt	13	4
Ditto as Executor of W. Stevenson deid	10	10
Ditto for D <sup>o</sup> & John Collins	2	2
Ditto for Sir Edw. Littleton Bart	100	100
Ditto for Rev. G. Stafford	7	5
Tho Lane	17	17
Ditto for John Lane	19	19
Ditto as Executor of William Barrett deid	11	11
John Disney Jr	25	16
For Lewis Disney Esq. de	65	65
For Abraham Wilkinson	10	10
For Richard Miller	4	0
Lancelot Chambers	5	
D <sup>o</sup> C Chambers	60	
D <sup>o</sup> J. Chambers	30	
D <sup>o</sup> F. Chambers	40	
D <sup>o</sup> J. R. Chambers	5	
George Esq. Hales	4	A.
	601	437

A General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the house of John Stevenson Salt Esq<sup>r</sup> Lombard Street London on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1804

Present

Matthew Chalie Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Samuel Chambers Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Disney Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Stevenson Salt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Robert Rolleston Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Thomas Lane Esq<sup>r</sup>

Proxies

Administratrix of John Chalie Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor Disney  
 Christopher Chambers Esq<sup>r</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Frances Chambers  
 Exec<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>rs</sup> Sophia Chambers  
 J<sup>r</sup> Chambers Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Louis Disney Hylke Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Abraham Wilkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 M<sup>r</sup> Richard Miller  
 The Exec<sup>r</sup>s of W<sup>m</sup> Stevenson Esq<sup>r</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
 J<sup>r</sup> of D<sup>r</sup> & John Collins  
 Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> Littleton Bart<sup>r</sup>  
 The Rev<sup>d</sup> Egerton Stafford

Resolved, That the bounties allowed on coal sold at Leachlade Wharf &c agreeable to a resolution of a General Assembly held the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April last be discontinued; — except the bounties on such coal as may be taken in boats down the river Thames to any distance on the said river not less than nine miles from Leachlade. The bounties on coal so taken down the river Thames to be continued till further orders.

Resolved that this General Assembly be adjourned to Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December next & that the said meeting be advertised in the London Gazette and be made special —

	Shares	Shares
Matthew Chalie	58	58
Ditto for the Administratrix of John Chalie	100	100
Ditto for the Rev <sup>d</sup> D <sup>r</sup> Disney	20	20
Robert Rolleston	25	20
Samuel Chambers	5	
J <sup>r</sup> Chri <sup>s</sup> Chambers	60	
J <sup>r</sup> Sophia Chambers	30	
J <sup>r</sup> Frances Chambers	40	
J <sup>r</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Chambers	5	
Thos Lane	17	17
Ditto for John Lane	19	19
Ditto as Executor of William Barrett deced	11	11
John Disney J <sup>r</sup>	25	16
J <sup>r</sup> for Louis Disney Hylke	61	61
J <sup>r</sup> for Abraham Wilkinson	10	10
J <sup>r</sup> for Richard Miller	4	5
J <sup>r</sup> Salt	13	4
Ditto as Executor of W <sup>m</sup> Stevenson deced	10	10
Ditto for D <sup>r</sup> & John Collins	2	2
Ditto for Sir Edw <sup>d</sup> Littleton Bart <sup>r</sup>	100	100
Ditto for Rev <sup>d</sup> Egerton Stafford	7	5
	682	453

1809

At a Special General Assembly of the Proprietors of the  
Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden at the house of  
John Stevenson Salt Esq<sup>r</sup> Lombard Street London on  
Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 1809—

Present

Proxies

John Disney Jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>	Lewis Disney Lytche Esq <sup>r</sup>
Lancelot Chambers Esq <sup>r</sup>	Abraham Wilkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>
John Stevenson Salt Esq <sup>r</sup>	M <sup>r</sup> Richard Miller
Lancelot Shadwell Esq <sup>r</sup>	Christopher Chambers Esq <sup>r</sup> dec
Robert Robertson Esq <sup>r</sup>	M <sup>rs</sup> Frances Chambers
Louis Hayes Petit Esq <sup>r</sup>	Exec of M <sup>rs</sup> Sophia Chambers
George Edw <sup>d</sup> Water Gent	J <sup>r</sup> Chambers Esq <sup>r</sup>
Lancelot Shadwell Jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>	The Exec of M <sup>rs</sup> Stevenson Esq <sup>r</sup> dec
	D <sup>o</sup> of D <sup>o</sup> John Collins
	Sir Edward Littleton Bar <sup>t</sup>
	The Rev <sup>d</sup> Egerton Stafford
	Exec of Peter Hayes Petit Esq <sup>r</sup> dec
	The Rev <sup>d</sup> John Hayes Petit
	M <sup>rs</sup> Esther Shadwell

Resolved, At this meeting Sir Edward  
Littleton Bar<sup>t</sup> John Lane Esq<sup>r</sup> Matthew Challic<sup>e</sup>  
Esq<sup>r</sup> John Stevenson Salt Esq<sup>r</sup> Lancelot Chambers  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lane Esq<sup>r</sup> John Disney Esq<sup>r</sup> Francis  
Bladgate Esq<sup>r</sup> having reported that they had  
drawn up Articles of Agreement for the  
purpose of uniting into one body the Creditors  
and Proprietors of this Company upon the  
terms therein specified which Articles have been  
signed by the stipulated number of persons to  
give them legal effect: and having also reported  
that they had obtained an Act of Parliament  
in furtherance of the same object.

Resolved That the General Committee of the  
Company are hereby empowered to pay the Creditors

The sum agreed upon and to create new shares and to do all things necessary to carry the said Agreement and Act into full effect.

Resolved also that the sum of One Thousand pounds be placed at the disposal of the Committee to enable them to carry on the said Arrangement

Resolved That this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday the 3<sup>d</sup> of April 1810.

	Shares	Half Shares
John Disney Jr	25	16
D <sup>o</sup> for Lewis Disney Ffytche Esq <sup>r</sup>	65	65
D <sup>o</sup> for Abraham Wilkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	10	10
D <sup>o</sup> for Richard Miller	4	—
Lancelot Shadwell	15	20
D <sup>o</sup> for Mrs Esther Shadwell	5	5
Lancelot Chambers	5	—
D <sup>o</sup> for Christ Chambers	60	—
D <sup>o</sup> for Sophia Chambers	30	—
D <sup>o</sup> for Francis Chambers	40	—
D <sup>o</sup> for M <sup>rs</sup> Chambers	5	—
Robert Kollerston	85	20
Louis Hayes Petit	5	5
D <sup>o</sup> as Executor of Lieut Col <sup>l</sup> Peter Hayes Petit	5	5
D <sup>o</sup> for John Hayes Petit	10	10
Lancelot Shadwell Junior	5	—
J. S. Salt	13	4
D <sup>o</sup> as Executor of W <sup>m</sup> Stevenson Esq <sup>r</sup>	10	10
D <sup>o</sup> for D <sup>o</sup> & John Collins	2	2
D <sup>o</sup> for Sir Edw <sup>d</sup> Littleton Bart	100	100
D <sup>o</sup> for Rev <sup>d</sup> E Stafford	7	5
George Edw <sup>d</sup> Hales	4	4
Matthew Phalick	58	58
Ditto for the Administration of John Phalick	100	100
Ditto for the Rev <sup>d</sup> Dr Disney	20	20
Thos Lane	17	17
D <sup>o</sup> as Executor to William Barrett Esq <sup>r</sup> by deed	11	11
	712	483

W<sup>m</sup> Lane

1810

N<sup>o</sup> 80 Lombard Street London  
Tuesday April 3<sup>o</sup> 1810

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 this day & at this place; The said General Assembly in pursuance of the Act of Parliament in that behalf made, is further adjourned to this day three weeks being the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant, then to be holden at this place. — As witness my hand —

Harry Harford



At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden by adjournment at the house of John Stevenson Salt Esq. Lombard street London on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1810

Present

- John Disney Junr Esq.
- John Stevenson Salt Esq.
- Thomas Lane Esq.
- Matthew Chalie Esq.
- M<sup>r</sup>. George Edward Hales
- Lancelot Chambers Esq.

Proxies

- The Rev. D<sup>r</sup>. Disney
- Lewis Disney Rythe Esq.
- Anna Webb
- Richard Miller Gent.
- Administrator of late Thomas Stevenson Esq.
- Executor of the late William Stevenson Esq.
- D<sup>r</sup> John Collins
- Sir Edward Littleton Bart.
- Exec<sup>r</sup> of late Sister Littleton Esq.
- Henry Webb Esq.
- Administratrix of late M<sup>rs</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Beckett
- The Rev. Egerton Stafford
- John Lane Esq.
- Exec<sup>r</sup> of William Barrett dec<sup>d</sup>.
- Administratrix of late John Chalie Esq.
- Christopher Chambers Esq. dec<sup>d</sup>.
- M<sup>rs</sup>. Frances Chambers
- Exec<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>rs</sup>. Sophia Chambers
- J<sup>r</sup>. Chambers Esq.

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

Resolved, That the same be approved by this Assembly.

Resolved, That the following duties be allowed out of the Tonnage on coal passing along the line of the Thames & Severn Canal and do continue in force from the Twenty fifth of March last, At Lechlade Wharf,

On Bitston, Newport & Forist coal; proper certificates being produced of the same having been sold to Highworth, Faringdon & other places not less than nine miles distance from the wharf & not being in the line of Canal, Two Shillings per Ton of 20 cw<sup>t</sup>. The same allowance to be made to all Importers & purchasers of coal at Brimscomb port upon the production of the certificates required as above.

Resolved, That Sir Edward Littleton Bart, Lowbridge Bright Esq. The Rev. D<sup>r</sup>. Disney, Matthew Chalie, Lancelot Studwell, John Lane, John Stevenson Salt, Lancelot Chambers, Edward Loveden Loveden, Thomas Lane, John Disney, Robert Rottleston, and Thomas Perry, Esquires be and are hereby elected a Committee for conducting the affairs of this Company.

Resolved, That the net proceeds of this Canal for the year ending the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant, having amounted to £5084. 8. 9 which

which will enable the Company to pay a dividend of £1.10.0 p share, equally to the New share holders & the Proprietors of original shares; a dividend of £1.10.0 p share be made on each share in this undertaking accordingly conformably to certain Articles of agreement bearing date 12<sup>th</sup> June 1809.

111100 x

Viz: on 1111 New shares, the holders whereof are now entitled to receive their dividends.

87400

130000

24500

on 874 Original shares, the holders of which subscribed for Half shares; and all of which original share holders who have executed the said Articles of agreement, are likewise now entitled to receive their dividends.

42600

on 426 Original shares, the holders of which did not subscribe for Half shares; the amount of whose dividends are to be retained.

3900  
111100 x

115000

on 34 Shares to be reserved for those Mortgages & Bond holders who have not yet signed the said Articles of agreement, their claims amounting to ----- 4025

of which are fractions to be paid off ----- 125  
Total 2450 Shares leaving £3900

That the Treasurer do transfer the sum of £3675 being equal to £1.10.0 p share on 2450 shares from the Proprietors account previous to the 5<sup>th</sup> June next, on which day the said dividend shall be payable. And that he do pay & retain the same pursuant to the above resolution.

That a copy of this resolution be sent, signed by M<sup>r</sup> Warford to each proprietor, except those whose dividends are to be retained.

That out of the said £3675 the Treasurer do transfer the sum of £639 being equal to £1.10.0 p share on the 426 original shares above mentioned & which is to be retained as aforesaid to an account in the names of John Disney, John Stevenson Salt & Lancelot Chambers Esquires to be by them invested in Government securities until wanted for the General purposes of this Company.

That the Treasurer do transfer from the proprietors account to a separate account in his books the sum of £845.5 being equal to 21 p c on £4025 the amount of Mortgages & Bonds held by persons who have not yet signed the Articles of Agreement.

That he do also transfer the sum of £36.5 to the last mentioned separate account being equal to 24 p c on £125 the amount of sums less than £100 in the said sum of £4025

That out of the said £3675 he do also transfer the sum of £58.10 to the last mentioned separate account being equal to £1.10.0 p share on the 34 shares reserved for persons holding

Mortgages & Bonds who have not yet signed the Articles of agreement.

That the Treasurer be directed to invest the said sum of £845.5-£36.5 and £58.10- in the purchase of Exchequer bills for account of the Mortgages & Bond-holders of the said £4025- when they shall have signed the said Articles of Agreement.

Resolved, That this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1810 at the Globe Tavern in Fleet Street London, and be made special to consider of the propriety of forming a junction with the With and Berks Canal Navigation

	Shares
John Dinney Jr	36
D <sup>r</sup> for J <sup>r</sup> Dinley	49
D <sup>r</sup> for L <sup>d</sup> D <sup>r</sup> Fytche Esq.	256
D <sup>r</sup> for M <sup>r</sup> Ann Setb	10
D <sup>r</sup> for Richard Miller	4
D <sup>r</sup> for Abraham Wilkinson	10
George Edw <sup>d</sup> Hales	4
Tho Lane	26
D <sup>r</sup> for John Lane Esq.	25
D <sup>r</sup> as Executor of William Barrett Esq <sup>r</sup> dec'd	19
Matthew Chalie	107
ditto for M <sup>r</sup> Susannah Chalie Admin <sup>r</sup> of John Chalie	100
J S Salt	54
late W Sparlings	2
D <sup>r</sup> Adm <sup>r</sup> of Th <sup>r</sup> Stevenson	3
D <sup>r</sup> Executor of W Stevenson dec'd	100
D <sup>r</sup> W Stevenson dec'd & J <sup>r</sup> Collins	26
D <sup>r</sup> for Sir Edw <sup>d</sup> Littleton Bar <sup>t</sup>	162
D <sup>r</sup> as Executor of F Littleton Esq	18
D <sup>r</sup> for A Webb	57
D <sup>r</sup> for Adm <sup>r</sup> of W <sup>r</sup> Beech	28
D <sup>r</sup> for Rev <sup>d</sup> S Storrard	7
Lancelot Chambers	5
D <sup>r</sup> for C Chambers	60
D <sup>r</sup> for J. Chambers	30
D <sup>r</sup> for F. Chambers	40
D <sup>r</sup> for J <sup>r</sup> Chambers	5
	1243

1810

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors  
of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation holden  
by adjournment at the Globe Tavern Fleet  
Street London on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 1810-

Present	Proxies
John Disney Jr Esq <sup>r</sup>	The Rev. D. Disney
John Stevenson Salt Esq <sup>r</sup>	Lewis Disney Esq <sup>r</sup>
Thomas Lane Esq <sup>r</sup>	Ann Jobb
Samuel Chamber Esq <sup>r</sup>	Richard Miller
Matthew Chalie Esq <sup>r</sup>	Christ <sup>r</sup> Chambers Esq <sup>r</sup>
Maxwell Farthshore M.D.	Samuel Chamber Esq <sup>r</sup>
Abraham Wilkinson M.D.	Francis Chambers
M <sup>r</sup> Timothy Leach	J <sup>r</sup> Chambers Esq <sup>r</sup>
M <sup>r</sup> James Black	Exor of Sophia Chambers
	Exor of Tho <sup>s</sup> Stevenson
	Exor of W <sup>m</sup> Stevenson
	Exor of W <sup>m</sup> Stevenson John Collins
	J <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup> Littleton Esq <sup>r</sup>
	Exor of Fisher Littleton Esq <sup>r</sup>
	Henry Webb Esq <sup>r</sup>
	Admint. of W <sup>m</sup> Duck
	Rev. & Stafford

M<sup>r</sup> Disney having read the following com-  
munication from The Company of Proprietors of  
the Wilts & Berks Canal &

Sir

I beg leave to inclose you a copy of the  
Resolutions of the last Meeting of the Committee  
of Management of the Wilts & Berks Canal relative  
to a Junction with the Thames & Severn, & if you  
will have the goodness to address your answer to  
Lord Peterborough; His Lordship will attend to it,  
and enter into any further correspondence that may  
be necessary.

I am Sir  
Your very Obed<sup>t</sup> & Able Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Highworth June 23. 1810  
Jas Crowdy

To John Disney Esq<sup>r</sup>  
London.

Wilts & Berks Canal Committee Meeting 22 June 1810  
At this Meeting M<sup>r</sup> Whitworth reported that

he had surveyed the Country between the Wilts & Berks and Thames & Severn Canals & found that a Junction might be formed by means of a Canal from & out of the Wilts & Berks near Wootton Bassett to the Thames & Severn near Yeving, which would be easy in its execution and well supplied with water, but that in the event of such Junction taking place it would be expedient for the Thames & Severn Company to alter their Locks between their Summit Level & Primscombe port. Resolved that it is the opinion of this meeting that such Junction would very much promote the Interests of both concerns & be highly beneficial to the Public.

Resolved that no time should be lost in taking the necessary proceedings preparatory to an application to Parliament in the next Session for power to make such Junction Canal & that Mr Crowly & Mr Whitworth do give such Notices and prepare such plans & Books of Reference as are required by the regulations of Parliament.

Resolved that the undertaking be called the Severn Junction Canal. Resolved that a right of Subscription to the amount of £20,000 in shares of £50 each towards making such Canal be reserved for the Landowners on the Line; that the option of subscribing a further sum of £20,000 in like shares be offered to the proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal and that the respective Proprietors of Shares in the Wilts & Berks Canal be allowed the benefit of subscribing for one share of £50 in respect of every 5 Shares held by them in the said Wilts & Berks Canal. And that persons holding shares less than 5 or exceeding divisions into fives be allowed to class themselves & nominate the subscriber.

Resolved that the several persons (except Landowners) who wish to avail themselves of their right of Subscription under the above resolutions do pay £1 as a deposit for 1/10 part of each Share to Messrs Child & Co Bankers Abingdon, or to Messrs Williams & Co Bankers of Birchin Lane London on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August next or they will be excluded the preference given them.

Resolved that the Principal Clerk do send a copy of these resolutions to J Disney Esq and request to be favored with an early answer whether the Thames & Severn Proprietors will make the necessary alterations in their Locks, and raise the subscription of £20,000 or any less sum and at the same time to inform Mr Disney that the Proprietors of the Severn Junction Canal will bind themselves to return to the Thames & Severn Canal by a proper Steam Engine, or other means all the water that they may draw from thence to supply their Locks, and that they will expect to be paid a reasonable price to be settled by their Engineers for any additional supply that they may afford to the Thames & Severn which may be very considerable.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Assembly that the above propositions are not eligible to the Thames & Severn Canal. But they are of opinion that a junction with the Wilts & Berks Canal, from another point of the Thames & Severn Canal at or near Inglesham to or near Hackran bridge on the Wilts & Berks Canal would be more advantageous. it is therefore

Resolved That it be referred to the General

Committee of this Company to confer with  
the Wilt & Berks Company on the subject of  
the above line of junction

	Shares
John Disney Jr	36.
for Dr Disney	49.
Lewis Disney ffytche	256.
for Mrs Ann Webb	10.
for Richard Millar	4.
James Black	5.
J Chambers	5
de C Chambers	60
de J Chambers	30
- F Chambers	40
- M Chambers	5
Matthew Phalee	107.
J. S. Salt	56
D <sup>o</sup> for Adm <sup>r</sup> G <sup>r</sup> Sherson	3
D <sup>o</sup> for W <sup>m</sup> Sherson	100
D <sup>o</sup> for W <sup>m</sup> Sherson decd + John Collins	26
D <sup>o</sup> for Sir Edm <sup>d</sup> Littleton Bart	162
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At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames and Severn Canal Navigation holden at the Globe Tavern Fleet Street London on Tuesday the 2. day of October 1810

Present

Proxies

John Disney Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas Lane Esq<sup>r</sup>  
John Stevenson Salt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Richard Miller Gent<sup>l</sup>  
James Black Gent<sup>l</sup>  
Matthew Chalie Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Robert Rolleston Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> George Edward Vales

The Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Disney  
Lewis Disney Fyfe Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Ann Jebb  
Admor of Thomas Stevenson Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>  
Exor of William Stevenson Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>  
William Stevenson dec<sup>d</sup> & John Collins  
Sir Edward Littleton Bar<sup>t</sup>  
Exor of Fisher Littleton Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>  
Henry Webb Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Admin<sup>r</sup> of William Beech  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Egerton Stafford  
John Lane Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Exor of William Barrett Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup> and

Resolved That that set of Rules Bye Laws and orders made and passed at a general assembly of this Company on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1789 beginning with the words "That all boats passing the five Locks below the summit pond &c be revoked and repealed and they are hereby revoked and repealed accordingly.

Resolved also that the Rules bye laws and orders made and passed at a General Assembly of this Company on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1789 be revoked and repealed and they are hereby revoked and repealed accordingly.

Resolved That in lieu thereof the following Rules and Orders be made bye laws of this Company and they are hereby made Bye Laws accordingly.

1. That no Boat of less burthen than Sixty Tons shall use this Canal or

pass through the Locks thereof, between Brimscombe Port and  
Inglesham Lock between the first day of April and the first day  
of December in every Year except the same be loaded with Salt  
and of the length of Sixty feet and of the width of twelve feet  
And that from the first day of December to the first day of April  
no boat of less than 40 Tons <sup>burthen</sup> to pass any lock of this Canal between  
Brimscombe port and Inglesham Lock without permission of  
the Company's Agent at Brimscombe port or at Liddington, and  
every Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman or other person offending  
against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum  
of five pounds. —

2. That no Shaft or Pole exceeding fourteen feet in length or which  
has not a knob of Wood of six inches diameter at least, affixed  
at the end of it be used in managing any boat or Vessel navigating  
this Canal — And that every Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman or  
other person navigating such boat or Vessel who shall use or  
have on board for the purpose of using any Shaft or Pole shod with  
Iron or with a crop bar of Wood at the end, or use any rope or line  
wrapped or twisted round the Shaft or pole to turn or stop any  
boat or Vessel, or shall use or have on board for the purpose of  
using any Shaft or Pole of any other dimensions or — — —  
description than that first above described shall for every  
such offence forfeit the sum of twenty shillings. —

3. That no boat or Vessel shall be navigated upon this Canal with  
the Stern foremost or without a rudder at the Stern or without  
three sufficient men at least able to work it nor shall any Boat  
or Vessel whether loaded or unloaded, be haled along the Canal  
without a person at the Helm to guide the same, nor  
without the halving Line being affixed to the Mast, to  
prevent the Boat running or beating against Bridges,  
Banks, or other works of the Canal; and the Bargeman  
Waterman Boatman or other person belonging to such Boat or  
Vessel offending against this Bye Law shall <sup>for every such offence</sup> forfeit the sum  
of twenty shillings. —

4. That every empty Boat or vessel passing upon this Canal  
shall give way to every loaded Boat or Vessel untill the loaded  
Boat or Vessel has cleared the empty Boat or Vessel and  
that every loaded Boat or Vessel going from Cirencester or  
Liddington in each Line of this Canal shall give way in  
manner as aforesaid, to every loaded Boat or Vessel coming  
towards Cirencester or Liddington and the Bargeman,



Waterman, ~~Wharf~~ or Boatman or other person belonging to such Boat or Vessel offending against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of forty shillings.

5. That no Boat or Vessel shall pass any Lock Stop Gate, or Tunnel on this Canal when it shall appear that there are not two clear inches of Water between the bottom of such Boat or Vessel and the Sill of such Lock, Stop Gate or Tunnel and the Burgeman, Waterman, Boatman, or other Person belonging to such Boat or Vessel offending against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of Forty shillings.

6. That all Coals, Goods, Merchandise and other things which shall be unloaded upon any Wharf, shall be placed at least five feet from the Water Edge, and in such part of the Wharf as the Wharfinger shall direct and order and every Burgeman Waterman Boatman or other person offending against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of Forty shillings.

7. That where any Stone Timber, or other things whatsoever, are put on board any Boat or Vessel not at a Wharf belonging to this Company, notice thereof shall be given to the Company's Wharfinger at the nearest Wharf to such place of loading, and a permit conformable to the regulation of the Act 23 Geo. 3. c. 39. there taken out before such Boat or Vessel shall proceed on her passage, and every Burgeman Waterman, Boatman or other person offending against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of forty shillings.

8. That every loaded Boat or Vessel coming up to any Wharf belonging to this Company shall be unloaded as soon as may be without delay and every Burgeman, Waterman Boatman or other person belonging to such Boat or Vessel offending against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of five pounds.

9. That every Boat or Vessel when arrived at any Wharf on this Canal which is not actually bona fide loading or unloading, and also every Boat or Vessel which has been loaded or unloaded at any such Wharf shall be removed and make way for any other Boat or Vessel coming up to the said Wharf to load or unload and every Burgeman Waterman, Boatman or other person belonging to such Boat or Vessel firstly & secondly above

mentioned offending) against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of forty shillings -

10. That if any Bargeman Waterman Boatman or other person shall take into or discharge out of any Boat or Vessel the whole or any part of the loading of any Boat or Vessel upon the bank or banks of any aqueduct on this Canal or shall take into or discharge out of any Boat the whole or any part of the loading upon the bank or banks of any lock on this Canal without the permission of the Company's Agent at Brimscombe port or Tiddington (and having obtained such permission then and in such case the Goods or other thing so taken into or discharged out of any Boat or Vessel as aforesaid shall be liable to pay the same Wharfage as if the same were taken into or discharged out of any Boat or Vessel at any of the regular Wharfs in the said Canal) he shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of forty shillings. - - -

11. That no Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman or other person 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 and every Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman, or other person offending against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of twenty shillings -

12. That every Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman or other person belonging to any Boat or Vessel on this Canal 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 <sup>there</sup> so moored as not to incommode the passage of the said Canal or Towing paths or the loading or unloading of any Boat or Vessel and every Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman or other person offending against this Bye Law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of forty shillings -

13. That if any Bargeman Waterman Boatman or other person shall wilfully unmoor any Boat and leave the same adrift or shall float any Planks or Timber along the said

Canal he shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of twenty shillings -  
14. That if any Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman or other person shall throw Stone or other Rubbish into this Canal or Wash Sheep or Butcher therein or turn horses, cattle, Sheep or Swine loose upon the towing path of this Canal or throw or send in any Dog or other animal into the said Canal he shall for every such offence the sum of twenty shillings -

15. That if any Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman, or other person navigating any Boat or Vessel on this Canal shall leave any Gate or Gates Bridge or Bridges upon this Canal open longer than is necessary for the Horse or Person having such Boat or Vessel to pass such Gate or Gates or for such Boat or Vessel to pass such Bridge he shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of twenty shillings.

16. That Boats going through the Tunnel on this Canal from Daneway shall enter the Lapperton end thereof a Twelve o'clock at Noon and at Twelve o'clock at night and at no other time and Boats going through the Tunnel on this Canal from Thames head shall enter the Coatsfield end thereof at Seven o'clock in the morning and at Seven o'clock at night and no other time and every Bargeman Waterman Boatman or other person who shall offend against this bye law shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of five pounds.

17. That the Watchman at Daneway shall keep the paddles of the Daneway upper Lock always padlocked except at the times when any Boat or Vessel shall be actually passing and that he do not suffer any water to be drawn from the summit Level at Daneway lock in any dry Season when there shall be a scarcity of water till six hours after the last Boat entered that end of the Tunnel except for the purpose of letting down such Boats as may then be waiting above Daneway upper lock to go downwards.

18. That if any Bargeman Waterman Boatman or other person shall hale an empty Boat or other Vessel on this Canal with more than one horse or shall hale any loaded Boat or Vessel with more than two horses he shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of Forty shillings -

19. That if any Bargeman Waterman, Boatman or other person

Person shall use the Towing path of this Canal for any other purpose than as a towing path without leave in writing from the Companys Agent at Primscombe port or at Saddington he shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of Forty shillings.

20. That every Bargeman Waterman, Boatman or other person who shall obstruct oppose or hinder any Agent Watchman or other Servant of this Company in the execution of their duty or in carrying these byelaws into full and complete effect shall for every such offence forfeit the penalty of five pounds.

John Disney Jr  
Chairman



Witness Harry Harford

The proceedings of the Committee since the last General Assembly being read,

Resolved, that the same are confirmed & approved.

Resolved, that the proceedings of the deputation of the Committee met at Abingdon on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July last and their agreement with the deputation there met from the With and Berks company be confirmed and approved.

Resolved that the Committee be at liberty to vary the said agreement made at Abingdon if necessary in such way as they may see expedient, and beneficial to this company

Resolved that as several respectable & large proprietors of this undertaking who were not able to attend this meeting have signified their wish that a survey of the best point of junction between this canal & the With & Berks canal should be made by some other able Surveyor as well as M<sup>r</sup> Black: and the With & Berks company having applied to the Committee of this company to vary the point of junction agreed upon at

Aling down on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1810 and by doing so leaving open the discussion as to the exact point of union, it is the opinion of this meeting that some other Engineer of eminence be requested to make a survey of the best point of junction consistent with the interest of the Thames & Severn Canal & report accordingly to the general Committee of this company.

Resolved, that Sir Edward Littleton Bart. Lowbridge Bright Esq. The Rev. D. Disney, Matthew Chalie, Lancelot Shadwell, John Stevenson Salt, Lancelot Chambers, Edward Lovedon Lovedon, Thomas Lane, John Disney, Robert Rolleston, Thomas Parry and James Black Esquires be and are hereby elected a committee for conducting the affairs of this company.

Resolved, that this General Assembly be adjourned to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Instant

	Shares
John Disney Jr.	36.
D <sup>o</sup> for D. Disney	49.
D <sup>o</sup> for Lewis Disney Hytche Esq.	256
D <sup>o</sup> for M <sup>rs</sup> Ann Tebb	10
J. S. Salt	59
D <sup>o</sup> Adm <sup>r</sup> of Tho. Stevensa decd	3
D <sup>o</sup> Exor of W. Stevensa decd	100
D <sup>o</sup> for W. Stevensa decd & G. Collins	26
D <sup>o</sup> for Sir Edw. Littleton Bart	162
D <sup>o</sup> as Executor of Fisher Littleton decd	18
D <sup>o</sup> for Harry Webb	57
D <sup>o</sup> for Adm <sup>r</sup> of W. Beech	28
D <sup>o</sup> for Rev. G. Stafford	7
James Black	5.
George Edw. Hales	4.
Matthew Chalie	107.
Ditto for Susannah Chalie	95.
Ditto for Henry Skrine	47.
Robert Rolleston	103
Tho Lane	26.
D <sup>o</sup> for John Lane Esq	25.
D <sup>o</sup> as Executor of William Barrett Esq deceased	19.

At a General Assembly of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal Navigation, holden by adjournment at the house of John Sturmon Salt Lechard street London — Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1810 —

Present

Thomas Lane Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Disney Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Sturmon Salt Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Robert Roltston Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 James Black Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 W<sup>m</sup> George Hales  
 Matthew Chalie Esq<sup>r</sup>

Proxies

Thos<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Disney  
 Lewis Disney Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Ann Webb  
 John Lane Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Executor of W<sup>m</sup> Barrett Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Adm<sup>r</sup> of Th<sup>s</sup> Sturmon Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Exor of W<sup>m</sup> Sturmon Esq<sup>r</sup> a  
 J<sup>r</sup> & J<sup>r</sup> John Collins  
 Sir Edw. Littleton Bart<sup>r</sup>  
 D<sup>r</sup> as Exor of Fisher Littleton Esq<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Henry Webb Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Adm<sup>r</sup> of W<sup>m</sup> Beach dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> Eytton Stafford  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Susanna Chalie  
 Henry Skive Esq<sup>r</sup>

Resolved, that the bounties allowed on coal sold at Lechlade wharf &c agreeable to a resolution of a General Assembly held the 24<sup>th</sup> of April last be discontinued from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> — till the 1<sup>st</sup> of April next except the bounties on such coal as may be taken in boats down the river Thames to any distance on the said river not less than nine miles from Lechlade. The bounties on coal so taken down the river Thames to be continued till further orders.

Resolved, that this General Assembly be adjourned to Tuesday April 2<sup>d</sup> 1811 —

	Shares	Brought up	
John Disney Jr	36	I & Salt for Henry Webb	972
for D Disney	49	ditto for Adm <sup>r</sup> of W <sup>m</sup> Beach	57
for L. D. Hytche Esq <sup>r</sup>	256	ditto for Rev <sup>d</sup> E. Stafford	28
for Ann Webb	10	Robert Roltston	7
for R. Miller	4	George Edw <sup>d</sup> Hales	103
Matthew Chalie	107	James Black	4
Ditto for Susanna Chalie	95	Thos Lane	5
Ditto for Henry Skive	47	Ditto for John Lane Esq <sup>r</sup>	26
I. S. Salt	59	Ditto as Executor of William Barrett Esq <sup>r</sup>	25
ditto Adm <sup>r</sup> of Th <sup>s</sup> Sturmon	3		19
ditto Exor of W <sup>m</sup> Sturmon	100	Shares	1246
ditto for W <sup>m</sup> Sturmon & Collins	26		
ditto for Sir Edw <sup>d</sup> Littleton	162		
D <sup>r</sup> as Exor of F. Littleton	18		
	<u>972</u>		