

Thames and Severn Canal Company: Letters Reporting Activities in 1809 (Gloucestershire Archives TS/215)

Weekly letters from Brimscombe Agent J R Denyer to Company Treasurer J S Salt in London reporting on current issues, including:

Price of coals varied with the season.

Controversy over assessment for the Property Tax in parishes or for the business as a whole.

Floods worse than 1795 led to a serious slip at Wallbridge.

Long delay over finalising conveyances with Mrs Lewis.

Need for long open shed at Brimscombe to be enclosed.

Information about best available roofing materials for buildings at Brimscombe.

Dispatch policy changed from holding for particular boat to shipping by first that arrives.

Maintenance carried out when traffic held up elsewhere.

Completion of Bristol docks made cranes available to purchase.

Difficulties in collecting signatures to deed restructuring Company's finances.

Good trade this year.

7 January 1809

On my return from Cricklade this evening, where I have been in order to break the ice, I received your letter of yesterday's date. In reply, no insurance whatever is made at Bristol on property belonging to the Company. I have acquainted Mrs Lewis and Mr Johnson, Mr Pitt being gone to London, that the Company have discontinued to insure the premises they purchased since 25 December last.

The remaining parts of two £10 notes will be sent by coach on Monday.

9 January 1809

I wrote to Mr Harford 7th instant in which I remitted the halves of two £10 cash notes the corresponding parts of which I now enclose. Also a draft B Beddoine on Samuel Beddoine to the credit of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge.

Notwithstanding the frost has left us upwards of a week, the canal was not generally navigable 'till Saturday last. I do not suppose any part of the coal on board the boats now at Lechlade will appear in Hipsley's return. He will have on the Wharf by Tuesday upwards of 160 tons, and as I have given particular orders that no time may be lost in the return of the boats, I hope to be able to keep a supply there. Oxford and Wilts & Berks Canal dealers have invariably made it a practice of advancing their coal with the severity of the season, which in a great measure enables them to sell at low prices in the Summer. This has never been the case on the T&S Canal, but I think it might be done to advantage. Bilston coal was raised last week 6d per ton at the collieries and 6d more it is expected will be added by the Stourport dealers. I hope the Foresters will soon be to hand in plenty.

There is a meeting of the iron masters at Newport to be held the latter end, Friday, of this week at that place. We are now receiving vast quantities of iron from thence and wish to arrange matters for a continuance of it. Mr Miller proposes going if any person will accompany him. I have in consequence promised him, with the Committees approbation, as I conceive it equally if not more to the advantage of the Canal than the carriers. I have likewise a wish to arrange for a supply of coal from there as well as Forest till the railways are done from Lydney, both of which are at present very scarce. I must therefore request the answer of the Committee on Wednesday if it meets their concurrence.

There is now a higher flood in the River Thames than has been known for years. Boats of course cannot work.

It has never been finally settled what part of the expenses at Lechlade should be charged to the Proprietors. I think half Hipsley's salary will be very fair. The housage received there nearly covers the rent and taxes. As 5th April is drawing on this should be fixed.

The following drafts on account of Committee of Trade have been drawn on you to pay for coal:

7 January 1809 To Thomas Ball at 2 months £30;

9 January 1809 To Thomas Ball at 2 months £40.

This letter was originally intended for the packet but the uncertainty of it's arriving in time for the answers of the Committee to be returned induced me to send it by post, the bill of notes by packet.

14 January 1809

Herewith you will receive the weekly return and cash account.

Goods continue to increase so very fast at this place that I am apprehensive they will experience great delay for want of boats after the present extraordinary high flood has decreased sufficiently to let them work. Arrangements are however making to get them forward as soon as possible.

I hope Mr Pitt has or will fulfil his promise of calling on Disney.

In consequence of my horse falling with me, by which I received some severe bruises, prior to the receipt of your letter so as to render me incapable of leaving home, Mr Miller declined going to Newport. The iron masters who are not residents there hold their meetings quarterly, so that provided the Committee think it expedient for me to accompany Mr Miller at a future period, it shall be attended to. I cannot but think an interview would be of advantage to the concern.

19 January 1809

I wrote you per packet on Sunday.

In my letter to you 30th May last I stated some occurrences that at that period happened respecting the Property Tax to which I must beg leave to refer, having been called upon by the Collector for the payment of £20 Property Tax on 'profits of Trade etc' arising in the parish of Minchinhampton to 5th April 1807. This sum has been called for before, but I have hitherto succeeded in appeasing the Collector by informing him the liability of the Company to pay appropriate Property Tax on Trade was before the Commissioners in London for their decision, and that their answer was daily expected. He is however now determined to have the matter settled directly as he is called upon to pay the money and threatens to seize if not paid in the early part of the ensuing week. It appears this sum is for the profits arising in the parish of Minchinhampton only, and if the Company are liable to the payment of it, they will also be obliged to pay a similar tax in every parish through which the canal runs or make a return of the whole of their income in one parish and stating the various parishes in which it arises. The £20 in question was assessed in December 1806, being some months prior to the day of appeal (May) which I attended, the result of which my letter before alluded to will show. As the same inspector and surveyor attends several of the neighbouring parishes there is no doubt but they will soon levy that tax in all of them and most probably a surcharge for not making a proper return, which is the fact if the Company are liable to pay. I must therefore request instructions from the Committee how to act. Mr Baker who is collector for the year ending 5th April last has a similar demand upon the Company.

23rd January 1809

With this you will receive the weekly accounts of the transactions at this place.

I wrote to you respecting the Property Tax last week.

The severe frost setting in a second time so suddenly is a truly unfortunate circumstance, the boats on the Thames not having moved during the thaw owing to the flood. We have now

nearly 2000 tons of goods at this place and Framilode, and when they will be taken away after the weather changes I cannot foresee. If the thaw is accompanied by rain, we may reasonably expect the flood to be much higher than the last

The Committee will perceive by the return that I prevailed upon Brewin & Co to load one freight of coal to Lechlade for me in hopes of being able to put a small stock upon that wharf prior to a second frost commencing, but my expectations were soon frustrated, that boat as well as one of Mr Miller's (with coal for same place) being stopped at the tunnel. Whenever the weather does break, the Committee may be assured no exertion shall be wanting to speedily get a supply there.

30 January 1809

Understanding the coaches could not travel for several days in consequence of an aqueduct at Buscot being blown, I have of course deferred sending the packet from this place. The flood here has been considerably higher than it was in the year 1795 and a great deal of damage has ensued. The canal, although a very great sufferer, I do not think is so much damaged in proportion to its extent as the property of its neighbours. The most serious that has arisen in this part of it is a slip of about 60 yards forward of the garden occupied by the Company's watchman at Wallbridge so as to completely obstruct the passage of loaded boats. However Mr Proctor and myself with the aid of men removed away on Saturday so as to make the Canal navigable, and so as I hope it will remain until a proper season for completing it. Hipsley in a letter received says 'I need not say about the flood which is the greatest any man remembers, but is going off very fast. If we had had a large stock of coals, the Company would have been considerable sufferers.'

The outstanding balance at Lechlade has long been a subject that has occupied no small part of my attention, as the Committee no doubt must remember from my letters. (Details given.) I beg not to be understood as possessing an idea that this sum would not be forthcoming if required, but that the profits on the trade will not support it and that it might be materially reduced (if not wholly) by perseverance without injuring the trade. I have desired Hipsley to consult with Walker & Fidell as to the best and proper period for commencing a ready money trade, provided it meets the Committee's approbation. In consequence of the late advances, both in coal and freight, I have also desired him to raise the Bilston 1s per ton and to sell the Newport at the same price as the Forest.

9 o'clock - the post which should have arrived at 12 o'clock yesterday is but this minute come, by which I have Mr Harford's letter, with transfers, to the whole of which due attention shall be paid. As I now reside in Stroud parish, it will I think be better to make the income return there. The Commissioners also for that parish being persons to whom I am known and principally Proprietors of the Stroudwater Canal. Any difficulty arising an appeal to them would be much better. You will be so good as return me Mr Miller's bill who has paid me the amount. When it was drawn, he fully supposed that his boat which left here 13th December would have arrived in London long before the bill became due, and consequently it would have been provided for. It is very singular Mr Pitt has not called on Mr Disney. Mr Miller has not yet completed his purchase.

I thank Mr Harford for his enquiries. I have nearly got over the whole of the accident.

4 February 1809

Enclosed you will receive D Atwood on Boldero & Co £60 and Thornbury & Co on Andrews & Co £37 10s to the credit of the Proprietors of the T & S Canal. Also Edmund Yates on Robert Peel & Co £18 10s, John Palling on Fryer Telford & Co £73 15s and Thomas Hipsley Hipsley on Sills Sons & Co £100 to the credit of the Committee of Trade, the receipts be pleased to acknowledge.

I hope the Thames will again be navigable in a day or two. The late stoppage has enabled us to get our books into tolerable order, which it was impossible could otherwise be so, from the

late increase of trade. I am apprehensive I shall be under the necessity of requesting leave to procure the assistance of another person to enable me to conduct the business with that regularity and dispatch so very necessary in this concern. Consolidating the accounts in the manner lately mentioned by the Committee would certainly tend materially to lessen the indoor work at this place. But if our trade, as I hope and trust it will, continues as for several months past, I do not think (even were the accounts consolidated) it could be carried on without another clerk.

Mr Loveden has written me to say he has received information from the Surveyor of the Forest railways that they will be completed in 6 months and coal delivered at Severn Side at a price not exceeding 11s per ton. This price I hope far exceeds what it will eventually be, as otherwise it will not have that effect upon the market which has always been expected. We could not possibly reduce our present price more than 4s per ton. Mr Loveden also informs me that he has 'at last prevailed on the Commissioners to remedy the great effect at Sutton lock below Abingdon where a new pound lock and cut will be made this Summer. The estimate amounts to £6,000, and the money is all ready.' This will, carried into effect, be a grand improvement on that part of the Thames.

11 February 1809

Herewith you have the halves of notes £21, the corresponding parts per coach this day.

I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 7th.

The Commissioners for the Property Tax told me they should submit the Company's case for the decision of the Board in London, since which I have never heard a word about it. The Inspector and Surveyor, who are the only acting persons, reside in the neighbourhood of Bristol so that I have not been able to see either of them. The £20 called for by the Collector is to 5th April 1807, and Mr Baker has the same demand to 5th April 1808. It was in May last I went before the Commissioners. I am therefore of opinion these two sums had better be paid and let the matter rest to come before the Stroud Commissioners, who no doubt in consequence of my returning that 'the liability of the Company to pay was left for the decision of the Board in London and that as soon as it was known a return would be made across accordingly' will ultimately summon me before them when I must plainly appear no evasion was intended on the part of the Company. The sum mentioned was £2500 as of my letter of 30th of May last.

I have seen Mr Pitt who says he did not call on Mr Disney in consequence of a note left at his lodgings stating him to be out of town. He has since seen Lewis' who do not appear willing to take the present title but are willing to pay any additional expense that may be incurred by introducing a clause into the Act about to be obtained. Mr Pitt promised me he would write the Committee fully upon it addressed to Mr Salt, 80 Lombard Street.

I have forwarded 20 tons Tenby coal to Lechlade this week and more shall be sent.

11 February 1809

Enclosed you have remaining parts of cash notes remitted per post this day £21, ten £1 cash notes and draft Pitt & Co on Esdaile & Co £70 to the credit of the Committee of Trade, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge. The following draft to debit of same account has been drawn on you since my last:

10 February 1809. To Henry Lewis at 2 months £30 10s.

20 February 1809

Enclosed you will receive drafts to the credit of the Proprietors of the T&S Canal, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge.

I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 15th, the contents of which shall have due attention. I am at a loss to discover the cause of Mr Pitt's not writing as he promised. I have written to the Inspector respecting the Property Tax.

The flood continues too high for the boats to work. A few fine days will however release them, but the river is in so bad a state that the carriers are afraid to move them and have even thought it prudent to insure, which Messrs Wyatts have done to the amount of £1,000 and Brookings to a proportionate amount. In consequence of the vast influx of goods, we have been under the necessity of depositing a great many goods, more than usual, in the long open shed, some of which I am apprehensive will receive injury although every possible care has been taken to prevent it. This place has never answered the intended purpose, the rain and snow when accompanied by wind drifting nearly through it, and consequently obliging us to cover the goods with tarpaulins in the same manner as though on the open wharf. I have however deferred bringing the subject before the Committee in hopes some of them would have visited this place and have seen the necessity of its being enclosed. The expense of making it one of the most useful warehouses would I imagine be from £20 to £30, and as well as secure the goods from damage, it would contain at least one third more than at present, owing to our not being able to stow them near the ends or sides.

I have arranged Lechlade Wharf accommodation in such a way as I hope to answer the desired purpose.

The roof of the house and shops at the Bourne yard is in a very decayed state and nearly falling in. I have had it supported by props etc as well as it can be, but it must be stripped and new timber either the next or following summer. The tiler has also informed me that he cannot prevent the rain getting into the Salt Warehouse (late Mr Jacobs) with the tile that covers it. It will be recollected the Company were at an expense of about £12 two or three years ago in re-laying the tile in hopes of keeping it dry. It appears however to have proved ineffectual and unless the weather is kept from the roof which is elm it will very soon be rotten.

25 February 1809

Enclosed you have the corresponding parts of cash notes remitted by post this day to the credit of the T&S Committee of Trade, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge.

25 February 1809

You will herewith receive the halves of cash notes value £45 5s, the remaining parts by coach.

Some parts of the River Thames is at length navigable, and boats are proceeding upwards so that I hope soon to see the stock of goods now here somewhat reduced.

I expect Messrs Williams & Grenfell have or will pay the amount of their bill to Christmas £27.4.4 into your hands on account of the Proprietors.

6 March 1809

Enclosed you have Smith, Tate & Co on Glynn Mills & Co for £140 to the credit of the Proprietors of the T&S Canal, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge.

It was a supposition of my own that £20 or £30 pounds would enclose the long shed in a rough, though effectual, manner with slabs of timber etc but the best way would be with bricks. It will require 6 pairs of doors. If done it will certainly be the completest warehouse we have and, in addition to the reasons I have already pointed out, I am fearful I shall have to add the loss of two boxes tinplates which I am apprehensive have been stolen therefrom. I will have an estimate made of the expense of enclosing it, as well as of new roofing the shops etc at the Bourne Yard, which are let, and new tiling the Salt Warehouse. The latter will be a very serious expense. Its present covering is crooked pantiles which were sent by Mr Stuckey, Mr Jacobs' partner, being unsaleable, and of which he is the manufacturer.

We have about 2000 tons of goods prior in turn to Messrs Thompson & Co, round rods, and unless we pursue our original plan of forwarding goods in the same rotation as we receive them we shall disoblige our best customers and consequently injure the concern. I will

however, if possible, send them a few tons by an early boat. We have not any goods for Mr Martin.

I have at length obtained a copy of the opinion of the Board of Taxes, which is enclosed, as to the Company's liability to pay Property Tax. As I have not seen the Inspector, I cannot say how far back he intends to charge the Company or at what sum.

Drafts drawn on account of the Committee of Trade:

6 March 1809. Thomas Ball & Co at 2 months £35.

11 March 1809. Thomas Ball & Co at 2 months £35.

I have enclosed a plate of two scales for weighing sack goods. Mr Miller informs me he has seen them used and that they save a great deal of labour. The double one would not be of any use to us but I think the single one would. Mr Miller will point out their utility.

11 March 1809

The corresponding parts of cash notes £31 remitted by post this day are now enclosed.

11 March 1809

Enclosed you have the halves of cash notes value £31 to the credit of the Proprietors, of the T&S Canal, the remaining halves by coach.

I have sent by Mr Miller's boats that left yesterday 5 tons of Messrs Thompson & Co's coals. I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter respecting the Property Tax. I pointed out the difference between holders of shares and mortgagees to the Commissioners and was told that it made no kind of difference with regard to the payment, the Act particularly mentioning such cases. The only question upon which they had any doubt was from the interest having been due many years prior to the passing of the first Act, which they had stated, and the result was the opinion they then gave me. It's very uncertain when there may be another meeting of the Commissioners. When there is, I will wait upon them as the Committee wish, but the only decisive mode, I beg leave to suggest, would be by some person attending the Board in London and stating the case.

20 March 1809

Enclosed you have the cash accounts and weekly return of goods etc.

In reply to Mr Harford's favour of 18th, the amount of the two boxes of tin lost is from £7 to £10 depending on the quality of the article. Every floor of the warehouses are filled with goods as well as the Salt Warehouse built by Jacob & Co.

The Gloucester and Oxford papers are at present taken in. The latter is most useful to the concern as it contains advertisements relating to the River Thames. The former shall be discontinued.

I have had an estimate made of the expense of new covering the salt warehouse which including every expense amounts to £66-80-9. It is proposed to be done with quarry tile from the neighbourhood of Bisley, very good serviceable covering, and generally used. The blue slate except of the very superior sort, does not answer. The long open shed covered with Cardigan slate is continually in want of repair and in a few years will require a new covering. The only description of blue slate that would answer the purpose is the Ton slate, and the expense would exceed the before mentioned sum by more than half without being any better. Every practical means are used to get away the goods before short water commences, but it will I fear be a considerable time before any serious reduction is made in them owing to the imports continuing brisk.

The undermentioned draft on account of Committee of Trade has been drawn on you to pay for coal:

18 March 1809. To Mr Greenaway at 2 months £25.

27 March 1809

Enclosed you have the return and cash accounts of last week.

I have not heard from or seen Mr Pitt since I last reported to the Committee. Pray has he written the letter he promised to them? I shall go to Lechlade this week and on my return could call upon him and say any thing the Committee may be pleased to instruct me. In which case the letter should be directed for me at Hipsley's and be there on Thursday morning. Mrs Lewis seems very anxious about it.

The bankers' books with any entries that maybe for these books prior to 5th April, I shall be glad to receive as soon as convenient.

The drafts mentioned on the other side have been drawn on you since my last advice to the Directors of Committee of Trade.

22 March 1809. To William Guy at 2 months £30.

25 March 1809. To H Lewis at 2 months £100.

3 April 1809

Enclosed you have the halves of cash notes value £100.10; the remaining halves together with other notes are sent per coach being too numerous for post.

I called on Mr Pitt who informed me he had not written the Committee in consequence of Mrs Lewis being prevented by illness seeing him. He expects to see her this week and if possible will bring the matter to a close.

The Oxford and Wilts & Berks Canals have began to allow the bounty for the summer, and unless it is allowed on this canal, they certainly will injure the sales, but I would not recommend it's being continued longer than to the 29th September.

7 April 1809

I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 5th. The bounties to be allowed on coal sold at Lechlade Wharf being precisely the same as last year, I did not particularise them in the manner I otherwise should. It must of course extend to the Forest coal as well as Bilston and Newport sold to Highworth, Faringdon and places not less than 9 miles distant from the wharf, not being on the line of the Canal : 2s per ton. Cricklade Wharf need not be included, no coal being sold last year upon the bounty.

Mr Wyatt happening to be here at the time Mr Harford's letter was received, I thought it my duty to communicate that part of it relating to the carriers to him, at which he expressed his very great surprise, every exertion having been used since the boats have been able to navigate to get away the goods and without which exertion many of the goods now arrived in London must have still remained at this place. The Oxford and Grand Junction Canals have even been had recourse to, where the consignees would pay the difference in expense, and several hundred tons have been forward to London by that conveyance.

10 April 1809

Enclosed you have L & R Wyatt on Sills & Co £200, Richard Miller on Williams & Co £56 4 10d and four £5 5s notes to the credit of the Proprietors of the T&S Canal, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge. The cash account and weekly return are also enclosed.

17 April 1809

Herewith you will receive the cash accounts and weekly returns of last week. The half-yearly particulars I hope to send the latter end of the present.

The common blue slate are not worth putting on the Salt Warehouse nor will they keep out the weather better than the tile does at present. It is not a few that occasionally perish but literally the whole of them. In proof of this, the house purchased by Mr Miller built by the Company about 9 years since must be retiled this year, which Mr Miller has contracted with the same man employed in the Company's work to do with Bisley tile. The present roof of

the warehouse is sufficient to bear them as I do not think they are so heavy as the ton slate, which is the only blue slate calculated for the purpose, and the expense of which exceeds the Bisley by at least one third.

22 April 1809

Herewith you will receive the half yearly accounts of receipts and payments etc.

The long stoppage having made it necessary to employ every boat that could be spared to assist in reducing the stock of goods will account for the small quantity of coal sent to the fire engine which will now be speedily augmented.

On the other side is accounts of drafts drawn to the Director of the Committee of Trade to pay for coal:

22 April 1809. To Thomas Ball at 2 months £30.

24 April 1809. To Henry Lewis at 2 months £50.

25 April 1809

The Collector of Taxes having received notice to pay the balance due from him early in the next week, has called again respecting the £20 charged to the Company. I have informed him the Company's case is again laid before the Commissioners, and that their decision is daily expected. He however states that he must pay the money or produce an assurance from the Company that it will be paid if the decision is against them. I shall therefore be obliged by receiving directions upon it.

29 April 1809

I am duly favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 27th.

Enclosed you have sundry cash notes value £50. I don't know of any outstanding law expenses beyond £2 or £3 except what may be due to Mr Pitt. Annexed are particulars of house and travelling expenses for last half year.

I have called on Mr Pitt once since I saw him on my return from Lechlade and pointed out to him that as he was aware the consolidating of the mortgage and propriety interest was under parliamentary consideration and that as soon as it was effected I presumed a division of the property would take place and consequently the purchase must be completed and the money paid. His answer was that the money was ready and that as it bore full interest, no loss could arise, but that he would see Mrs Lewis (next week I since find he has appointed) and finally close the business.

Had not a high flood on the River Thames prevented the boats from navigating the whole of this week, we should have very materially decreased the stock of goods at this place, having 8 or 9 boats on their way to load. There certainly is a very great jealousy existing amongst the carriers but which I think principally arises from one of the party not understanding his business. Very few goods now come consigned to the Company and it is well understood by those parties that they are not carriers but wharfingers. I do not conceive there is any necessity to advertise or adopt any other mode, being so universally known to all regular shippers of goods through this canal, and whenever any application is made to me respecting freight, I always refer the parties to such of the carriers as may have the department from whence the goods are to be brought. This matter I have been particularly attentive to. Goods are not now suffered to remain for any particular boat's turn but shipped by the first that arrives. I don't know of more than one Brimscombe sized boat on the River Thames but what is employed in the conveyance of goods from here.

8 May 1809

Enclosed you have sundry cash notes value £43.10s to the credit of the Proprietors. I have also enclosed a pattern for a Wallbridge tonnage book, our present one being nearly out.

11 May 1809

Enclosed I return the list of Proprietors etc corrected to the present time. It was impossible to complete the list of the present holders of those shares the original proprietors of which did not subscribe to half shares in time for this day's post. It shall be sent tomorrow.

22 May 1809

On 12th instant I remitted you Pitt Croome & Co on Sir J Esdaile & Co at 1 month £70 which I hope came safe to hand and for which I will thank you for an acknowledgement. Enclosed you have three drafts to the credit of the Proprietors of the T&S Canal, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge (separate from the £70):

John Hyde on Thomas Hyde £30.

L & R Wyatt on Sills Sons & Co £289.

J R Denyer on R Miller (accepted on Sills & Co) £136 6 6d.

29 May 1809

Enclosed you have J Brookings on Sills, Sons & Co London: £100.

In reply to Mr Harford's letter of 23rd, the letter enclosing the £70 draft was annexed to the list of non-subscribers to half shares, but it did not contain any matter necessary to be repeated.

The goods at this place are at length drawing into a less compass, and I hope another fortnight will put us into a regular train of forwarding what may arrive without much delay here.

5 June 1809

Enclosed you have John Baker on Williams & Co London £65 14 9d. to the credit of the Proprietors of the T&S Canal, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge..

I hope to see our present stock of goods very considerably lessened in the course of the present week.

Since my last advice I have drawn on you to debit of Committee of Trade to pay for coal:

1 June 1809. To Thomas Ball at 2 months £40.

5 June 1809. To Thomas Ball at 2 months £30.

12 June 1809

Herewith you will receive the cash account and weekly return. The following draft has been drawn on you on account of Committee of Trade to pay for coal:

12 June 1809. To Henry Lewis at 2 months £80.

The water I am sorry to say begins to fall off in the summit level. We have however cleared away the goods efficiently and I hope to prevent any unusual inconvenience and delay arising.

I beg leave to remind you respecting the tonnage book I sent a pattern for a short time since. I should be glad to have within a fortnight.

14 June 1809

The Gentlemen of the T&S Committee having frequently expressed their desire to relinquish the coal trade at Lechlade Wharf, I have been induced, from the offer of the necessary assistance by some of my friends, to take the matter into consideration on my own account and have in consequence taken the liberty of addressing you to know the terms as well as to request a preference. I must beg leave at the same time to observe my only motive for so doing is the hope of being able, with other business to provide for a family which has now become very burdensome. I beg leave also to assure the Committee that in the event of it's taking place, I should consider myself bound to remain in my present situation for such period as would be most agreeable to them and as it is not probable I should leave this

neighbourhood, for some time at least, I would at all times most cheerfully render any assistance or information to my successor to promote their interest.

19 June 1809

Enclosed you will receive the weekly return and cash accounts of last week. I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 13th accompanying the tonnage and bankers books, The former is made correct and latter shall be returned per first packet.

With respect to loading extra boats from London, I think that kind of compensation is due to those who load purposely to facilitate the conveyance from here and shall be made known to the carriers as the Committee desire.

I am continually called upon respecting the Property Tax. Pray is the decision of the Board yet known.

26 June 1809

Herewith you have the particulars of the business transacted at this place during the last week.

We have now only goods sufficient to freight two sets of boats and these I hope to see mostly cleared away in the course of the present week.

3 July 1809

I am duly favoured with your letter of 29 June.

Mr Horton's statement is perfectly correct. He had originally five shares, for the interest on which he has a bond of £50. Mrs Frances Horton's name does not appear in Brimscombe old ledger in any way nor in the Bond book, but there is the following entry in the latter. [Details given.]

The case respecting the Company's Property Tax you did not annex as you stated.

The cash account and weekly return are enclosed.

Annexed are particulars of drafts drawn for coal on account of the Committee of Trade:

16 June 1809. To Thomas Ball at 2 months £30.

30 June 1809. To Pidcocks & Homfray at 2 months £47 13s.

I beg leave to observe that it never was my intention of doing anything with respect to Lechlade Wharf but what met the entire concurrence of the Gentleman of the T&S Committee.

PS. I have received notice from Mr Dicks of his intention to leave this concern at Michaelmas next. It must therefore beg instructions how to act with regard to supplying his place.

10 July 1809

Enclosed you have L & R Wyatt's order on Sills, Sons & Co, London for £300.

In the banker's Proprietors book is an entry of £200 paid Mr Lane in part of law charges.

Would the Committee wish this sum placed to the account of 'Law Expenses' in the half yearly accounts to October next or to remain till the whole is paid? I am afraid I shall not obtain Mr Pitt's bill in time. I have been in daily expectation of hearing the conveyances were finished in consequence of his promise to Mrs Lewis some time ago to get them ready immediately.

Mr Proctor intends drawing the water out of the tunnel for the purpose of preparing it on Saturday next prior to which I hope to forward nearly the whole of the goods now here.

The cash account and weekly return accompany this together with the Bankers books.

17 July 1809

Enclosed you will receive Marsh, Dean & Co, Reading bank, on Harrisons, Price, Kay & Co, London: £40 10s.

No entry appears in the Old Ledger for the £10 mentioned in Mr Harford's letter of 11th instant, nor is there the name of Frances Horton in it. There is an account Fanny Horton but no such sum as £10 entered in it.

I do not think a more eligible time for repairing a canal could possibly have happened. The whole of the London goods with the exception of a few tons of staves (which are of little consequence so that they arrive by September) are shipped from this place, The embargo having also been laid on the trows in Bristol will cause them to lose the spring. Consequently by the time goods can arrive, the canal will again be nearly or quite navigable. The Stroud Company I learn are going to embrace the opportunity and intend drawing out one of their levels tomorrow for 8 or 9 days.

I had not the most distant idea of Mr Dick's intention of leaving the concern prior to his giving me notice or I should have mentioned it to the Committee. He informs me he answers Mr Harford's letter this day.

24 July 1809

Herewith you have the cash accounts and weekly return of last week.

Joseph Brookings, one of the Thames carriers, has been guilty of a most shameful neglect in not forwarding goods entrusted to his care to convey from London to this place. His boat left London 23rd of June and notwithstanding I appraised him by letter of the intended stoppage and urged him to expedite his boats, he has neither noticed my letters nor have the boats been heard of. The consequence is that the goods they have on board will be at least 2 months on their passage from London to Bristol. Mr Baker had a boat leave London 30th June, 7 days after Brookings, which has arrived and the goods forwarded so as to be in Bristol the moment the embargo is taken off. What cause Brookings can assign for this strange delay, I am at a loss to guess, but I understand he has or is in endeavouring to form connections for the conveyance of goods between Abingdon and London to be received from and forwarded by the Wilts & Berks Canal. If this be really the fact, he ought most certainly to be shut out of this concern, and it is not improbable but the present delay may be for a purpose of diverting the goods into that canal, as the Wilts & Berks and Kennet & Avon approach nearer to their completion. So the interest of this canal becomes more at stake, and nothing but dispatch can keep the trade to it, for which ever conveyance has the superiority in this particular so they will I conceive have it in point of price.

31 July 1809

Herewith you have the cash account and weekly return.

I hope the decision of the Board respecting the Company's Property Tax will soon be made known, otherwise I am apprehensive the collectors will seize for the amount charged. They called here last week to know the result of the last case and informed me that unless I could produce an indemnity against paying from the Commissioners, they should be obliged to enforce the payment they were ordered to finally close their books in the course of a fortnight otherwise Exchequer writs would be issued against them. They received the assessed taxes which they before objected to receive without the Property Tax.

The canal is again navigable.

7 August 1809

Herewith you have the particulars of the business transacted last week.

I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 2nd accompanying the decision of the Board upon the Company's case which I am sorry is against them. When the Company had an office in London, return for the whole concern was made there, and when I removed I was directed by the Committee to make a similar return here which was 'not what possessed of any property within the meaning of the Act'. What will be done by the Surveyor in consequence of this last opinion, I cannot tell, but at all events I imagined the Company will be obliged to pay what

the Commissioners seem to think they were entitled to be charged, as stated in my letter of 30 May 1808, namely £250 per annum. I shall pay the present demand of £40 for two years when called upon without any observation, but as there are two returns withheld by direction of the Committee until the decision of the Board was known, and they will now be required to be delivered in, I must consequently beg the Committee's instructions as to the filling them up.

Brookings has been here and explained the cause of the boats' detention. He brought two boats out of London together, one with Brimscombe goods and the other coal to Windsor. The man who horses his boats from the latter place promise to haul the coal and to have the boat unloaded in two days, instead of which, Brookings being obliged to leave the boats, he detained them nine days. He has assured me he will prevent a like occurrence by not suffering two of his boats to work together. The boat I heard he had bought to be employed from the Wilts & Berks Canal, he states to have taken for a bad debt, and being too large for the upward part of the River Thames, had given her to his eldest son, and that he has no connection with him whatsoever. I understand of a cargo of iron Mr Baker took from here 9 May last, the whole was only delivered last week - it belonged to Crawshaw & Co. Such delays as this must ruin the best trade that ever existed. I knew of part being left at Oxford and mentioned it to him some considerable time since when he promised me his first boat should take it, which promise he did not fulfil as several of his boats have gone and even returned before the one that did take it.

James Millard, whose bond the Company have, I learn lives at Sonning near Reading, and from appearances able to pay it.

Since the period I last mentioned Mrs Lewis's business, I have been in daily expectation of hearing from Mr Pitt as he assured me the conveyances should be immediately prepared. I will see him again in the course of a week.

I have drawn on you as under to debit Committee of Trade:

7 August 1809. To Henry Lewis at 2 months £82 16s.

1 August 1809

Since my letter of yesterday, one of the Collectors of Taxes have called to say that at a meeting of the Commissioners on Saturday last, it was determined to finally close the accounts on that day fortnight, that he represented the Company's business being still before the Board in London, and he was peremptorily told that unless he produced authority from the Board for the Company withholding such payment, it must and should be paid by himself, and that he might reimburse himself by seizure. He has therefore desired me to take notice that he shall, although unwillingly, be under the necessity of adopting that mode in the course of next week unless, as I before said, the determination of the Board is ascertained to be that the Company are not liable. I must therefore request instructions as early as convenient how I am to act.

The Disbursement Book will scarcely contain the present half years accounts. I however hope to get them in preference to carrying part of them to a new one which it will be necessary to have made. The one now in use has been so 26 years. At the commencement the entries were much more numerous than latterly. Consequently one of that thickness would in part be useless, that in this respect the Gentleman will be pleased to give their directions as I have no leaf I can spare. I have given on the other side the size and thickness, one third of the present book, which I calculate to contain entries for upwards of 16 years: 16.5 in long, 10.5 in wide, $\frac{3}{4}$ in thick between the covers; to be bound strong, faint lines $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart; to be ruled with a column for the date, another for the number of the voucher adjoining and £-s-d lines, £s to be left wide enough for 4 figures; no head lines.

14 August 1809

Enclosed you will receive the weekly returns.

I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 9th. I have written to James Millard respecting the payment of his note. Pray what is the amount of it?

As no complaint has been made since I acquainted the carriers with the Committee's orders respecting boats loading in London, I presume those orders are abided by. I learnt that upward goods offer very abundantly. With regard to the Company's property return when I attended the Commissioners in May 1808 in order to prove the Company had no property within the meaning of the Act (as was the case under the 'Income Act'), the annual interest due to mortgages was stated as £5800 and the yearly balance of the proceeds of the canal at £2500, upon which the Surveyor and inspector immediately said that the Company were chargeable with £250 per annum. The returns not yet sent in belong to the parish of Stroud, but I beg to observe that the same Surveyor and Inspector attend although different Commissioners. I am afraid nothing short of £2500 will be taken as a return unless upon oath as they are become exceedingly particular. I am likewise apprehensive the Company will be charged with £230 per annum for the two years passed by and for which only £20 has yet been claimed. Mr Baker, one of the collectors, informs me next Saturday is now appointed for their finally closing the books. This will account for the money not being called for last week. I certainly think Stroud parish preferable for the return to be made in, particularly as the Company have no residence in Hampton Parish. So much having been said respecting the Company's Property Tax and the Commissioners having obtained the opinion of the Board, I am persuaded nothing short of what I have before stated will satisfy the Inspector and Surveyor, except on oath, and that will be a most serious drawback upon the balances. The £40 is due to Minchinhampton parish and shall be placed as proposed.

21 August 1809

The cash account and weekly return you will receive herewith.

Last week I waited upon Mr Pitt respecting the conveyance to Mrs Lewis when instead of finding it completed, he informed me he would immediately endeavour to raise the money, by mortgage I presume, and that until he could do so, he would pay the interest. I acquainted him with the Company having obtained the Act of Parliament for consolidating the concern and that I expected the money would very shortly be required to enable the Act being carried into effect. His reply was that whenever that was really the case he would take care no delay should arise on his part. I also pointed out to him the loss on interest unless paid at certain periods, which he said he would discharge anytime I would call with the account. As there does not in my opinion appear any prospect of having the business settled for some time to come, I presume it will be right to make out the account of interest to 24th June last to prevent any further loss occurring, on which I beg the Gentleman's instructions.

28 August 1809

Enclosed you have Brookings acceptance on Sills, Sons & Co, London for £121.17. 7.

I am duly favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 22nd. James Millard's business I will endeavour to investigate. The Property Tax matter should have due attention as shall also Lechlade wharf.

Mr Miller owes £100 6s on account of his purchase, exclusive of interest, and there is £100 due on what Jenkins bought and afterwards sold to Mrs Lewis and his sum is now added to her original purchase and interest will be received on it. Mr Miller hopes shortly to pay his arrears, till when he will of course pay interest. His conveyance is in my possession. I will endeavour to see Mr Pitt this week.

I do not find the sum of £35.10 mentioned in any of your letters which Hipsley states to have remitted July 22nd to you. Pray say if it is correct.

Stroud Canal is at present stopped to rebuild an aqueduct and I have consequently seized the opportunity of during several necessary jobs below this place. Weekly return and cash accounts accompanied this.

4 September 1809

Enclosed you will receive Richard Miller's acceptance on Sills & Co £405 6 3d, John Baker on Williams & Co £100, W Veel on Kensingtons & Co £111 2s and John Baker on Sills Sons & Co £150 to the credit of the Proprietors of the Thames & Severn Canal, the receipt be pleased to acknowledge.

Having found it necessary to personally attend the getting out the slip at Wallbridge occasioned by the tempestuous weather last winter and which I then mentioned, I have been unable to see Mr Pitt but will do so this week.

Newport coals I learn are advanced 6d per ton. I hope shortly to see the Forest coal put a stop to these continued advances. Some of the railways are expected to be open by Christmas.

11 September 1809

After going twice to Cirencester last week, I at last saw Mr Pitt and received the interest on his and Mrs Lewis's purchase as stated in the cash account.

I have requested the Cirencester bank to direct £300 to be paid to my account on applying to Sir J Esdaile & Co house in the name of 'Stevenson & Salt on account of Cirencester bank'. I did this in preference to remitting notes, Mr Pitt having paid me in a cheque. You will be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of it. Mr Pitt directed the conveyance of his own purchase to be immediately made and promises to finally settle that in the course of a fortnight.

18 September 1809

The cash account and weekly return of arrivals etc are enclosed.

The advance on coals at Newport is 1s per ton instead of 6d as mentioned in my letter of forth instant.

Goods offer very plentifully both from and to London.

The following drafts have been drawn on you to debit of Committee of Trade to pay for coal:

14 September 1809. Thomas Ball at 2 months £65 6 8d.

16 September 1809. M Greenaway at 2 months £17.

18 September 1809. M Greenaway at 2 months £30.

25 September 1809

Enclosed you have the cash accounts and weekly return.

The advance of 1s per ton on coal at Newport having become general, it will I presume be proper soon to advance the price at Lechlade wharf on which I must beg the directions of the Committee.

I have not heard from Mr Pitt since I was at Cirencester respecting his conveyance or his bill for business done, both of which I was assured should be ready in a fortnight.

9 October 1809

I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 3rd instant accompanying bankers and disbursement book. Enclosed you have the Returns as usual.

On my visit to the wharfs last week, I found the Wilts & Berks coal dealers had not advanced the price of their coal and consequently I would not recommend the Committee putting on the 1s to the Forest or Newport until that is the case. The bounty I am fully persuaded may be discontinued without diminishing the sales on the 1st of November next. This however should only be on such coal as is taken by land as it certainly is advisable to always allow it on housekeepers coal taken down the River Thames, and more especially during the winter season when there is water for the boats to carry full freights, as it cannot pay any man to fetch coal during the short water season, nor will it answer the purchasers purpose unless he can have it at the Bounty price.

I yesterday accidentally met the clerk to the Commissioners for the Property Tax who told me there was a meeting on the 27th inst and that at that time something must be done respecting the Company's Returns, as the King's officer, the Surveyor, was determined it should be brought to issue. I must therefore beg instructions how to act.

Since the completion of the Bristol docks, I understand there are several cranes to be sold at a cheap rate compared with new ones, and as the business is frequently, notwithstanding the last new one, retarded from the want of another on that part of the wharf near the dock, I have thought proper to mention the circumstance. Indeed a crane upon the wharf on which Mr Baker sells his coal would be of great advantage in the loading of stone or anything brought or taken by land. We now load the wagons by means of what is called triangles and a rope, and with this unsafe machine are obliged frequently to load casks of oil worth from £80 to £120.

16 October 1809

Enclosed you have L & R Wyatt on Richard Rowed, London £140 to the credit of the T & S Canal Co. The following draft on account of Committee of Trade has been drawn on you: 5 October 1809. To Thomas Ball at 2 months £45.

30 October 1809

Herewith you will receive the cash account and weekly return.

I am favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 25th but it did not reach me till the 27th and not in time to attend the meeting of the Commissioners. I will see their clerk respecting the returns. The resolutions of the Committee shall have due attention.

I think the bounty may be discontinued the moment the Wilts & Berks people discontinue to allow theirs. This might be done by leaving it discretionary either with myself or Mr Hipsley to act in that respect as circumstances might dictate. I mentioned this in consequence of the Committee meeting so seldom that many pounds are lost between the time it is found advantageous to discontinue it and a Committee meeting.

21 October 1809

Enclosed you will receive the half yearly account of receipts and payments to the 3rd instant, which the attendance necessary to the outdoor business prevented your having before. The balance sheets, bankers books, cash account and weekly return will be sent by packet on Monday.

I am duly favoured with your letter of 17th to which every attention shall be paid. Mr Holmes has not yet sent the agreement. I understand he was in this neighbourhood a few days since, and as he generally stays about a fortnight, I am fearful some time will elapse before I receive it.

Draft drawn to debit of Proprietors of T&S Canal Co to pay Dean & Chapter of Bristol rent of lands.

23 October 1809

The half yearly statement I sent by the post yesterday. I now enclose the balance sheets and trade and proprietors ledgers, cash accounts, weekly return and bankers books.

6 November 1809

Enclosed you have the cash accounts and weekly return.

I have seen the clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes who informed me that the last meeting was adjourned to the 10th inst against which time he requested me to write him stating the particulars which I have done.

Mr Holmes has not yet sent the deed. It shall have every possible attention the moment it arrives.

Draft drawn to debit of Committee of Trade to Pidcock & Co: £121 10s 1d to pay for coal.

12 November 1809

I am duly favoured with yours of the 10th. I have obtained the signature of all the parties to the agreement except Mr Lovedon and Mrs Thayer. I shall meet Mr Harford tomorrow at Cheltenham who will take it to town with him.

Mr Pitt mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr Harford and that the conveyances were proceeding with and should be finished so as to prevent any obstruction on his part to the Company carrying their plans into effect.

Hipsley appears of opinion the Bounty may be discontinued at Lechlade the 1st December and continue off till March. I would however by all means recommend it's being allowed on such coal as is taken by water 9 miles below Lechlade, as mentioned in a former letter. Many applications have been made for coal to be sent to Tadpole (about 12 miles below Lechlade), Oxford, Abingdon, Henley and several other places on the River Thames, and some cargoes have already been sent and many more will go if the bounty is allowed but not otherwise.

20 November 1809

Enclosed you have Pitt, Croome & Co on Sir J Esdaile & Co for £100 to the credit of the Proprietors of the T & S Canal.

I am duly favoured with Mr Harford's letter of 16th. The probate of Baylis's will is at Cirencester. Baylis the executor promised to bring it me in order that the necessary entry might be made. I will again point out the necessity of his performing his promise and inform you the particulars as soon as I get them.

I observe the Committee have concluded on discontinuing the bounty on coal taken by land after 1st December. I much wish, as the weather has since turned out, it was to take place immediately as there will otherwise be a loss upon the Company's stock now there of at least £30 as I am apprehensive the greater part of it if not the whole will be sold by the 1st December provided the weather does not alter (frost - canal stopped by ice), and under such circumstances I beg leave to recommend Mr Hipsley being written to by Mr Harford to that effect as well as directing him, Hipsley, to acquaint Fidell & Co and Mr Walker of it. I mention this move to prevent any delay arising by the letter coming here first, as he will have it one day sooner by the former method. The loss in tonnage upon the Company's, Fidell's and Walker's stock I should suppose will fall little short of £50 if sold before the bounty is taken off.

I have received a letter from the Assistant Commissioner General at Bristol of which I have annexed a copy and beg to know whether or not it is to be answered.

Draft drawn on account of Committee of Trade to Michael Greenaway at 2 months: £20.

Copy of letter from Thomas Watson, assistant commissioner general, 15 November 1809:

Through the medium of Mr Holmes who has given me leave to use his name on the occasion, I beg to be informed, as accurately as you can, the number of boats their tonnage, the men and horses employed upon the Thames & Severn Canal which I understand extends to Lechlade and is 38 miles in length. This favour I rather think you will the readier comply with as the intelligence required is for Government. I shall be obliged to you for your answer as soon as you can. PS If I am wrong in the length of the canal, I beg you to put me right.

27 November 1809

Enclosed you have the cash account and weekly return.

I am informed by the Collector of the Property Tax that in consequence of the Returns being made to government previous to the Company's being delivered to the Commissioners, they will not be called upon for payment till the usual time next year. I mention this fearing a reserve might be made to answer the demand instead of being in Exchequer Bills.

I hope the present week will very materially reduce the stock of goods on hand as well as forward some part of what we expect. There is at present every reason to believe we shall have an exceeding good winter's trade and which I hope will not experience similar delays to the last.

4 December 1809

The cash account and weekly return on enclosed.

I have written Mr Watson as desired but have not received an answer.

The present rain will I hope sufficiently fill the canal so as to enable the boats to carry full freights. We have a considerable stock of goods on hand and have advice of nearly 600 tons being shipped for this place, forwarding of which as well as supplying Lechlade wharf with coal shall be duly attended to.

9 November 1809. Wantage.

I came here this morning for the purpose of obtaining the signature of Mrs E Thayer to the T&S agreement but am disappointed, she having left this neighbourhood several months ago and reported to be gone to Bath or Bristol to live, but which no person here could tell, even at the post office. On my way hither, I called at Buscot Park in hopes of meeting with Mr Lovedon. He is however in London and expected home on Saturday or Sunday but not certain. Messrs Pitt, Croome & Co have signed, as has also Mr Pitt for Samuel Bowyer's £50 bond to whom he is a signee. I expect to get Mr Barker's and Mr Carter's tomorrow on my return and Mr Baylis's is on Saturday. Mr Harford having written me to meet him at Cheltenham on Monday next with the deed, I write purposely to request you will be so good as inform me whether I am to keep the deed for Mr Lovedon's signature, his return being uncertain, or send it by Mr Harford provided I can get the signatures of Mr Carter, Mr Barker and Mr Baylis in time to do so. I received the deed from Mr Holmes on Tuesday evening but it is not signed by Mr Bate or Mrs Bradley.

PS. The Wilts & Berks Canal runs within a mile of this place where there is a very generous wharf and good coals are selling at 30s per ton.

11 December 1809

Cash account and weekly return are herewith sent.

We are now loading away three sets of London boats which will take 450 tons, and we expect Miller's boats on Wednesday which will take 150 tons more, so that by Saturday I hope little or none of our present stock of goods will be on hand.

18 December 1809

Enclosed you have the cash accounts and weekly return. I sent the list of mortgagees etc last week.

Mr Miller's remaining purchase money is £100. 6s, Mrs Lewis £4,208.10s and Mr Pitt £400 exclusive of interest from 24th June last on the whole of the above. Mr Miller promises his this week.

A very serious slip is likely to take place at Wallbridge. A considerable quantity of land has already come into the canal and I look every moment for information of a total stoppage. Mr Proctor has been here and with myself are taking the necessary measures for it's immediate removal. Annexed is an account of drafts drawn.

Draft drawn to debit of Committee of Trade to pay for coal:

11 December 1809. To Edward Darke at 2 months £50.

15 December 1809. To Michael Greenaway at 2 months £30.

16 December 1809. To Michael Greenaway at 2 months £20.

24 December 1809

Being at Wallbridge superintending men at work at the slip mentioned in my last letter, (which I am happy to say I think will be prevented causing the canal to be stopped) when Mr Harford's letter of the 21st arrived, forwarding the mortgage books was obliged to be deferred till this day. The observations etc shall be duly attended to. I am not aware of any transfer being omitted entering in these books. There is a separate ledger for the half shares in which as well as in the Shares Ledger there is room to open the new accounts. But as the mortgage, bond and half shares will be entirely done away, I beg leave to suggest the abandoning of those ledgers and if entered in the Shares Ledger they will in all probability be productive of confusion in the case of transfers etc which must of course be avoided. The shares of the canal, particularly the new ones, being now marketable, there is no knowing to what extent transfers may be made, and if they should be considerable, the books alluded to would soon be filled, provided the new accounts are opened in either of them.

The cash account and weekly return accompany this.

Being desirous of laying before the Committee some authentic information respecting the Forest of Dean coal, I addressed a letter to one of the principal proprietors of the railways and have received an answer of which I enclosed a copy. It is I must observe in every respect satisfactory except price which is too high, and will enable us to reduce our present price only 4s per ton.

Annexed is particulars of a draft drawn on you to debit of Committee of Trade to pay for coal: 23 December 1809. To John Bayton at 2 months £50.

Goods Passed on the T&S Canal in January 1809

From the River Severn

Bilston & Shropshire coal	795 tons
Newport coal	169
Iron	347
Copper	439
Timber	131
Grain	66
More	
Total	2207 tons

From the River Thames

Grain	96 tons
Stone	14
Wool	6
Local timber	32
Total	154 tons