

COMMITTEE OF PROPRIETORS OF THE STROUDWATER NAVIGATION

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30 September 1831 p.6. Special Meeting. Insolvency of Thomas Harper, agent for sale of coals at Dudbridge Wharf announced by Mr Edwards, his attorney. Dismissed from his post. Debts to be paid to clerk not Thomas Harper. Messrs. Fisher, Company solicitors, to make application for payment of bond and take Counsel's opinion on Junction's liability. No further sale of coals by Harper.

8 October 1831 p7 Special Meeting. Messrs Fisher to take Counsel's opinion on case of Thomas Harper and Sarah Harper, sureties and debts.

20 October 1831 p.8. Lock at Whitminster Mills to be used for passing of vessels, as before junction of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal. Not kept open but used to keep up water in Bristol road pound to its usual height.

27 October 1831 pp.9-10. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2844 4s 7d. Balance £2202 3s 9d. Dividend £10. Trade in coals at all wharfs on Navigation except at Wallbridge Wharf to be discontinued. Sum not exceeding £200 to coal account of Proprietors. No clerk, agent or servant of Company to receive any gift, gratuity or present from any barge owners or persons navigating or managing vessels on canal or any account or under any pretense on pain of dismissal. Committee to collect information on appointing clerk to be stationed at junction of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal, erecting dock for weighing vessels, ascertaining weight of coals and goods carried and suggesting proper plan for erecting same. Printed tickets or certificates to be issued with weight and place of delivery of all coals and goods, signed by person receiving them. Penalty for neglect or refusal strictly enforced. New bonds for performance of duty by servants of Company.

28 October 1831 pp.11-12. Adjourned meeting of Committee. Frances Lockey, parish of St Leonards in County of Devon, widow, and Charles Beard of city of Exeter Esq. - shares nos.111,65,66, will of George Lockey, parish of St Leonard. Letter from W B Clegram, clerk to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company, 25 October. No plan for carrying permission to take water from Whitminster Mill pond into effect laid before or approved by Committee. Water should be taken by a weir until permanent plan decided on. Four underground aqueducts within 8 inches of bottom of the brook put by Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company into their Navigation, in September last, as ordinary mode of taking water, 2 feet 8½ inches wide, 1foot 7 inches high, without consent or knowledge of Committee. Large quantities of mud, soil and silt to great injury of Navigation. Mode of taking water highly objectionable, not to be continued. Letter to Clerk of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company. Order shutting lock gate near Whitminster solely because it appeared necessary to keep up their level, called the Bristol Road level, uniformly to its proper height. Committee desire lock gates to be kept open present, to afford Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company time to devise plan for feeding canal without requiring lock to be kept open in future. Any plan for this and for some less objectionable mode of taking water will be considered.

3 November 1831 p.13. Adjourned meeting of Committee. William Hains to succeed late father, as weekly servant, to look after Double Locks and Canal. 17 shillings per week with use of house at Double Locks.

23 November 1831 pp.14-16. Special Meeting. Letter of 19 November from Mr Holden of Exchequer Loan Office. By shutting gates of Whitminster Lock Stroud Canal Company intercepted the supply of water to the Gloucester and Berkeley canal agreed by mill owners, not interrupted since 1829. Guidance needed on cause of this proceeding. Committee not competent to give satisfactory reply without opinion of General Meeting of Proprietors. Should a supply of water be granted, mill owners' interests in furnishing supply should remunerate Proprietors of canal for such permission. Any future proposition for allowing supply to proceed from mill owners, either alone or in conjunction with Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Committee. Letter from Clerk, Mr Hawker, to Mr Holden. Closing lock gates solely for keeping up level of Bristol Road pound to

proper height to prevent its fluctuating. Committee not aware that keeping lock gates open any necessary connection with supply of water. Mr Purnell has given written notice to Committee not to take water from brook but for own supply. Committee not competent to give answer without submitting same to General Meeting of Proprietors. Taking of water point of highest consideration. Some specific proposition with a plan as a preliminary.

3 December 1831 p.17. Plan for taking water from the brook through our canal to feed Gloucester and Berkeley canal. Mr James Walker and other competent engineer to consider plan. Letter from solicitor of bankrupt Harper claiming all debts and stock left on Dudbridge Wharf.

15 December 1831 pp.19-22. Special General Meeting. Thomas Martin or owner of every boat, barge or other vessel coming into Navigation – ticket containing account of cargo. Penalty for neglect or refusal. False ticket 40 shillings for every ton of goods. Agreement with assignees of Thomas Harper, bankrupt. Intended application of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company to Parliament to take water from River Froome through Stroudwater Navigation below Whitminster Lock. Agreed provided rights and interests of Proprietors protected. Proper water feeding and supplying with water of Bristol Road level, removal of mud, soil and silt. Works to be constructed to satisfaction of Committee. Clauses in Act to protect rights and interests of Proprietors. Drawback of 6d on bar iron, boiler plate, gross iron castings and nails bona fide conveyed Gloucester to London. Much of loss sustained by insolvency of Thomas Harper, agent for coals at Dudbridge Wharf, attributed to George Hawker. Company's Clerk. No intent to defraud. Deep regret at failure in duty.

21 December 1831 pp.23-24. Special Meeting of Committee. Thomas Harper's debts settled. William Halliday and wife Susannah accepted as sureties for bond taken from Mr George Hawker. Additional clauses prepared by Messrs. Fisher approved.

15 February 1832 p.25. Messrs. Fisher to watch progress of Bill.

27 February 1832 p.26. Special Meeting. New clause to enable erection of pair of stop gates in canal below Whitminster lock above where water intended to be taken into Navigation.

2 April 1832 p.27 Special meeting. Mr Wilton, solicitor to Bill, informed Messrs. Fisher that Lord Shaftesbury objected to arrangements with mill owners for use of water. Now mere agreement between Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company and other parties. Difficult to provide adequate security. Desirable to grant right to take water through with adequate protection and security.

10 April 1832 p.28. Special Meeting. Richard Hawker, shares nos.31,32,33,34, 35,67,74,9,148,196,94,3 will of Francis Knight of Savile Road, London Esq..

10 April 1832 pp.29-30. Special General Meeting. No consent to any legislative enactment for passing of water through Navigation unless also for taking and renting of water. Consent to Gloucester Canal and Berkeley Canal Company to take water as permitted at General Meeting 28 October 1829.

25 April 1832. pp.32-33. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3676 1s 5d. Balance £3327 19s 1d. Dividend £16 10s. Committee: Mr Cosham, Mr Croome, Dr Darke, Mr Jas Fisher, Mr Richard Hawker, Mr Snowden, Mr William Stanton, Mr Geo Mather, Mr Henry Wyatt, Mr Holbrow, Mr Grazebrook. Drawback on all flour and produce of corn imported and landed of one of wharfs of Navigation and paid tonnage. Half fine of £6 on Job Blick for false account of cargo of coals. Discontinuation of coal trade at Wallbridge Wharf approved.

24 July 1832 pp.34-35. John George, tenant of Dudbridge Wharf permitted to remove weighing machine and mound round it. William John Wood Esq. of Bonds Mill, Stonehouse and Richard Martin of Downfield Stroud, share no.187, will of Mary Ann Eycott.

6 September 1832 p.38. Special Meeting. Letter from Messrs Maclean, Stephens and Co. on state of Ryeford Bridge and road over it. Accident to a loaded wagon of Messrs Tanner and Baylis.

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25 September 1832 p.40. Special Meeting. Anne James of Evenlode Worcester, widow, shares nos.86,76,56, 48,49 will of Nathaniel Jones, Stratford Stroud.

18 October 1832 p.41. Duties of wharfingers at Stonehouse Cross Wharf, Dudbridge and Wallbridge Wharfs, to cease.

24 October 1832 pp.42-43. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2794 13s 6d. Balance £2074 3s 1d. Dividend £10. Application to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company to comply with conditions annexed to permission for taking water through and to propose plan for taking supply to avoid necessity for keeping open Whitminster Lock gates and for preventing inflow of mud, soil and silt. Tonnage on rock salt reduced to 2s per ton for whole of canal and proportionately for less distance.

27 December 1832 p.44. Mr Charles Baker, surveyor, to take view of road over canal bridge at the Ryeford. Oak planking for piling.

20 February 1833 pp.45-46. Caroline Mary Veel now or late Chipping Sodbury, spinster, Rev David Jones, Chipping Sodbury, clerk, Robert Cooper, Wotton under Edge, Esq., shares nos.128,130 will of Anna Veel, Chipping Sodbury, spinster. Unsatisfactory reply from clerk of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company.

12 March 1833 p.47. Mr William Morley Stears proposed to take long lease of land near the Anchor Inn between brook at Bath Road to build gas works, to cover over brook and build on it. Recommendation to grant Mr Stears lease for 99 years at £5 per annum, for gas works only.

18 April 1833 p.48. James Duberly, Mount Street, Berkeley Square, London Esq., Charles Barber Esq., David Rowley Esq. shares nos.51,82,83,16,17, will of Sir James Duberly, Gains Hall, Huntingdon,

25 April 1833 pp.49-50. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3565 8s 6d. Balance £3029 19s 2d. £3622 3s 1d in coal account. Dividend £17. Committee: Dr Darke, Mr Grazebrook, Mr P H Fisher, James Fisher, Mr Eycott, Mr Woods, Mr Wyatt, Mr Stanton, Mr Wathen, Mr Croome, Mr Thomas Croome. Letter from Mr Purnell. Supply of water from Whitminster Mills to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal through Stroudwater Navigation to be suspended. Agreed. Future negotiations on supply of water with person(s) supplying water. Compensation for supply. New bridge over River Frome near the Ryeford, widening of present bridge over canal.

10 May 1833 p.51. Special Meeting. Mr Richard Wyatt, on behalf of Company for erecting Gas Works for supply of Stroud, requested sale of small piece of land near canal bridge on road leading to Fromehall Mill, 44 yards long, 6 yards wide. Also to lay down pipes for gas along line of towing path from gas works to turnpike road at Wallbridge east, down to Ebley Road west, and to inspect, take up, repair or restore same. Special General Meeting to consider proposal. Samuel Smith to erect and alter the brook and canal bridges near Ryeford. Company to pay half expense.

10 May 1833 pp.52-54. Special General Meeting re ground for sale for site of Gas Works. Mr Richard Wyatt, on behalf of Mr William Morley Stern Esq. and intended Gas Company, requested to buy land on south side, 10 May 1833, land occupied by Mr Grazebrook on north, land of Mr Snowden on east, towing path and wagon road on north. To lay down pipes through Wallbridge Wharf to turnpike road on east and to bridge at Chippenham Plat. £5 for said land. £1 per mile per annum and proportion. Tonnage on coals for Gas Works £5 per mile per annum. Ground to be sold subject to regulations for security of the puddle bank, the bridges and other works. Gas Company to pay half expense of erecting future bridges, repairs. Mr Winter,

solicitor, Mr Brickwood, secretary to Exchequer Loan Board request Company to allow Whitminster Lock gates to remain open for passing into Gloucester and Berkeley Canal of water from Whitminster Mill pond (not to be derived through feeder of Stroudwater Navigation in the pond). Lock gates to remain open for present.

3 July 1833 p.56. Special Meeting. Letter from Mr John Higgins Marling of Ebley Mills. Since stopping of course of brook under the canal towards Old Mills, water required for scouring wool supplied by top water of canal flowing into old water course. Water too warm after early morning. Trunk as aqueduct for cool water of brook from reservoir near Ebley Mills to under canal and pond of scouring house. Ordered. Four labourers on canal dispensed with. Work done by contract cheaper. Advertisement in Gloucester Journal for tender for keeping in repair towing path, banks of canal, removing mud from locks, weeds from canal, for three years.

4 August 1833 pp.57-58. George Barham's tender of £110. Labour of piling when necessary with the Beetle. Two labourers to assist in piling with pile driver not more than one week continuously, to superintend piling himself, supply labourers required by clerk at 2s 6d per day per man. Accepted. Notice given to Solomon Cook, Job Guy, William Welsh, Thomas Clarke. Samuel Smith to be paid for erecting wing wall to new part of canal bridge at Ryeford on north side. Sum not exceeding £8. Samuel Smith, necessary to continue to wall on west side of brook bridge 40 feet in length, 3 feet high, topped with post and rails. Cost £7 10s. Samuel Smith to build wall continuing that on north side of canal, 50 feet long, average height 11 feet for £23 10s, with brick parapet and coping. Mr Martin to supply to Company 8 dozen port wine and 6 dozen sherry.

17 October 1833 p.59. Mr Samuel Withey applied for compensation for damages to his land in passing to feeder at Lodgemoor. Offer to continue at rent of 1s per annum. 8s paid to him and in future 1s per annum. Company to make use of road over his land at Gannicox to feeder. Dock at Chippenham Plat let to Philip Moore. £30 per annum. Company reserve right to put boats in dock at any time for repairs and planks in shed, without paying for use. Tenancy subject to 3 calendar months. Clerk to write to Messrs Maclean Stephens and Co. for payment of repairs to bridges at Ryeford.

23 October 1833 pp.60-61. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3646 0s 6d. Balance £2419 17s 4d. Dividend £12. Mr Richard Martin applied to remove brick bridge at Whitminster, Martin's Bridge, and erect swivel bridge in lieu. Committee to pay £20. He and owners of lands will take on repairs of bridge. Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company allowed to take water through Whitminster lock gates. Supply to be discontinued after 1 January unless compensation made. Securities given by clerks to Company to be examined at next meeting. No barge, vessel or boat called a Worster shall pass through any lock on Navigation without a guard or fender attached to stern to prevent injury to locks. Master or owner to pay 20s for every offence. Committee to ensure(sic) buildings thought necessary against fire.

26 November 1833 pp.63-65. Special Meeting. Letter from Mr Wilton, solicitor of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company. Application for leave to bring in Bill for taking water from River Frome, otherwise called Stroudwater River, through Navigation, and to purchase land and construct such channels, cuts, tunnels, culverts, pipes, trunks, valves, gates, feeders, reservoir, weirs, aqueducts, engines and works as requisite, and to take water from River Frome, above mill called Whitminster Mills into Stroudwater canal, otherwise called the Stroudwater Navigation, in parishes of Wheatenhurst, Morten Vallance, Saul, Eastington, Frampton upon Severn and Fretherne. Also to increase or alter existing tolls, rates and duties, to take and receive other tolls and rates, to raise further sum of money and to alter, amend and enlarge powers and provisions contained in the Acts passed for making and maintaining a navigable canal (thirty third year of King George III) from River Severn at or near city of Gloucester into Berkeley Pill and cut into town of Berkeley in County of Gloucester 37th, 45th, 58th years of George III and 3rd, 6th reign of King William IV. Not advisable to oppose Bill. Messrs. Fisher to communicate with solicitor of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company. Supply continues for present. Request for objects, plans and copy of clauses of intended Bill.

19 December 1833 p.66. Mr Brisley's bill for stationery, £28. Lease produced by Mr Wyatt, solicitor to Trustees of Stroud Gaslight and Coke Company of small piece of land near Fromehall Bridge. Grant from Company of Proprietors to said trustees to lay down pipes along and under surface of parts of towing path and banks of Navigation for conveying gas from gasometer near Fromehall Bridge to town of Stroud and other places. Thomas Hanman, Company's carpenter grossly misconducted himself. Dismissed from Company's service.

6 January 1834 p.67. Special Meeting of Committee. Mr Clegram, engineer of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co., explained his plan to take water from River Froome through Navigation, in case Company should consent. Meeting for 15 January to consider consent to Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. obtaining Act of Parliament for feeding their canal through Navigation.

15 January 1834 pp.68-69. Special Meeting of Committee. George Wathen, Lower Grange, parish of Painswick, gentleman, share no.156 will of John Hayward Wathen. John Holbrow, Badbrook, parish of Painswick, merchant, shares nos.73,53,8,15,96,2, will of Thomas Holbrow. Mr Wilton, solicitor of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. stated that in bill proposed for taking water for supply Company is willing to introduce clauses for securing interest of Company of Proprietors of Stroudwater Navigation. Permission to take supply of water should be given subject to proper regulations.

22 January 1834 pp.70-71. Special General Meeting. Consideration of late notice of application by Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. to bring in Bill in next session of Parliament to take water from River Froome, among other ways through Stroudwater Navigation below Whitminster Lock for supplying their canal, place of intended works and various letters from Proprietors of Navigation. Order made at last General Half Yearly Meeting to be revoked and annulled. Company to permit soliciting of intended Bill provided Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. introduce to Bill clauses and regulations approved by Committee. Rights and interests, loss, damage and inconvenience to be provided against. Resolutions 15 December 1831 to be confirmed and revived. Mr William Hambidge of Stroud accepted as surety instead of late Mr Thomas Holbrow for Mr William Purcell for performance of his duty as a servant of the Company jointly with Mr John Holbrow the present surety. New bond jointly and severally in exchange for old bond.

20 February 1834 p.73. Thomas Hanman to leave cottage as he ceased to be a servant of Company. William Organ, Company's carpenter, in house quitted. Job Guy removed from present house at Chippenham's Plat to house occupied by William Organ at Dudbridge. Job Guy retained as lock keeper, inspector and repairer of wharfs and generally as servant at 12 shillings per week. Occupancy of cottage contingent on his remaining in service of Company. Cottage now occupied by Job Guy to be let to Thomas Critchley, using wharf as vendor of coals.

24 March 1834 p.74. Mr Fisher presented copy of Bill enabling Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Company to take water from River Froome. Clause prepared by Messrs Fisher for ceasing rights to take water except through pipes in case Proprietors should desire to use Stroudwater Navigation between Whitminster Lock and crossing of Navigation by Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co., except as a canal, should be introduced to form part of Bill. Essential to interest of Company of Proprietors. Opinion of a special pleader as to liability of Company to fence towing paths of Navigation from adjoining lands. Messrs Fisher to prepare same.

7 April 1834 p.75. Introduction of clause for ceasing right for taking water through Navigation except through pipes not to be pressed, in case Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. adverse to its introduction.

17 April 1834 p.76. Mr Thomas Wall, joint occupier of house at Dudbridge Wharf, allowed £15 for sum spent by him on repair of house in addition to £5 formerly allowed. Letter from Mr John George declaring that Mr Wall is to be Company's tenant in house at wharf. Not to remove fixtures and fittings. Mr J C Croome, Mr P H Fisher, Mr Thomas Croome to be a deputation of Committee to Messrs Stantons on part of Mr Snowden, proprietor of lands belonging to Lodgemore, to confer with them as to fencing of his lands

from Company's towing path

24 April 1834 pp.77-78. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3669 10s 1d. Balance £3220 5s. Dividend £16. Committee: Mr W Cosham, Mr Thomas Croome, Dr Darke, Mr F Eycott, Mr P H Fisher, Mr Samuel Fisher, Mr Joseph Fisher, Mr W Grazebrook, Mr M J Wood, Mr Geo Wathen, Mr H Wyatt, Mr W Stanton, Mr T Croome. Consent of Company to be given to passing of Act enabling Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Company to take supply of water from River Frome through Stroudwater Navigation when approved by Committee. Mr Joseph Grazebrook responsible to Company for £100. Failure of Thomas Harper for whom he became security. Mr Joseph Watts to decide whether he shall pay any or what of £100 at next Committee meeting. Clerk to clear out vessel 'Triumph', owner C Twine, on payment of tonnage. Purcell's salary to be continued at present sum.

27 May 1834 p.79. Amended Bill approved. Messrs Stanton's offer that Mr Snowden, at own expense, make proposed fences and release Company from all liability for 20s 3d per inch of 10ft 6ins, distance between Lodgemore culvert of Painswick Water and wall of gas works. Offer accepted provided Company released from all liability to fence or repair Rackleaze in Painswick parish. Land sold subject to liability of fencing falling on purchaser and provided towing be preserved in uniform and ample width.

8 July 1834 p.80. Mr Grazebrook not to pay any of £100 surety for Mr Harper.

15 July 1834 pp.81-83. Samuel Renard of Denmark Terrace, Camberwell, County of Surrey, gentleman, share no.4, will of Samuel Renard. Sufficient paddles to be provided and used at coffer dam on River Frome near Ebley Mill pond to regulate supply of water for canal weir. Board to be used on weir at upper end of the Five Locks for regulating exit of water over weir. The lashers of Foundery Lock near Dudbridge, Double Locks, Bristol Road Lock to be kept locked during night by lock keepers. Opened to allow barges permitted to navigate by night to pass through locks. Mark to be made on wing wall of bridge at Dudbridge Wharf, once level with sill of coffer dam to enable lock keeper at Dudbridge Wharf to regulate supply of water at Ebley coffer dam. M Wood to negotiate with Critchley of Bristol Road Wharf remuneration for locking and opening the lashers and attending to Bristol Road lock. Books to be provided for lock keepers at Dudbridge, Double Lock, Five Locks of Bristol Road Lock to enter date, under level of water, times of opening and closing, when they take their supply, also state of streams, complaints and otherwise. Keepers of Five Locks to enter when and for how long water in canal may be running over weirs there. Books to Clerk every fortnight, to Committee monthly. Mr Snowden, owner of the Rack Leaze undertook to exonerate Company from expense of making and repairing fence. Mr Wood to meet Mr Charles Stanton and arrange definitively the line of the fence for other part of Lodgemore lands. Release to be prepared from Mr Snowden of liability of Company to fence same. Request from Messrs Sheppard and Johnson and others, timber merchants Bristol, for tonnage of timber to be lowered to 1s 6d per ton refused,

17 September 1834 pp.84-85. Book to be kept by storekeeper. Account of articles in store and time when given out again. Produced to Committee at monthly meeting. Tradesmen to furnish monthly bills. Request of Richard Parker & Co. to have three months running account for tonnage agreed. Mr Hawker stopped leaks in canal near the Ryeford, letter of Messrs Maclean and Stephens, 23 August. Request to repair road over the Ryeford Bridges. 20s per annum for so doing. Mr Croome, Mr H Croome, Mr Cosham to inspect cottages at Dudbridge occupied by Nurse and Guy. Erection of brewhouses. £10 to R Cork for able exertions and expenses incurred in publications respecting railroads and canals.

23 October 1834 pp.86-87. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2968 10s 7d. Balance £2331 3s. Dividend £11 10s. Request from Mr Purcell to enter from canal into dock he proposed to erect for repair of vessels near Framilode, to be supplied with water from canal. Refused because of consumption of water for purpose different from ordinary use of Navigation. No desire for premises at present. Letter from Mr Turner and Mr Baylis. Accident in 1832, overturning of their waggon on the Ryeford Bridge when laden with wool. Samuel Pimbury, their agent, agreed to accept £20 in damages.

18 December 1834 p.88. Mr Wood reported that on 9 December Lodgmore level of canal was several inches below proper height. Servant Guy had not reported same or taking of water to supply deficiency.

27 January 1835 pp.89-90. Man managing vessel, a Worster, called the 'Defiance' belonging to Messrs Parker & Porter injured lock gates at Dudbridge. One of two extensively damaged. Damages estimated at £15. Mr Fisher to apply to Messrs Bowerman & Co. of Eynsham near Oxford to pay tonnage of £27 12s 2d. Draft of release sent to Mr Snowden. Clauses to which Mr Snowden objected. Company to pay one half of expenses of release to be signed by Mr Richard Martin.

16 April 1835 p.92. Master of vessel 'Commerce', Beacham, fined 40 shillings for using his horse without a muzzle. Messrs Listers to apply to Philip Moore for payment of rent due to Company.

23 April 1835 pp.93, 94 missing, -95. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3144 13s 6d. Balance £2530 0s 6d. Dividend £12 10s. Committee: Dr Darke, Mr P M Fisher, Mr S Fisher, Mr J Fisher, Mr Cosham, Mr G Wathen, Mr Wyatt, Mr T Croome, Mr W Wood, Mr F Eycott, Mr W Stanton, Mr Holbrow. Mr R Parker applied for allowance of a drawback on tonnage of salt carried upward. Allowed if and when Thames and Severn Canal Co. agree to make drawback on the line of their canal, on similar application to them. Application by Mr William Playne for reduction on tonnage in Bristol stone going up for repair of Nailsworth Road from Dudbridge Wharf. Reduced by 2d per ton.

26 May 1835 p.96. Affidavit of debt due from Bowerman & Sons to Stroudwater Navigation Co.

18 July 1835 p.97-98. George Basham to keep roads over bridges and wharfs in good repair in addition to present contract. Term extended to 3 years, annual payment increased £5 to £15. Thames and Severn Canal Co. to make reduction to tonnage of salt in conformity to proposal of 23 April. Drawbank of 6d on salt passing from Wallbridge through Thames and Severn Canal into Wilts and Berks Canal to Oxford and beyond, wharfs on Kennet and Avon Canal, on production of a certificate that it has been delivered within three months after passing Wallbridge.

14 October 1835 pp.99-100. Job Blick to rent dock at Chippenham Plat, with occasional use of blacksmith's shop, for one year for £22 10s. Inspection of bridge between corner of garden ground formerly belonging to Peter Smith, and entrance to Ship Inn, side of which ought to be fenced from Turnpike road. Application to be made to Commissioners of road to make fence without delay as essential to public safety. Mr Halsey of Whitminster complained of injury to fences of his land near Bristol Road bridge by passing of towing horses. Difficulty of passing under bridge by ordinary road. Proposed to allow gate in his fence at cost of Company to facilitate passage of towing horses from one side of bridge to the other. Offer accepted. Gate to be made.

22 October 1835 p.101. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2742 2s 2d. Balance £2253 16s 9d. Dividend £11. Suspension of order 25 April 1832 for drawback on flour exported made from corn imported,

17 December 1835 pp.102-104. Enclosure of waste water weir near Oil Mills by Mr Lewis. Required to fence off his own land from the weir and land of Company and to remove fence separating same from towing path or adjust same or make a gate to allow free access of Company to weir. New pair of gates for Wallbridge wharf. Carpenter to submit plan. Oil Mills near Ebley. Mr Lewis enclosed waste water weir belonging to Company from towing path by continuing fence across front of weir. Right of Company to weir to be preserved by removal of fence or a crop fence or as Committee might deem best to be done by Mr Lewis. Swing bridge at Ryeford to be repaired. Alterations near Ryeford Mills made between Committee and Mr King. Placing meer stones, fixing rent and other means to be paid by Mr King, to preserve right of Company to land and perpetuate evidence thereof. Reparation of fences of fields on south side of bridge near Stonehouse Cross, dividing fields from road, belong to owners of land on each side of road. Duty of repairing road by Canal Company to bridge alone. The front and wall of weir near carpenter's house by dock at Chippenham Plat to be repaired. Foundation of privy there to be underpinned forthwith. Wing wall to be built

on north side of tail of Dock lock and corner of wing wall of Westfield Bridge to be repaired. Coping of Bristol Road Bridge to be restored and repaired.

25 February 1836 p.105. Mr Wakefield, Mr Sims and Mr George claimed compensation for loss from stoppage of canal by accident at Dudbridge lock. Mr Hawker to write to Mr Allan Mason claiming compensation for injury done by his servant in breaking lock at Dudbridge

20 April 1836 p.106. Mr Allan Mason explained accident caused by his boat to lock at Dudbridge with view to reduce charge for damages. Remit of £5, charge of £20. Letter from Mr Henry Newman, clerk to Commissioners of Lightpill to Birdlip road respecting hedge or fence of garden near the Anchor. Letter from clerk of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. requesting permission to convey materials from Framilode to Gloucester free of tonnage on our canal. Letter of our Clerk in reply, confirmed. Letter of 4 April from Mr John George. Requests as to abatement of tonnage. Drawbacks for this. Crane at Wallbridge wharf insufficient. Mr Holbrow to make enquiries at Gloucester as to price of crane competent to raise about 5 tons.

28 April 1836 pp.107-108. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3359 18s 8d. Balance £2963 16s 7d. Dividend £14 10s. Committee: Mr Cosham, Mr Thomas Croome, Mr T C Croome, Dr Darke, Mr Eycott, Mr P H Fisher, Mr Jos T Fisher, Mr Samuel Parker, Mr John Holbrow, Mr William Stanton, Mr George Wathen, Mr William Wood, Mr Henry Wyatt. Charles Harrison's estimate for building wall at Wallbridge accepted. Letter from Mr Allan Mason re claim on him and copartner for damage to lock at Dudbridge, restating his objections. Committee's offer to submit question to References. In case of his refusal, Committee to sue for damages, unless otherwise advised by Counsel. Enclosed space to be set apart at Company's expense on Wallbridge wharf for depositing coals by Mr N S Marling, at his request. Letter from Mr John George. Referred to Committee.

4 May 1836 pp.109-110. Special Meeting of Committee. Charles Harrison proposed to dig out and put in a good weather stone wall, 2 feet wide at least, near the Stroudwater Canal near Stonehouse Church bridge to support towing path for 11s 6d per perch to underside of flagging. To furnish supply and lay down flagging. 80 feet, each stone 2feet 6inches high, 10inches deep, to be joined to other stone with two iron dowels at 2s 10d per foot. Whole to be done with clay lime except backing. Accepted. Solicitors to write to Mr Allan Mason proposing a reference to two gentlemen, one chosen by him, one by Committee and requesting his decision in 14 days or he pays £20 required.

9 May 1836 pp.110-111. Special Meeting of Committee. Mr W Southern of Gloucester has crane capable of raising 7 tons, price £100. Mr Holbrow to purchase it for use of canal. Mr Basham, contractor, proposed to remove mud and silt from bason of canal above first lock at Framilode for £15. Accepted. Mr Lockham, Mr Eycott and Mr Wood to inspect canal and ascertain where there are accumulations of mud and silt and have them removed. 8 baulks, 20 feet long of memel timber for balance poles to one of lower gates at Framilode and one of upper gates at Five Locks. Piece of oak to be procured from Mr John Dimock for new breast for one of upper gates. New lower gate to be kept in store in room of that put in lately at Dudbridge lock. Price from Mr John George for oak timber suitable. If Mr George uses barge in his Gloucester trade, tonnage on weight of goods carried. If he uses a Worster or vessel of that description, charges for each up and down voyage on 20 tons at least. Drawback to be allowed on all coals brought by him up canal and landed at Dudbridge wharf. Sent on beyond Tetbury 6d per ton. Mr Cosham and Mr Joseph Fisher to arrange letting Mr George the garden near the Anchor Inn as wharf for landing goods.

7 June 1836 pp.112-113. Job Guy servant of Company more than 20 years, deceased. £5 to widow for funeral expenses. Widow and son 5s per week for looking after wharf and water from his death, 27 May, until next Committee meeting. Mr Charles Harrison applied for residue of garden near Anchor Inn on south side of brook, as a wharf. Mr Cosham and Mr Joseph Fisher to arrange setting up requisite walls, bridge or other fences. Injury to lock by bargemen of Mr Mason, opinion of Counsel as to liability to pay for injury. Mr Basham spent £17 4s 4d in removing moving mud from Framilode basin. £18 instead of £5 for his expenses. In future locks on canal should be opened by Company's own servants for passage of vessels. Subcommittee

to consider same. Mr Southern declined to sell crane, 9 May. All Committee Meetings at Committee Room Wallbridge. General Half Yearly Meetings at George Inn. Mr George to purchase oak timber for lock gate.

18 August 1836 pp.115-116. Meeting on boat Wallbridge to Framilode to survey canal. Wall south side Lodgemore bridge to be repaired with stone. Cuckholds Brook. Mud, gravel and silt on south side of canal to be taken out. Double Lock: wing wall on north not properly repaired. Stonehouse bridge and same day work on both wing walls. Ocean wall not done according to contract. Mr Harrison to meet Committee. Top of Five Locks. Stonework under sill of upper pair of gates to be planked. Basham to have two dead trees in hedgerow for 10s. Chippenham Plat: to paint outside of houses occupied by Critchley and Organ. Leading trunk for rainwater at Organ's house. Dock lock. Harrison's work at wing wall. Bristol Road: Two elm trees to be cut down near bridge and on canal bank. Lockham bridge: withey bed to remove all posts into stone. Crib at Framilode to be repaired. One barge load of Bristol stone.

29 August 1836 p.117. Carpenter and surveyor to alter tices of the feeder at Ebley in conformity with suggestion of Mr Marling under direction of Mr Cosham and Mr Wood. Inspector to superintend general management of canal.

6 September 1836 p.118. John Burbidge to be lock keeper at Dudbridge. 12s per week and house. 1s to Nurse, wharfinger at Dudbridge discontinued from 30 September. Wages of Hairs, lock keeper at Double Locks reduced to 12s per week. Application to Mr Thomas Wall for immediate payment of rent.

15 September 1836 p.119. Special Meeting of Committee. Application by Clerk of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. to Mr Hawker to allow timber purchased by them of Mr John Dimock, about 3000 cubit feet of beech to pass through Navigation free of tonnage. Allowed. Penalties on masters, owners and managers of vessels incurred in violation of byelaws, giving false account of quantities on vessel, whence brought and where intended to land to be strictly enforced. John Burbage appointed as inspector. Salary 16s per week and house at Chippenham Plat. William Hooper of Brimscombe appointed lock keeper at Dudbridge in room of John Burbage. 12s per week and house.

20 October 1836 p.120. Samuel Critchley to put up fence at own expense to separate wharf at Chippenham Plat from highway for security of coals he lands there for sale. Proper gates with duplicate key for use of wharfinger. Access for use of traders generally. Samuel Critchley to leave house near wharf. Clerk to apply to Messrs Charles Stephens & Co. for 1s, year's rent for use of enclosed wharf at Ryeford. Mr King 1s – 2 years rent for land thrown into road to his mill at Ryeford. Mr Joseph Clutterbuck to complete plan of Company's land near Ryeford Mill and alterations made for Mr King.

27 October 1836 p.121. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3421 2s 1d. Balance £2852 3s 0d. Dividend £14.

15 December 1836 p.122. Bosley's complaint against Mr Purcell. Allowed stone barge to enter canal below packet of Bosley on 28 October last. John Knight, owner, present when Purcell's explanation appeared to fully justify him. Dock gate to be repaired. Quick to be planted and fenced near Blunder lock. Piling to be done there. William Hairs, lock keeper at Five locks to be dismissed.

16 February 1837 pp.123-124. Request from Mr Richard Parker to be allowed credit on his account. Refused. John George in arrears. Must pay on each vessel comes up. Mr Ayres, late lock keeper, has not quitted house at Double Locks. Immediate ejection. Messrs Fisher to apply to John King of Ryeford Mill to pay for use of enlarged road to his mill. In default Company to dispossess him of road and restore wall. Boundaries of wharf at Ryeford to be marked with meer stones to separate it from land of Mr Critchley.

8 March 1837 pp.125-126. Special Meeting. Charles Hobbs, owner and master of vessel, Worster, called the 'Patience', on 7 March came to clerk to clear vessel for going down Navigation with converted timber. Ticket from Thames & Severn Canal of 6 March, freight 12 tons. Actual weight 22 tons + 13cwt. Penalty

of 40s for every ton of goods. Order that £20 be laid on owner. of the 'Patience' and goods detained until sum is paid. Thanks to person in Thames and Severn Canal Company for the communication which brought circumstances to light. Clerk to make enquiry on other frauds on tonnage of converted timber. Enclosure on Wallbridge Wharf for securing coals for W H Hyatt.

23 March 1837 p.127. Special Meeting. If any person should offer to pay quarter's rent due for houses and premises at Dudbridge Wharf for Thomas Edward Wall, Dudbridge Wharf, Mr Hawker to accept. If on part of John George, he is to refuse.

21 April 1837 pp.128-129. Mr Robert Tucker Allaway of Clifton, County of Gloucester, doctor in medicine and Arthur William Allaway of Winterbourne, County of Gloucester, shares nos.123,124,125,126, will of Ann Allaway of Burleigh Hall, Winterbourne, widow. Letter from Mr Clegram, Clerk to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. regarding permission for stones for building a wharf to pass our canal free of tonnage. Information about nature of work, quantity, use of wharf, sole use of Canal Company.

27 April 1837. pp.130-131. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3054 8s 4d. Balance £2641 14s 3d. Dividend of £13. Committee: Mr William Cosham, Mr T C Croome, Dr Darke, Mr S Fisher, Mr Joseph I Fisher, Mr Frederick Eycott, Mr P H Fisher, Mr John Holbrow, Mr William Wood, Mr George Wathen, Mr Henry Wyatt, Mr W Stanton, Mr Henry Beard. Drawing off of water on Bristol Road level for repairs. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co, Capt. Clegram engineer request to cut passage, at their expense, through south bank of Navigation, a little above Whitminster lock and conduct water through land of Mr Cambridge, whose permission he has obtained, into Rein ditch. Also coffer dam in Whitminster Lock above lower gates to feed their canal through lower level. Reinforcement of Navigation bank, puddling of same, removing coffer dam and all soil and silt, repairing of any damage permitted but not as precedent. Subcommittee for Mr Charles Harrison's request for land as wharf on western end of garden near the Anchor.

22 May 1837 p.132. Special Meeting. Letter from Mr Clegram, clerk or engineer Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. Permission to fit stop boards into grooves in wing wall of Whitminster Lock at upper end to enable stank to be made for keeping back water of level below Whitminster Lock. Permission granted without prejudice to rights of Navigation. No right to interfere with locks or water without permission.

23 June 1837 pp.133,134. Letter from Henry Waddy, clerk to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Co. accepting permission granted 22 May. James George of Bristol Esq., Edward Francis Colston of Weymouth, County of Somerset and Shepton Mallet, county of Somerset, shares nos.21,26,39, 174, 184, will of William Jenkins, Shepton Mallet, County of Somerset.

9 August 1837 pp.135-136. Competent engineer to inspect crane at Dudbridge. Navigation of canal impeded by mud. Plan for removing mud throughout whole line of canal. Application for tender for bag and spoon with proper vessel for raising and removing mud. Coping on part of wharf at Stonehouse to be taken off and reset, roofs of sheds of dock yard at Chippenham Plat to be repaired. Mr P H Fisher produced original title or ticket of share 91. Lost seal to be reaffixed. James George of Bristol, Edward Francis Colston, Thomas Hele Phipps 23 June. New tickets of shares nos.21 26 39 174 184. 3,000 feet of oak slabs to be procured from Ambrose of Gatcombe. Clay lying near Whitminster poor house to be removed to Company's land at Chippenham Platt. Floor of enclosure, the pen, used for depositing timber, to be levelled, covered with cinders and coating of gravel. Well dug at Framilode by Williams and another to be walled and windlass and rope provided.

19 October 1837 pp.137-138. Charles Boseley & Co., Gloucester Packet and Bristol Carrying Trade of J E Wakefield & Co., allowed credit for their tonnages. Well at Framilode to be walled with proper drain. Bag and spoon for dredging mud to raise 5cwt. at a time. George Basham's tender 5½d accepted. John Burbige produced book of Minutes examined by Mr Hawker. John Burbige £1 per week at end of first year's service.

26 October 1837 p.139. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2835 10s 5d. Balance £2445 15s 10d.

Dividend £12

14 December 1837 pp. 140-141. Posts and a rail on each side of road leading down from canal bridge at the Ryeford, as fence to road to prevent accidents. Estimate from Joseph Small for supplying and putting up new crane at Dudbridge Wharf, equal to that belonging to Messrs Price & Co. near the Anti dry rot Company wharf at Gloucester for £125, using cog wheels of present crane. Accepted including masonry. Mr George Henry Augustus Beard, share no.177 will of Charlotte Beard of Leonard Stanley, County of Gloucester, spinster. Mr Wyatt proposed on behalf of Joseph Watts that house and wharf at Chippenham Plat occupied by Critchley be let to him. Rent of £10 per annum.

11 January 1838 p.142. Special Meeting. Mr George Hawker of The Wharf, parish of Painswick, county of Gloucester, attended on part of Thomas Perry of Wolverhampton, County of Stafford, Esq., shares nos.72,188,152, will of James Perry, Wolverhampton. Joseph Small's amended estimate agreed, £130 (£125+£5).

15 February 1838 pp.143-144. John Morgan of Old Market Street, Bristol, clerk to Thomas Jones of Burfield House, parish of Westbury, County of Gloucester, attended on the part of Thomas Jones, shares nos.132,191,195 will of Thomas Jones Esq, Stapleton, county of Gloucester. Also shares nos.98,5,6,93,127, standing in name of Thomas Jones and Thomas Roberts, will of William Battersby, Bristol, all deceased, with executors his wife Francis Jones and son-in-law Robert Newton Shaw.

17 April 1838 p.145. Mr Eycott to report on alterations in wall at the Ryeford asked for by John King. Credit to Bristol Carriers reduced to 3 months. Slabs and gate timber nearly exhausted. Procured from Gatcombe in the Forest of Dean at average of 2d per foot. John Burbidge and Organ to look out for 5000 ft.

26 April 1838 pp.146-147. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2956 16s 2d. Balance £2529 0s 1d. Dividend £12 10s. Committee: Mr G H A Beard, Mr Frederick Eycott, Mr P H Fisher Mr Samuel Fisher, Mr George Wathen, Mr William Stanton, Mr William Cosham, Dr Darke, Mr J I Fisher, Mr John Holbrow, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Henry Wyatt. Henry Wyatt appointed Treasurer of Company. Messrs Isaac Marshall & Co. of Birmingham applied for order or guarantee for crane applied for to them by Joseph Small.

3 May 1838 p.148. Special Meeting. Representation of Mr Rasher, tenant of farm at Stonehouse belonging to Mr Carruthers. George Basham to make drain along lower side of canal bank at the Ocean near Stonehouse Church to catch water leaking under bank. Drain into brook. Mr Hawker to write to Messrs Marshall for price per cwt and probably weight of castings for crane at Dudbridge. Guarantee if amount corresponds with order by John Small.

11 May 1838 p.149. Special Meeting. Joseph Small & Son of Birmingham to furnish whole crane. Timberwork of best seasoned oak.

1 August 1838 p.151. Charles Harrison applied to be paid residue of bill for work done near the Ocean in 1836. Completed flagging. £29 3s 8d. Thomas Hanman to frame pair of lower lock gates for Framilode lock. £12.

10 August 1838 p.152. Special Meeting. Robert Vaughan Richards Esq., shares nos.199,102, will of Matthew Chalis Esq., Minchin Lane, London, late of Wellington Street in the Strand, Middlesex and Bolingbroke, Battersea Rise, Surrey. Upper floor of warehouse at Wallbridge Wharf occupied by Mr Biddle to be cased with half inch elm.

29 August 1838 pp.153-154. Tour Wallbridge to Framilode. Lodgemore: to look to bearer on which end of swing bridge rests when shut to put it level to support bridge when shut. Ryeford Bridge: Set at upper level wants pointing. Mud to be dredged opposite Mr Stephen's coal pen above bridge and near Double Locks. Stonehouse: bridgeway leading to W Davis's mill and canal on both sides of bridge to be dredged. At the

Blunder Lock and Pike Lock roots of poplars on leaze ground have penetrated puddle bank into masonry and entered lasher holes. Complaint by Mr Snowden of manner on which Mr Biddle has used feeder at Lodgemore, penning up water of his brook to aid his navigation of brook. Salary of Robert Miles, at the Junction, to be increased. 1 shilling per week. Messrs Marshall & Son to supply crane for Dudbridge Wharf for £140 and to erect it for £15, similar to Messrs Washburn & Co of Gloucester.

17 October 1838 pp.155-156. Revd William Colston of Broughton Hall near Lechlade, County of Gloucester, share no.154, will of Alexander Townsend, Theescombe, parish of Minchinhampton. Notice to Mr Joseph Blackmore to pay wharfage due for wood deposited by him on wharf at Dudbridge and remove wood or said wood to be sold at auction. Large stout great coat and mackintosh or camlet cape to be provided for the inspector in his duty in inclement weather and night attendance.

24 October 1838 p.157. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3002 2s 8d. Balance £2502 15s 3d. Dividend £12. Mr Robert Davies complained of delay in passage of vessels through canal bridge, opposite his mill at Stonehouse. Impediment in canal or width of bridge walls. Some barges, particularly belonging to James Nourse, of unusual width.

13 November 1838 p.158. Special Meeting. Probable increase of traffic on Stroudwater Navigation by sending of stone. Tonnage reduced to 1s per ton on stone carried from Wallbridge Wharf or intermediate place to Bristol Road Wharf to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal or the Severn. Wharfage and carriage of stone 3d per ton on blocks not exceeding 2 tons. 12 pair of blocks of cast iron to be fitted to lower lock gates to prevent injury by violent striking of boats or barges. Auctioneer to sell rods or poles, 17 October. John Burbidge to be paid £10.

2 January 1839 p.160. Special Meeting. Letter of Messrs Osborne, Ward & Sons, solicitors to Bristol & Gloucestershire Extension Railway Co. on assent or dissent to Bill for making said railway. Plans deposited with clerk of parish of Stonehouse. Dissent. Request for copy of Bill with plan of passing canal and towing path. James Giles Mason, bill of £25 18s 6d. 140 cubic feet of elm from Mr Clutterbuck.

4 February 1839 p.162. Special Meeting. Messrs Osborne, Ward & Sons, similar clause in Bristol & Gloucestershire Extension Railway Bill to that in Cheltenham & Great Western Union Railway for protection of Thames & Severn Canal. Mr Fisher's draft of such clauses approved.

17 April 1839 p.164. Letter to Messrs Marshall & sons. Clerk to purchase timber for new swivel bridge at Framilode. Daniels paid £1 for assisting getting iron out of boat at Chippenham Plat. 4 dozen sherry wine from Messrs Martin & Co., Gloucester.

26 April 1839 pp.165-167. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3332 10s 8d. Balance £2711 5s 4d. Dividend £13 10s. Committee: Dr Darke, Mr G H A Beard, Mr William Cosham, Mr T Croome, Mr Frederick Eycott, Mr George Wathen, Mr Richard Martin, Mr John Holbrow, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Henry Wyatt, Mr P H Fisher, Mr J I Fisher, Mr Samuel Fisher. Clauses for protection of Navigation not included in Bristol & Gloucestershire Railway Bill. Solicitor's agent to confer with Mr Brunel. Petition to House of Commons. Steps approved. Mr Brunel and Mr Osborne refused to admit clauses without exception to liability. Exception admitted. Clerk to offer to pay half Messrs Marshall's bill. Cranage on stone at Dudbridge Wharf. 1 ton 3d per ton, 2 tons 4d per ton, 3 tons 6d per ton, 4 tons 9d per ton. Above 4 tons 1s per ton. Rent of Gas Company reduced. Paving stone brought for Commissioners of town of Stroud passed free of tonnage, instead of limiting same to stone required. In future proper tonnage on paving stone to be paid.

13 May 1839 pp.168-169. Special Meeting. Mr Hawker produced receipt for 10s 6d paid to James Withey, owner of Gannicox House and Garden for use for 7 years of land at bottom of Gannicox Garden, road between garden and canal to feed at Lodgemore and place where boathouse was. Confirmed. Mr John Biddle, owner of Stratford's Mill, allowed to make excavation in bank of canal at eastward end of wing wall of

feeder or works at Lodgemore, for mooring barges there for loading and unloading of corn for mill, 7 feet wide. Our works to be protected by his continuing wing wall as far as excavation extends inward to north east. Bank to be well piled. Width of cutting not to exceed 7 feet. Wall to be substantially built under superintendance of surveyor.

30 July pp.169-170. Complaint from George Bengough of the Ridge, complaining of obstruction to flowing of River Frome from Fromebridge Mills through culvert near Lockham Bridge. Accumulation of mud, soil and silt. Damming up of water by Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. at Whitminster Mills to throw water of stream over new weir for feeding their canal. Letter referring Mr Bengough to Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. Impediments in river above culvert. Letter to clerk of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. Mr Robert Davies' complaint of want of repair for bridge across canal to his mill at Stonehouse. Inspector Burbage to go to Brockweir on River Wye to choose oak slabs belonging to Mr Swift and purchase about 6000 feet. Slabs of memel timber from Messrs Price, Washborne & Price of Gloucester. 1 for sheathing mud boat and 8 for swing poles for lock gates. Job Blick permitted to raise about 60 feet of wall at Stonehouse Wharf near bridge at own expense.

20 August 1839 pp.171-172. Meeting on board Company's barge. Stroud level wants mudding in several places. Crown of the Roving Bridge, immediate repair on lower side. Iron work of bridge leading to Stonehouse Mill to be repaired. Bridge to be painted to accommodate Davieses. Bushes and trees on banks of canal to be removed. Basham to trim and cut them, lops to be given to proprietors of adjoining land. Breast of lower part of Double Locks. Masonry work at first of 5 Locks. Geo Basham to keep canal, roads, wharfs, roads over bridges in repair for £110 for three years. Lower wall of Westfield Bridge under coping to be repaired. Sub-committee to consider office of Clerk, alterations in duties, number of persons, residence, salary/ies. Trunks to be provided for aqueduct near Lockham Bridge. Operation for cleaning mud.

15 October 1839 pp.174-175. Job Blick's rent for wet dock at Chippenham Plat reduced to £29 per annum. House occupied by Thomas Critchley at Bristol Road wharf to be altered by raising roof to make additional room to plan of Philip Povey, carpenter of Whitminster. Estimate £25. Mr Critchley to give £8 per annum, £2 increase on present rent. Inspector Burbidge reported water leaks through Gloucester & Berkeley Canal locks at Junction and raised water on our lower level above proper height. Injury to adjoining cottages. Small weir to be made on bank of canal near Moor Street Bridge. Clerk to thank Mr Denyer for letter and book of regulations adopted for Thames & Severn Canal.

24 October 1839 pp.176-177. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2866 6s 2d. Balance £2347 18s 8d. Dividend £11 10s. Sub-Committee on office of Clerk to continue.

4 March 1840 pp.179-180. Mr John Stanton of Thrupp, parish of Stroud, as husband of Mary Darke, shares nos.145,92,135,136,137,144,176, will of William Weale Darke, formerly of Stroud, Cheltenham. Thomas Clutterbuck Croome of Cainscross, shares nos.46,186, will of Thomas Croome. Planks to be purchased for repair of swivel bridge at Stonehouse leading to Messrs Davieses mill.

15 April 1840 p.181. Messrs Thomas and Samuel Marling applied for permission to remove bridge at Ebley Mill to west and use towing path for conveyance of materials for new buildings. Mr Cosham, Mr Beard, Mr Croome to see Messrs Marling. Mr Hooper, lock keeper, allowed a great coat.

22 April 1840 pp.182-184. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3561 3s 3d. Balance £2965 17s 11d. Dividend £14 10s. Committee: Mr Henry Beard, Mr William Cosham, Mr Fred Eycott, Mr Joseph I Fisher, Mr P H Fisher, Mr Sam Fisher, Mr John Holbrow, Mr Rob Hughes, Mr John Stanton, Mr George Wathen, Mr Henry Wyatt, Mr Richard Martin. Messrs Marling permitted to remove bridge at Ebley Mill to point opposite intended gates into new mill yard about 300 feet west of present bridge at own expense, also high walls. Same width of waterway to be left at intended bridge, banks at site of old bridge to be restored. Permission to continue wall across southern end of lower culvert under canal at Ebley. Use of towing path between site of bridge and upper gates of new mill as a road. Costs to Messrs Marling. Very infirm state of

Mr Hawker's health. Retirement from more active duties. Tenders of services at salary of £120 per annum with house. Superintendent Edward Burbage to Framilode. Dispense with services of William Purcell.

13 May 1840 p.185. Anthony Scott, 58 Gower Street, Bedford Square, county of Middlesex, gentleman, shares nos.85,11,37,38, will of Susannah Scott, Wallbridge, county of Gloucester, spinster.

22 May 1840 pp.186-187. Special Meeting. Mr Hawker's 27 years service, great age and infirmities. As inducement to faithful servants of Company, expedient to continue his salary for discharge of restricted duties. Advertisement in Gloucester papers and Midland Counties for office of Clerk of the Navigation. Salary £120 per year. House occupied by Organ at Chippenham Plat for new clerk.

15 July 1840 pp.191-191a. Special General Assembly of Proprietors. Mr Martin proposed and Mr Hughes seconded election of Mr Edward Wood Mason of Painswick for office of Clerk at salary of £120. Points respecting title to shares, mode of transfer, right of survivorship in case of joint ownership and giving of new ticket. Case for equity barrister for opinion.

21 July 1840. pp. 192-193 Special Meeting. Complaint from Messrs T & S S Marling of Company's servant Hooper taking water at feeder at Ebley. William Hooper reported paddles up Monday 13th. Taken up on previous Saturday. No water had come in. 10 o'clock Monday Messrs Marling sent him to shut down paddles which Hooper refused to do until canal had been supplied. Paddles put down 5 or 6 o'clock Tuesday, canal still 3 inches under level. Paddles up 9 o'clock evening of Tuesday 14th. Mr S S Marling present. Remained up till ¼ past 5 o'clock Wednesday morning 15th. 8 o'clock evening canal 4 inches under level. Again drew paddles. No water came in, 3 vessels waiting, till 9 o'clock evening Friday 19th. Canal full, paddles down. 16, 17, 18 no water into canal. Company's authority for taking water. Desire to supply canal by mode and time least injurious to mill's owner. Much of difficulty caused by alteration or obliteration of stream to reservoirs of Messrs Marling.

6 August 1840 p.194. Letter from Messrs Marling on taking of water from Ebley feeder. Dudbridge and Stonehouse bridges to be repaired immediately. New pair of upper gates at 5 Locks. Cargo of oak slabs to be purchased at Chepstow. At culvert below Lockham Bridge, mud and rushes opposite Mr Hawkins withy bed to be digged out. Basham to remove rushes and other accumulations at upper side of aqueduct near Lockham Bridge. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. to be requested to clear canal so that gates at Whitminster Lock can be opened and shut. Warehouse at Framilode to be repaired, brick wall near cottages to be rebuilt.

14 August 1840 pp.195-197. Mary Ann Beale, shares nos. 193,194,158,159, will of William Beale, Hyde Court, Minchinhampton. Messrs Marling suggest taking charge of feeder near mills at Ebley. Experiment for 12 months. Messrs Marling to be offered key of paddles of weir. No defined period. Desirable to guard rights of Navigation. Vigilance in respect of altered state of property at Ebley. Four pieces of baulk timber to be bought for pair of lock gates.

16 October 1840 p.200. Mr Charles Bosley complained of charges for warehousing goods at Dudbridge Wharf. Company expect Mr George to remove cause of complaint.

23 October 1840 pp.201-202. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3508 10s 8d. Balance £2830 8s 7d. Dividend £14. Letter from Messrs Richard & Peter Smith. Removal of obstructions in the stream from the Ship to end of Wallbridge Wharf and to cut the bank straight. Every bushel of wheat 60 pounds instead of 56 pounds. Byelaw; master, owner or person in charge of every boat, barge, vessel which is empty or has cargo not delivered in 48 hours of arrival shall remain opposite wharf for 2 hours. 20s and 5s for every hour they remain. Towing path to be shut where not a public foot path. Mr Hooper reported that a man working or a millman for Mr Hunt of Lodgemore Mills, broke off lock belonging to Navigation, on paddles of feeder at Lodgemore across the Painswick Stream, preventing water flowing into canal. Sureties to be furnishes by Mr Brown.

27 October 1840 pp.203-204. Special Meeting. Clerk to stop towing path in various lengths to preserve exclusive right of Company to it. Daniel Knight broke off the lock off floodgates near feeder at Lodgemore. Mr Hunt, his master, did not wish to interfere to prevent him being prosecuted as he had discharged him. Not expedient to proceed against millman at present. Mr Hunt gave Mr Mason to understand act would not be repeated by any servant of his. Wall of house of Mr John Fred Lewis at Ebley between house and bridge in dangerous state and likely to fall. Clerk to give notice. Responsible for any damages. To be built further from canal.

13 November pp.205-206. Special Meeting. Messrs Fisher resigned office of solicitor to Proprietors. Mr Wathen appointed solicitor. Mr Samuel Stephens Marling enquired terms on which he could build wall on Company's culvert at Ebley. Surveyor and solicitor to Company to view culvert. Mr Henry Lewis offered to rebuild wall in Spring. Company refused to pay £5 toward expense. Henry Lewis to repair wall forthwith. Charles Clutterbuck at Whitminster to remove stone and pay tonnage and wharfage at Bristol Road Wharf. Mr Holbrow, surety of Mr William Purcell. Mr Mason every week to receive from William Purcell monies and pay all to Mr Hawker, chief Clerk. Mr Hawker proposed Anthony Scott of Gower Street, London Esq. and William Fryer of Stroud, gentleman, as his sureties. £250 for his bond of indemnity of Mr James Gordon given to Mr Mason to be deposited with them as security.

10 December 1840 p.207. Mr N S Marling about to succeed Messrs Charles Stephens & Co. at Stanley Mills. Wishes to occupy depo occupied by them at the Ryeford on same terms. Agreed. Samuel Critchley of Eastington applied to have canal piled and deepened at Eastington Wharf for widening canal. Also piled opposite Organ's house at Chippenham Plat. Agreed under supervision of Clerk, Mr Mason. Mr Hawker's Bond executed. Mr Mason deposited note of Mr James Gordon for £250,

19 February 1841 pp.208-209. T & S Marling asked for leave to introduce a pipe into the canal to supply a pump in their new weaving shops. Refused. Mr N S Marling agreed to become tenant of land near the Ryeford, at 2s 6d per annum, lately occupied by Messrs C Stevens as a coal wharf. Messrs Smith & Gyde, tenant of dye houses at Stanley Mill need to land coals free of wharfage. To have land between Mr Marling's wharf and the road. Small annual rent and expense of making it into wharf. Three wagon loads of beech or larch poles to be bought for piling. Present lime kiln to be moved to dock yard at Chippenham Plat. Barge load of Aberthaw pebbles for burning into lime to be bought. New parapet wall and coping on Westfield Bridge. 200 feet of elm timber to be bought. Lower bars of lower lock gates of elm instead of oak. 4000 Shropshire bricks and 3000 Frampton bricks to be bought. Timber for new ice boat. Bridge above the Bristol Road might be dispensed with Mr Bengough's consent. Embankments near Lockham Bridge separating towing paths from adjoining meadows to be raised to prevent land flood flowing into canal. Mr Mason to look out site for a house for a clerk near Junction with Gloucester & Berkeley Canal. John Burbage to be clerk at Framiload (sic). Salary £60 per annum. Person to be employed in Burbidge's place as lock keeper in Double Locks, a mason by trade, and to be employed as a mason in his spare time. Petition against proposed scheme for Severn Navigation.

15 March 1841 pp.210-211. Special Meeting. No allowance on tonnage on coals but increased allowance to Mr Biddle on corn and wheat. Drawback of 33½ per cent on tonnage on all wheat on Navigation between short level at Dudbridge, 6½ per cent below Double Locks, - per cent below bridge at Eastington. Application by Messrs Thomas & Samuel Marling for pipe into Navigation referred to solicitor of Company.

23 April 1841 p.213. Adjourned Committee Meeting. Thomas Clutterbuck of Hardenhuish House, County of Wilts Esq. shares nos.118,119, will of Mary Clutterbuck, late of Minchinhampton, spinster. Mr Mason to purchase timber for planking,

23 April 1841 pp.214-215. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3921 2s 9d. Balance £3243 14s 3d. Dividend £16. Committee: Mr Frederick Eycott, Mr Rd Martin, Mr T C Croome, Mr John Stanton, Mr P H Fisher, Mr S Fisher, Mr John Holbrow, Mr Wm Cosham, Mr H A Beard, Mr Robt Hughes, Mr J I Fisher, Mr H Wyatt. Experienced engineer to be employed to survey works of Navigation, particularly mode of

supplying it with water. Resolution of last General Half Yearly Meeting on charging tonnage to be rescinded. Drawback on tonnage of wheat after rates of £36 13s 4d per cent on all wheat not carried into Thames & Severn Canal. After rate of £33 6s 8d. on that brought up into Ebley Level, not into short level at Dudbridge, then rate of £15 8s above Five Locks not up to Double Locks.

11 June 1841 p.217. Special Meeting. Mr Holbrow to confer with Capt. Clegram. Fence to enclose whole of Ryeford Wharf. 20p to be charged on each lock of water used for towing boats passing out of canal into Severn at Framilode, without regard to number, 7 May 1841 p.216. Special Meeting. Subcommittee to meet Capt. Clegram, inspect works of canal and Capt. Clegram to report on them.

24 June 1841 p.218. Towing path gates to be erected at Messrs Marling's Mill to prevent wagons passing to their two gateways. Geo Basham directed by Mr Mason to repair banks of canal. Fence to protect hedge at Stonehouse Wharf. Piling to be placed on lower sides of Westfield Bridge. Wall to be built at the Waste weir and a new road made at Organ's house at Chippenham's Platt. New privy to be erected with old materials at Critchleys. Mr Bengough's bridge to be repaired.

16 July 1841 pp.219-220. Special Meeting. George James Luke Noble and James Padmore Noble, shares nos. 181,182,183, will of Elizabeth Noble, Taunton, county of Somerset, spinster, and Jane Noble, Taunton, spinster. Proposal to give old part of canal and towing paths above and below Junction to Company of Proprietors of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal, $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre in lieu of piece of land on western side near Junction, about $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre.

4 August 1841 p.222. Adjourned Special Meeting. Counsel's opinion to be obtained respecting right of Company to deviated line near Junction and right of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. and this Company to make exchange. Legal advice to be taken regarding supply of water to canal. Rights of Company at Ebley and the mills. Mr Croome to act with Mr Wathen.

7 September 1841 p.223. Special Meeting. William Musty to be appointed lock keeper and mason at Double Locks in place of Thomas Barnfield deceased. 15s per week inclusive of house. Elisha Oldenham to rent part of Stonehouse Wharf at £40 per annum for 2 years.

21 October 1841 p.224. Mr Mason to procure chain for the oaks at Dudbridge Wharf,

28 October 1841 p.225. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3740 5s 5d. Balance £2757 18s 8d. Dividend £13 10s. Resolution for erecting towing path gates near Messrs Marling's mills, 24 June, removed. Mr Clutterbuck of Dudbridge Towing complained of trespass of Messrs Marling's work people

28 October 1841 pp.226-227. Special Meeting. Notice to Mr John George to quit dwelling houses, yard, warehouse, stable and garden at Dudbridge. Wall to be built to support towing path of canal from termination at Wallbridge Wharf to distance corresponding with wall on north side to widen towing path and coal yard on south side. Mr Mason to see to repair and strengthening crane at Dudbridge Wharf,

3 December 1841 pp.228-229. Special Meeting. Mr Elisha Oldham and contractor for erection of railway bridge over Navigation at Stonehouse, having erected temporary bridge applied to Committee to sanction same. No objection made until some inconvenience sustained. A cape to be provided for lock keeper at Double Locks to protect him from weather

23 December 1841 pp.230-231. £20 subscription to Fund for Relief of Distressed Operatives in parish of Stroud. Mr George's clerk, Mr Howells, gave up warehouse on wharf at Dudbridge. Letter from Mr Denyer, clerk of Thames & Severn Canal Company to Mr Hawker requesting loan of pile driving monkey and grab. Lent. Case and opinion respecting fording of canal by stream at Ebley. Company to consider any proposal from Messrs Marling but strict rights obtain perfect supply of water

25 February 1842 pp 232-233. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. not entitled to sole interest in freehold of diverted line of Navigation and addition to lower level to raise height of water. Fee simple to be obtained. Application by Framilode Benefit Society of Watermen for permission to use upper lot of warehouse at Framilode for their meeting and to raise roof when allowed timber and other materials. Agreed. Rent of £4 per annum

1842 pp.234-235. No communication from Messrs Marling. No reply to solicitor's letter to Gloucester & Berkeley Canal co. Rent of loft at Framilode 10s per annum instead of £4. Mr Marshall to write to Marshall & Co. Of Birmingham for allowance on defective state of crane. Clock to be fixed up at Eastington dock for regulation of work hours. Wing walls of swing bridges at Bond's Mill and Framilode, lock walls at the Double Locks and Eastington to be repaired. Mr Holbrow, Mr Stanton, Mr Samuel Fisher to consult clerk of Thames & Severn Canal on drawback on coals going up canals and River Thames to and below Radcot, 15 April

22 April 1842 pp.236-237. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2786 17s 5d. Balance £2117 16s 0d. Dividend £10 10s. Last two dividends increased by temporary transit of large quantity of materials for Great Western Railway, Cirencester & Swindon Railway. Low dividend result of very great falling off of trade. Loss of tonnage on 18425 tons. Question of whether any and what steps be taken to preserve fair share of traffic on Navigation. Committee: Mr John Holbrow, Mr George Wathen, Mr P N Fisher, Mr J Fisher, Mr Frederick Eycott, Mr J C Croome, Mr John Stanton, Mr Richard Martin, Mr Henry Wyatt, Mr J I Fisher, Mr H Beard, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr W Cosham. Steps to secure power of taking due supply of water at feeder at Ebley.

20 May 1842 pp.238-239. Special Meeting. Committee willing to consider any proposal from Messrs Marling to secure constant and full supply of water to Navigation, in way most convenient to both parties. John Jeane Coney Esq. shares nos.168,169,170, will of Rev Thomas Coney, Batcombe, Somerset, & Rev William Coney.

3 June 1842 p.240. Special Meeting. Proposal from Raymond Cripps on building of railway bridge over canal at Stonehouse. Consent for stopping Navigation on different terms as penalty from those in Act of Parliament. Lower sum for 24 hours. No lower terms than £50 per 24 hour stoppage.

10 June 1842 pp.242-243. Application to Messrs Osborne Ward, solicitors to Bristol & Gloucester Railway Co. to let Stroudwater Navigation Co. know whether they are about to proceed to make bridge over Stroudwater Navigation at Stonehouse under powers of Act of Parliament. Unless official communication given on Monday morning next all proceedings on spot prevented. No consent to drain under Stroudwater Canal. Contract with George Basham for keeping towing path in repair not renewed. Labourers under direction of Mr Mason. Letter from Messrs Thomas and Samuel Stephens. Unacquainted with wishes of Committee. Reply that Company are dissatisfied with present mode of feeding water near Ebley Mills. Legal to restore old dimensions and course of stream to pass under Navigation in its former channel. Works might be suggested by Messrs Marling to secure sufficient supply of water.

7 July 1842 p.245. Piling of banks of towing path between canal and brook near Ryeford Mill to be repaired. Mr Mason to confer with Mr Denyer, Clerk of Thames & Severn Canal co. on tonnage and steps taken by Kennet & Avon Canal. Westfield Lock to be repaired. Mr Mason, estimates for house or shed of stone and timber for ice boat. To ask Mr Cambridge of Whitminster House to allow the Company to put ice boat into his boat house for safety. Bristol Road Bridge to be repaired. Wall or embankment of stone on bank of brook at Framilode. Slip because of last high flood. To prevent further slips and secure safety of Company cottages. Lock side walls at Bristol Road to be repaired and pointed.

15 July 1842 p.246. Special Meeting Sketch of intended drain under canal at stonehouse. Gloucester & Bristol Railway Co. claim right to make it without interference. Mr Mason to watch and inspect drain.

15 July 1842 pp.246-248. Special Meeting. James Smith of Cirencester proposed to bring quantity of stone, ironwork and timber, 3000 tons along Navigation to works of Gloucester & Bristol Railway at Stonehouse. Tonnage 1s 6d per ton. Drawback of 6d per ton or less expensive to Railway Co. to bring goods by other means. Agreed on excess of 2000 tons and full tonnage paid. Letter from Mr Richards, Chairman of Thames & Severn Canal Co. Reduction of tonnage on brick carriage between Cirencester, Newport and Gloucester. Further information required. Letter to Mr Richards requesting involvement of Mr Denyer of Thames & Severn Canal Co.

19 August 1842 p.249. Special Meeting. Mr Denyer attended meeting respecting reduction in tonnage. Deputation to meet at Brimscombe on 25 August.

2 September 1842 pp. 250-251. Comparison of lading of vessels called Worstors. Gauging stick provided erroneous result, 2 tons in 30 less than actual lading. Proper and correct gauging stick to be procured or made. On all coal delivered between Radcot Bridge on River Thames or at or beyond Swindon on Wilts & Berks Canal, drawback allowed of 4d per ton on present tonnage of 1s. On all salt delivered at or beyond Newbridge on Thames, beyond Swindon Wharf on Wilts & Berks Canal 4d per ton, present 1s per ton. All slates delivered at Cirencester 4d per ton on 1s provided Thames & Severn Canal Co. lower rates to 2d per ton per mile on all grain brought beyond junction of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal, at or beyond Cirencester, 4d per ton on 1s. William Clark to reside at the top lock at Five Locks as labourer at 13d per week. 1 guinea per annum as lock keeper. William Daniels and his son, 22d per week for both. Crane at Dudbridge again failed to be repaired. Mr Mason to call in assistance of some engineer.

29 September 1842 p.252. Mr Marling promised to consider mode of feeding Navigation with water at or near Ebley Mill. Mr Mason unable to see Mr Denyer because of his decease. Drawback 2 September allowed. Gloucester & Bristol Railway Co., Considerable diversion of towing path at Stonehouse and drain under Navigation. Mr Wathen to remonstrate against inconvenience. Agreement sought with Mr Eycott to rent his gravel pit for use of Navigation towing path, £10 per annum.

21 October pp.253-254. Members of Committee to attend on rotation before meeting to compare tickets with entries on tonnage, cash and other books. Statement of annual expenses of Navigation for last 4 years. Subcommittee, Mr John Stanton, Mr Holbrow, Mr Cosham, Mr Eycott, to investigate. Arrangements for reducing annual expenditure.

28 October pp.255-256. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2381 8s 5d. Balance £1651 17s 2d. Dividend £8. Drawbacks on coals, salt, slates, grain. Committee to secure means of feeding and supplying Navigation with water at or near present feeder at Ebley. Committee Meetings to be held monthly at Committee Room at Wallbridge. Expenses limited to Act of Parliament. Special meeting for survey of canal £5. Clerk to keep accounts as now done by Mr Hawker. No increase of present amount of clerks' salaries without removing Mr Hawker.

Incorrect numbering. Repeat of page numbers 237-256.

4 November 1842 p.237. Mr Knapp's letter to Mr Wathen. Complaint to Bristol & Gloucester Railway Co. about their works near the Ocean. Subcommittee to view works. Damage to towing path.

9 November 1842 pp.238-241. Dam put into Navigation about 28 feet from bank on opposite side of Navigation. Contraction to 18 feet of waterway. Temporary towing path for hauling or drawing vessels over water adjoining old towing path, diverted 40 feet. Interview with Mr Hillier, engineer, agent of Railway Co. Intention to erect south abutment for bridge. Towing path of 8 feet between face of abutment and waterway. Diversion of 22 feet. Tunnel under Navigation. Works on south side for arching tunnel. Water escaped into tunnel. South end stopped with clay. Violation of provisions of Railway Act. Diversion of 10 feet permitted by Committee. Erection of new abutment or extension of arch span of bridge to required width or by arms to support arch or head of bridge. No diminishing of minimum height of arch. Mr Mason to let W S Marling

to have key. Not a hostile act on part of Navigation Committee. Fixing a day in each month for ordinary committee meetings, also mode in which allowance shall be paid or applied. Notice to be served on Railway Company. Letter from Mr Wathen to their solicitor. Complaint about deviation in towing path and driving of tunnel under Navigation. Mr Croome to confer with Mr Wathen on notice to prevent Railway Company erecting bridge or putting in south abutment to secure towing path from being diverted.

2 December 1842 pp.242-244 Meeting to be held on 3rd Friday of each month. Money for expense of meetings to be divided equally among members. Satisfactory letter from solicitor of Bristol & Gloucester Railway Co.. John Stanton of Stonehouse, William Henry Stanton, Stratford Cottage, Stroud, Charles Stanton, Upland Cottage, Stroud, shares nos.69,114,115,142,143,192, will of William Stanton, Thrupp, Stroud. Special Meeting for 14 December to consider independent mode of feeding Navigation with water at or near Ebley.

16 December 1842 pp.245-246. Special Meeting. Mr Buckland, on behalf of Mr Cripps, contractor for building railway bridge at Stonehouse asked compensation charged for drawing off water for 6 days to lay foundation of the bridge. No consent for bridge in present place but only if situation satisfactory to Company. No consent to driving of tunnel unless on other terms. Mr Wathen read opinion of Mr Cowling on works of Railway Company. Further opinion from an equity barrister. Notice to Mr John George and other persons to quit house and premises at Dudbridge. Some of reductions made by Thames & Severn Canal Company, 28 October. Mr Denyer to explain. Mr Mason to be paid for clock for use of Company, £10 11s 0d. Mr Fisher, Mr Wyatt and Mr Croome to see Mr Marling.

20 December 1842 pp. 247-248. Special Meeting. Mr Buckland attended with proposal from Mr Cripps sanctioned by Mr Brunel, chief engineer to Railway Company. Span of bridge to be increased 2 feet, provided ends of timber rest on corbels. Towing path 24 feet. Agreed provided not less than 6 feet between waterside of towing path, abutments at least 26 feet, wing walls of towing path built to satisfaction of Navigation Company. Drainage of tunnel. If conditions complied with and payment of £150, Clerk to draw off water from Stonehouse Level Monday 26 December to following Saturday night. Repair in this level and removal of soil near Mr R L Davies' bridge during stoppage.

24 December 1842 pp.249-251. Special Meeting. Mr Buckland reported that Mr Hammond, second engineer of Railway Company declared it impossible to increase width of intended bridge by 2 feet. Railway Company would enter into required indemnity against repair, damage, stoppage or leakage on same terms and extent as stated by Act of Parliament. Railway Company to make bridge 30 feet between piers, towing path with good substantial wall, not less than 1 foot thick. Approach of at least 20 yards on each side, furnished with tothing at east end. Payment of £123 instead of £150 for permission to do works. Resolved that towing path under bridge be reduced to 5 feet. Agreement to 30 feet width of bridge and £125 instead of £150. No reduction in tonnage on coals by Thames & Severn Canal Company. Necessary to reconsider reduction by Navigation.

20 January 1843 pp.252-253. £125 paid by Mr Buckland. Water let out of Navigation, works of bridge in progress. Place deepened near Mr R D Davies' house at Stonehouse to enable two vessels to pass each other. Letter from Mr Clegram, clerk to Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. Inconvenience from culverts near Lockham Bridge. One of trunks of culvert broken, violent irruption of water into Navigation. Resolved to restore aqueduct or make another for carrying water of brook or River Froome under Navigation. Accumulation of mud. Mr Mason proposed new culvert of brick and stone instead of wood. Purchase of land from Mr Cambridge obtained on easy terms or gratuitously. Mr Fisher to arrange terms.

17 February 1843 p.254. Mr Mason to enquire as to cost of iron instead of brick and stonework for culvert near Lockham Bridge.

3 March 1843 p.255. Special Meeting. New culvert near Lockham Bridge of brick and stonework, two oval passages for water.

17 March 1843 pp.256-257. Subcommittee received no communication from Messrs Marling. In case Mr Hawker is rendered wholly incapacitated for his duty as clerk Mr Cosham to take steps for care and protection of books, papers and property of proprietors.

17 April 1843 pp.258-259. Mr Samuel Marling willing to subject works of his present mill to powers given to company by Acts of Parliament. Time of shutting hatches not to commence until Company's pond filled for water to flow into navigator by feeder. Company to control feeder at Ebley. Servants to ascertain by experiment any practical difficulty in keeping up supply of water to Navigation. Letter from Mr Biddle. Stoppage of Navigation. Threat to deduct loss incurred. Mr Mason reported that before he made stoppage for works at Lockham Bridge he consulted Mr Biddle's captain Longney. Vessels not delayed.

21 April 1843. pp.260-261. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3354 0s 11d. Balance £2626 6s 5d. Dividend £12. Dispute between Company and Mr J George referred to Committee. Committee: Mr John Holbrow, Mr George Wathen, Mr P H Fisher, Mr J I Fisher, Mr S Fisher, Mr F Eycott, Mr J C Croome, Mr B Martin, Mr H J Wyatt, Mr R Hughes, Mr W Cosham, Mr John Stanton.

19 May 1843 p.262. Vote of thanks to be given to Mr Cosham for resolving disputed account with Mr J George and Frederick Nurse. £6 7s accepted from Frederick Nurse, £5 7s 9d from Mr George. Benefit Society of Watermen at Framilode to repair warehouse and construct room at £40. 10s annually. £10 for timber and materials.

27 May 1843 p.263. Special Meeting. Bill in Parliament by Forest of Dean Railway Co. for railway from Forest to Gloucester. Failed before Committee. Mr Wyatt to learn views of opposition to proposed railway company. Thames & Severn Canal Co. and opposers. Roberts to be summoned before magistrates for drawing down of forked Pound Level at or near Whitminster and penalty recovered from him.

16 June 1843 p.264. John George's application to allow empty vessels to go up Navigation to Chalford. Price of tonnage to return loaded with stone for use of Severn Improvement Company to enable him to compete with offer of supplying stone from Forest. Granted provided loads of stone pay usual tonnage. Appointment of assistant clerk spoken of.

21 July 1843 pp.265-266. Mr George did not obtain contract for supplying stone, 16 June. Letter from Mr Caleb Trotter of Bullo Pill requesting reduction of tonnage on coals brought up to and landed at Junction for exportation, 1d per ton Framilode to Junction. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. agreed to reduce tonnage from Junction to Sharpness 2d per ton. Request opens up prospect of new trade. Drawback of 2d per ton on coals brought from Framilode to Junction and exported from there. Junior clerk to be competent to keep accounts, be generally useful. Salary not to exceed £80 per annum

3 August 1843 pp.267-268. Jas Smith of Cirencester brought more than 2000 tons of iron and timber for Bristol Extension Railway Company to Stonehouse. Minimum quantity for drawback of 6d per ton. Entitled to similar drawback on further quantity. Every 1000 bricks, fire or black bricks, to be estimated as of weight, 1ton 10cwt. Every 1000 of other bricks estimated as of 25cwt. Stonehouse Church swing bridge to be repaired. Rate of tonnage to be estimated at per mile. When water in Bristol Road Level is let out for stream to pass through new aqueduct near Lockham Bridge, level to be cleansed of mud, silt and stone. Side of Bristol Road Wharf to be new piled and planked. Part of sea wall at Framilode near garden requires repair. A few tides will wash it away. Bank of brook behind cottages. Wall to keep it being washed away. Part of enclosed garden ground at Framilode, now occupied by Mr Burbidge to be divided into two parts and added to two cottages rented by William and James ?.

18 August 1843 pp.269-270. Mode of estimating rate of tonnage per mile on actual distance adopted. Lodgmore Bridge, Gas Works Bridge, sea wall at Framilode, bank of brook behind cottages to be repaired. Division of garden ground at Framilode confirmed. Solicitor of Bristol Extension Railway repudiate d agreement made by Mr Buckland as to future repairs of Railway Bridge over Navigation near the Ocean. Mr

Wilson, Clerk of Thames & Severn suggested trade on coals to Oxford and vicinity in case drawback made on tonnage of various canals. Offer to reduce their rate to 1s 6d per ton, our tonnage to 6d per ton on all coals through their navigation to or below Eynsham on River Thames. Agreed. Drawback of 6d per ton on timber. New return on income tax. Former return in error.

21 August 1843 p.271. Special Meeting. Decease of Mr Hawker, 19 August. Papers and accounts on care of brother, Mr Charles Hawker. Mr Mason to take possession of books, papers and cash.

25 August 1843 p.272. Special Meeting. £22 proposed for funeral expenses of late respected clerk Mr Geo Hawker. Mr Mason to occupy Company house at Wallbridge. Use of office and committee rooms for management.

8 September 1843 pp.273-274. Special Meeting. Salaries of clerks to be paid quarterly. Clerk to pay cash to Treasurer at bank twice in every week, Wednesday and Saturday. Money received at Framilode to be paid to Clerk or accountant at Wallbridge once every week. Junior clerk at office at Wallbridge from 7 in morning in summer, 8 at other times until shutting of Wallbridge Wharf gates. One hour each for breakfast and dinner. Security given by Junior Clerk to be elected. Two sureties of £150. Mr Mason, Senior Clerk, to audit accounts of Junior Clerk once every week. Senior Clerk to survey Navigation twice every week. Junior Clerk to receive tonnage, keep books and perform general duties of office at Wallbridge Wharf. In future no clerk to be retained in his office if age or infirmity shall render him unable fully to perform his duties.

8 September 1843 pp.275-276. Special General Meeting. Mr Charles Hawker elected Clerk at salary of £80. £22 allowed for funeral expenses of late Mr Hawker.

15 September 1843 pp.277-278. David Jones, Stanley St Leonards, Rev John Colborne, Long Marston, clerk, Edward Cooper Wotton-under-Edge Esq. share no.128, will of Caroline Mary Veel, Stanley St Leonards, spinster.

20 October 1843 pp.279. Mr Hawker to permit Hooper, lock keeper at Dudbridge to receive tonnage on all vessels coming up Navigation and going into Thames and Severn Canal. Mr Jas Smith's claim for drawback of eight shillings allowed.

27 October 1843 pp.280-281. Cost of new culvert near Lockham Bridge £600 16s 5d. Drawback of 2d per ton on coals, sent to Oxford, 18 August, successful in increasing amount of tonnage. Mr Mason, abstract of expenditure for 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842.

27 October 1843 p.282. General Half Yearly Meeting. Mr Charles Hawker to reside in house at Wallbridge free of rent but paying rates and taxes. Repairs of Organ's house suspended. Mr Mason £30 for house, salary £120 until house provided. Tonnage £2729 14s. Balance £1804 15s 9d. Dividend £9. Draw back of 2d per ton on coals confirmed.

17 November 1843 pp.283-287. S Aldum, owner of vessel 'Princess Royal' fined £3 2s 6d and cost of £3 15s 6d for defrauding Thames & Severn Canal Co. of tonnage by reporting and paying for 6¼ tons less than conveyed by his vessel. Clerk Hooper required to explain. In case of Worcesters, measuring stick used and detected in three months 474 tons in vessels above certificates of cargoes on Gloucester & Berkeley Canal. 'Princess Royal', large barge, no means of ascertaining exact weight except by weighing cargo, entered at Framilode. Burbidge, clerk there, took weight of cargo according to certificate of Bullo Pill Company. Fraud discovered by comparing reports of various clerks. Mr Mason to ascertain cargoes by appointing some person to occasionally see cargo unloaded. Musty, servant at Double Lock employed. Mr Mason reported sale of coals at Wallbridge not so great as might be expected from Adams. Losses on tonnage. House occupied by Adams let to him at only £25 per annum. Allowance of £4 per annum and parochial taxes of house and garden made to him for services as wharfinger. Committee not satisfied with amount of coals sold. Rebuilding of wall at back of cottages at Framilode to be resumed in Spring. Mud in basin and lock renewed

at convenient time. Piling and planking at Dudbridge Wharf to be considered. John Burbidge £10. Executors of late Geo Hawker salary £5 6s 6d. Charles Hawker salary £20. Letters from Mr John Gurney. Mr Croome not present at meeting. Consideration at future meeting. Letter from A Goold. Drawback of 2d per ton on 386 ton of coal. 91 ton exported from Junction 14 June, previous to Mr Trotter's application for a drawback. 295 remaining there at present. Mr Trotter not entitled to drawback until coal exported and certificate produced. All payments to be made by cheques, except for parish rates, weekly wages and taxes, except property tax.

Copies of Mr Gurney's letters, re proxies. One from Mr Coney of Batcombe, two in which Mr Richard Hawker voted and Mr Gurney's name appeared in both dated 13 November 1843.

15 December 1843 pp.288-290. Mr Mason; several Worcesters gauged, gauging stick gave fullest amount of weight of cargo. Excess of only 7cwt above certified quantity. Ticket of the 'Sampson', cargo gauged on by Thames & Severn Canal Company at 3ton 5cwt above actual quantity piling and planking at Dudbridge. 105 yards timber cost £20, stone £60. Drawback allowed to Mr Trotter on 91 tons of coals. Mr Wilson, Clerk to Thames and Severn Canal Company, mentioned machine for weighing vessels for tonnage to be erected at Brimscombe Port. Company ought to subscribe one third of cost, total £1100. Also he wanted explanation as to rating weight of bricks. Mr John George's tenancy of part of wharf at Dudbridge. Division of wharf and making weighing machine property of Company, retaining Mr George as tenant. Mr David Edwin Hughes, agent for George Hennett of Bridgwater and Mr James Smith attended. Erection of certain bridges and viaducts near Stroud for Railway Company. Timber and other materials to be conveyed on Navigation by Mr James Smith. Request to extend previous drawback to timber and materials brought to railway bridge at Stonehouse and to Dudbridge and Wallbridge or intermediate places. 1s 6d per ton. Agreed.

22 December 1843 pp.291-292. Special meeting. Widow of Thomas Critchley of Whitminster tenant of house from 29 September at £8 per annum. Mr George declined occupancy of half wharf at Dudbridge. Weighing machine and wooden fence round wharf £55. £37 for engine offered. Ice boat to be covered with iron, price not exceeding £15. 3 months notice to William Organ, carpenter, to leave Company's service and house. Incompetence. Various frauds by making false entries of goods carried down canal by Chas Bosley, John Sims & Co., and Geo Nurse. Prosecution for offences proved. Frauds by Henry Field and George Williams. False reports of quantity of cargoes to clerk at Framilode. Prosecution. Mr Hawker wrote to Mr Latimer, agent to Messrs J & R Morrell relative to weight of cargoes brought up canal by William Dangerfield. Mr Latimer's request for indemnity against liability in respect of tonnages granted. Copy of letter sent by Mr Hooper in respect of handing proxies to Clerk at last General Half Yearly Meeting and consent of Mr Gurney entered in Minutes.

19 January 1844 pp.294-295. Copy of letter p.293. Covering of ice boat with iron suspended until next winter. Part of warehouse at Bristol Road to be converted into house for a servant of the Company. Rent of £5 per annum. Outlay less than £40. Mr Mason to pay Mrs Smith 10 shillings for lime. Jas Nurse allowed to land coals at Wallbridge free of wharfage.

26 January 1844 pp.296-297. Special Meeting. Mr William Playne's application for reduction of tonnage on timber and coal not allowed. Messrs Biddle & Bishop's application to have lyeby at Lodgemore extended at Company's expense of £6 10s allowed. Henry Field to pay £7 3s 3d for deficient tonnage and promissory note to Treasurer for £10. Geo Williams paid his deficient tonnage of £1 5s 5d and £2 10s. Residue of penalty remitted. George Nurse paid his deficient tonnage of 19 shillings. Penalty reduced to £1. Sims & Company paid £4 7s 2d. Penalty of £5 accepted. Charles Bosley £3 3s 9d. Fine of £5. Offer to John George of £37 for weighing machine accepted.

16 February 1844 pp.298-299. Mr William Playne again applied for reduction in tonnage of converted timber which is greater than on round timber. Worcester & Birmingham Canal Co., considerable reduction on charges. Drawback of 1s 8d per ton on present tonnage of 3s 6d per ton. Fines and tonnage. Frederick Nurse's offer to rent two houses and garden at Dudbridge Wharf at yearly rent of £33 accepted.

15 March 1844 pp. 300-301. Letter from Mr Willson, agent and Mr Lane, Clerk of Thames & Severn Canal Company, in respect to weight and tonnage of bricks and converted timber are in violation of section 63 of one of their Acts of Parliament. Regulations designed by Company to secure continuation in trade in bricks on both canals. Thames & Severn Canal Co. by soliciting drawbacks in several cases, admitted necessity of controlling effect of clauses where trade in danger. Necessity of Company being provided with tools necessary for raising lock gates and other purposes. Double function crab offered by Mr Montagu at 16 guineas to be ordered.

26 March 1844 pp.302-303. Special Meeting. Mr Willson, agent to Thames & Severn Canal Company, attended and stated unless Company strictly enforced wharfage of 3d per ton, their company would abandon wharfage at their wharfs. Usual wharfage of 3d per ton on materials left on our wharf at Wallbridge beyond 24 hours enforced. Mr Willson renewed complaint as to mode of charging tonnage on bricks. Deregulation of 3 August 1843 to be rescinded. Tonnage of 2s 6d to be restored. Tonnage on converted timber not in violation of section 63 of Thames & Severn Canal Act.

19 April 1844 pp. 304-305. Letter from Mr Hunt requesting wall of the Rack Leaze be repaired. Mr Snowden, his landlord, released Navigation from burden of maintaining wall. Letter from Messrs Thomas & S S Marling. Brick culvert, conveying wool washing house on north side of canal out of repair. When canal is out, water is prevented from passing to washing water from stream on south side of Navigation under canal towards their house. Repair when canal is out at Whitsuntide. Mr Durden likely to have large quantity of cord wood from Forest of Dean. Request for terms of tonnage bring it up Navigation. Drawback to reduce rate of tonnage to 1s 8d per ton at Wallbridge and 4d per ton at Dudbridge, depending on quantity. One pen at Wallbridge to be let to Mr Durden, £5 per annum. Copy of Messrs Thomas & S S Marling's letter.

24 April 1844 pp.306-309 General Half Yearly Meeting. Daniel Watts, Dudbridge, shares nos.99, 100, wills of Richard Watts, Nathaniel Watts, Stroud. Thomas Clutterbuck, Hardenhuish, county of Wilts Esq. shares nos.118,119, will of Betty Clutterbuck. Clerk to erase with red ink part of resolution regarding Mr Gurney's proxies. Amendment proposed by M P H Fisher seconded by Mr Beard that it remain part of proceedings. £50 per mile for last six months on repairs, especially during winter months. Reduce expenditure by keeping whole or separate part of works in proper repair. Mr Mason to take up residence in house at Chippenham's Plat, now occupied by Organ, at salary of £120. Sum not exceeding £50 as thought fit by Committee. Dividend of £15 6s 11d. Committee; Mr P H Fisher, Mr Henry Beard, Mr John Stanton, Mr Henry Wyatt, Mr Frederick Eycott, Mr Richard Hughes, Mr John Holbrow, Mr William Wood, Mr William Fryer, Mr John Gurney, Mr Dan Watts.

1 May 1844 pp.310-311. Letter from Mr Charles Shearman containing resolutions from meeting at Osborne's Hotel, Adelphi, London. Resolutions to be submitted to Committee.

7 May 1844 pp.312-314. Edwin Bucknall of Stroud, shopkeeper and Thomas King of Dudbridge, yeoman, shares nos. 9,94, will of John Gardner of Dudbridge, county of Gloucester, gentleman. Mr Warman complained about damage to bridge at Ebley in consequence of Mr Marling's bridge being so near. His Clerk to ascertain arrangement between Mr Marling and Company. Mr Mason to keep stock book. Account of all timber, stone, bricks and other materials of Company used for repairs. Labour and wages book also to be produced at every General Committee Meeting. Samuel Dunn, steerer of boat 'Jane' rendered false account of tonnage on 23 April to Burbidge, clerk at Framilode. Defrauded Company of 4s 7d on two tons and a half. Clerk to write to James Byatt, owner of vessel, demanding payment. £2 penalty. No further need of services of William Musty as wharfinger after Saturday 18 May. Salary of 15 shillings to cease from that time. William Daniel's wages to be reduced to 13s per week and J Clark to 11s per week. Lock gates at Dudbridge and Bristol Road to be put into proper repair. Mr Wood, Mr Fryer and Mr Gurney to decide whether brick or iron shall be used at Mr Marling's culvert.

20 May 1844 pp.315-317. Letter from Mr Shearman regarding proceedings of Committee of Canal Proprietors and requesting subscription to general fund for promotion of Improvements in Canals. £1 per

mile subscribed. Request for copy of statement submitted to Board of Trade. Jas Byatt's explanations of false account of tonnage. Tonnage 4s 7d to be received with fine of 10 shillings only. Stoppage at Whitsuntide serious inconvenience to Mr Biddle. Should not take place. Obligated to pay demurrage at £5 a day. Mr Gurney produced bond entered into by Mr Charles Hawker and his sureties, Mr Joseph Hawker and Mr William Fryer - £500. Mr Wathen reported letter written to Messrs Dorringtons, Parliamentary Agents. Letter from Mr Rob Davies regarding bridge near his house and removing rubble taken from canal lying in his field. Letter from Mr Mason tendering resignation as Clerk to Company. Accepted. To quit service of Company on 24 June. To be paid salary and money in lieu of rent. £7 10s for 8 of annual sum allowed for rent. Advertisement for successor to Mr Mason. Salary £80 a year with house at Chippenham Plat. Gloucester Journal, Gloucestershire Chronicle, Midland Counties Herald. 4 dozen port wine, 2 dozen sherry, 2 dozen Bucellas ordered from Messrs Martin Washbourn.

7 May 1844 pp.318-319. Lock gates at Foundry to be repaired. Double Lock gates to be breasted. Bridge at Davis's to be repaired. Bridge at Stonehouse Farm in dangerous state. Subcommittee to ascertain Canal liability. Piling of Blunder Lock, Top Lock and Eastington Lock to be put in proper repair. J Clark to pay for patch at Garden Ground occupied by him. 1s per annum for rent. Garden at Bristol Road wharf to be divided. Portion to be fenced off at expense of George Perry. Materials from Company. Rent for it and cottage £5 per annum. 10s allowed to repair oven. Iron posts and chains to be erected at aqueduct on side of brook where it runs under canal. Security required of new surveyor £150. Swing bridge at Mr King's mill at Ryeford to be repaired.

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15 July 1844 pp.323-324. Letter from Mr Shearman enclosing Act proposed to pass in Parliament regarding canal tonnage and requesting £5 towards expenses. Paid. Solicitor to get clauses inserted in Act of Parliament regarding treaty with Thames & Severn Canal Co. Bill doubtful in this session. Two letters from Mr Shearman (sic). Seal of Company to be fixed to petition to House of Commons in favour of Bill. Mr Sheerwood (sic) reported Mr Davies' bridge partly repaired, workable order. Lock gates at Foundry repaired but not gates at Double Lock. Post and chains near culvert at Lockham Bridge complete. Mr Golder of Gloucester watchmaker, surety for Mr Sherwood. Mr Mason to be paid £3 for papering two rooms at Organ's house. Mr Clark's house at Stonehouse Wharf and the dock culvert to be repaired. Mrs Hicks had cut a channel from canal to her house. Mr Howell complained about water at Eastington overflowing road. Bristol Railway Co. using water at Ocean.

19 August 1844 pp.326-327. Canal Companies Bill postponed. Channel for conveying water from canal to Mrs Hicks' house stopped up. William Burcher to be paid 15s in addition to £2 3s. Considerable quantity of mudding to be done. Tow paths required repairing. Contract for 200 tons of gravel. Mr Martin to meet Mr Sheerwood at George Perry's house at Whitminster and order what may be necessary to put it in proper repair. Lemuel Phillips to be fined 10s for refusing to show ticker and not having name on boat. James Nurse to settle his account for tonnage first week in every month.

16 September 1844 pp.328-330. Samuel Phillips paid 10 shilling fine. Accounts of every trader on canal to be produced at every Committee Meeting. Mr Hewlett received £2 for papering two rooms at house at Chippenham Plat. Mr Mason repaid £1. Mr Willson, agent for Thames & Severn Canal Co. submitted proposition of drawback of 4d per ton on all coals to any place below Siddington Lock and 6d per ton on all coals taken into Wilts & Berkshire Canal on condition that Thames & Severn Canal Co. reduce tonnage to 1s 8d and Wilts & Berks to same sum. Mr Close applied for payment for repair of boat used by Mr Mason. Richard Moffat's petition for subscription towards raising his vessel declined. Notice to Sam Adams to quit house at Wallbridge on 25 March. Mr Sherwood to give William Musty a month's verbal notice to quit. Application to Mr Ravenhill for payment of rent due for part of Stonehouse Wharf. Distraining of timber lying on wharf. Mr Hyatt and Mr Charles Bosley proposed rates of tonnage on goods brought from Bristol. Complaint by Jas Nurse against William Hooper for neglect of duty. To be reprimanded and admonished. William Organ incompetent in duty as carpenter. Service to be dispensed with 12 October.

21 October 1844 pp.331-333. Mr Sherwood's bond not properly executed. Mr Holbrow to get it executed by Mr Goulder, the surety. Mr Watts inspected premises at Dudbridge. Repairs being done. Notices to Samuel Evans and William Musty given. Musty to take own time about removing from house. Solicitor to take proceeding to get possession of house. William Daniels to be appointed lock keeper at the Double Lock in place of Musty. Mr Sherwood to procure from Musty all tools belonging to Company. Mr Sherwood had distrained on Mr Ravenhill's timber and procured £5 12s 6d due. William Organ had quit service of Company. Asked for compensation for attending to water and locks at Chippenham Plat. Paid £3 for services as lock keeper. Tonnages on merchandise reduced to same amount as coals. Drawback of 8d per ton on all goods delivered at Eastington, the Ocean, Davies's Mill, Stonehouse Cross, Ryeford and bona fide consigned to local parties. 2d per ton on coals entering canal at Framilode and carried up Gloucester & Berkeley Canal to Gloucester. Letter to directors of Forest of Dean Railway Co. as to reduction of tolls. Mr Fred Nurse had railed in part of wharf at Dudbridge and would not allow coals to be landed in such enclosure. Mr Watts and Mr Fryer to meet Mr Sherwood and settle matter with Nurse. Bill sent by Mr Mason's son contains no report from Mr Wyatt as to its correctness. Vessel sunk in Whitminster Level near Junction. Capt Clegram declined to draw water down to raise vessel. Letter to Capt Clegram. Clause in Act of Parliament. Power to Stroud Canal Co. to draw such water, 22 October 1844. Committee Room at Wallbridge to be painted.

24 October 1844 pp.334-337. General Half Yearly Meeting. Present Committee of ten members to remain. Tonnage £3895 5s 1d. Balance £3008 3s 6d. Dividend £15 6s 11d. Persons who open any swivel bridge without any lawful reason, or do damage, to pay £5 for every offence. Where, for want of water or other reason, any boat, barge, keel or other vessel shall stop or be detained in Navigation, imperative to moor opposite towing path and not in middle or centre of Navigation, £5 penalty, and in successive line astern, £5 penalty. Master, manager, captain, owner to produce to surveyor, wharfinger or other officer or servant a Letpass, ticket or document with number of tons carried. Failure or refusal, £5 penalty, lack of entitlement, £5 penalty.

18 November 1844 pp.338-339. Piece of oak belonging to Jas Ravenhill on wharf at Stonehouse to be taken in lieu of £2 for rent. Drawback on coals to be extended to stone, Framilode to Gloucester, and also to coal, stone and other articles carried on Gloucester & Berkeley Canal between Junction and Sharpness Point. Letter to Chairman of Severn & Wye Railway and Canal Co., Thomas Shearsby of Lydney. Alteration in road through wharf at Dudbridge. James Nurse to pay £5 a year landing coals on Dudbridge Wharf instead of wharfage. Clerk to write to Charles Clutterbuck concerning fraud reported by Mr Sherwood. William Close to remove his boat without delay. Purchase of boat to carry mud and gravel.

27 November 1844 p.340. Special Meeting. Bristol & Gloucester Railway Co. likely to compete in carriage of timber.

16 December 1844 pp.341-342. Mr Sherman had seen Capt. Clegram on subject of stop gates at Junction and had ordered Miles the Lock Keeper to close them when required. Salary of auditor, Mr Edwin Cooper, 15 guineas a year. William Close's claim for hire of boat. Boat offered by Mr Pendry of Hereford at £40. Mr Sherwood to purchase same piece of land at Junction to be let to Mr Biddle. Mr Sherwood to sell old ice boat.

6 January 1845 p.343. Special General Meeting. Notice from Messrs W O & W Hunt re projected line of 'South Wales Railway'. Company dissents from proposed Bill. Notice from Mr Charles Lawrence re proposed 'Monmouth & Hereford Railway'. Company dissents.

20 January 1845 pp.344-345. William Henry Pigott, no.42 Corn Street, Bristol and John Edgecumbe, Bristol, shares nos.61,68, will of John Spencer, 14 Montagu Street, Bristol. Thomas Clark, Stonehouse, notice to quit house persisted in. William Close to remove vessel. Letter from Mr William Dunsford of Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal. Detention of boat at Framilode for arrears incurred in 1842. Money levied by Burbidge to be returned. Letters from Mr Cambridge and Capt Clegram re repair of the Walk Bridge. Letting of Adam's house at Wallbridge. Frederick Nurse to be on same terms of wharfage as brother James, subject to alteration

at wharf. Mr Sherwood to purchase deal timber for two pair of lock gates and two oak sills for Double Lock.

17 February pp.346-348. Gates at Junction not in workable order. Capt Clegram to have them repaired during summer stoppage. Mr C O Cambridge spent 5s on the Walk Bridge. Paid sum as equivalent to ground rent due at 1s per annum for five years. Samuel Adams' application for payment of fixtures at Ship Inn and shed erected against wall. Fixtures valued and charged to incoming tenant. £5 for shed. Applicants to rent Ship Inn and carry on coal trade at Wallbridge Wharf. Mr Bevan Smith, farmer and corn dealer of Harescombe, Mr William Merrett employed in Pin Manufactory at Lightpool, Mr Jos Cottle, shoe maker of Dudbridge, Mr Will Knee of Wallbridge, barge owner and coal dealer. Let to Mr Knee. £25 per annum. Mr Knee to pay Poor Rates and all taxes. Not allowed to sell or land coals, salt, timber or other merchandise on Stroud 1845 Wharfs without permission. Shed and buildings erected by Samuel Adams and garden ground adjoining wharf house garden not included. William Knee to lock up wharf gates at night and open them in morning. Portion of wharf for him to land his coals etc. Usual charge for wharfage. £5 off rent for selling more than 1500 tons of coals, £10 for 2000 in a year. Mr Gainer to erect pen on Stonehouse Wharf. £1 per quarter. Letters from Mr Howard Luckcock, Chairman of Subcommittee of Worcester & Birmingham Canal Co. re petition to House of Commons re comparative charges of goods and passengers on railways.

10 March 1845 p.349. Letter from Mr Helps to subscribe £100 to oppose South Wales Railway. Petition, 20 January, to be forwarded through Mr Richard Hawker to Duke of Beaufort and Sir W B Codrington,

7 March 1845 pp.350-351. Pen at Wallbridge Wharf for Mr William Helme to land coals. Subcommittee to watch South Wales Railway.

18 March 1845 pp.352-353. Memorial to Board of Admiralty. By South Wales Railway Bill, it is contemplated to erect two bridges across Severn to southwest of entrance of Stroud Canal at Framilode which will entirely obstruct free and open navigation of river. Proposal to cut a ship canal from Hock Crib to Framilode across isthmus, the Horseshoe. Without canal impossible or extremely dangerous for vessels to navigate river. Impossible to enter at Hock Crib except at high tide. Extremely dangerous when south west wind prevails. Humble submission not to sanction scheme. Capt Berkeley to lay Memorial before Board of Admiralty.

27 March 1845 p354. As only 2 members attended, no business was transacted.

31 March 1845 p.355. Special Meeting. Petition to House of Commons read and ordered to be sealed. Letter to Capt Berkeley.

14 & 18 April 1845 p.356. " Sub Committee Meetings re South Wales Railway Bill.

21 April 1845 pp.357-358. Mr Joseph Randolph Millings of Cirencester share no.154, will of William Colston of Broughton Hall, county of Oxford. Monmouth-Hereford Railway Bill to be referred to subcommittee of South Wales Bill. House at Stonehouse Wharf to be advertised. Notice to William Hooper to quit Company's service and house. One week's wages in lieu of notice. Joseph Cottle elected wharfinger and lock keeper. William Knee allowed not exceeding 3 months credit on his tonnage account. Solicitor to write to Mr John King demanding quit rent due for road at Ryeford. Increase of £20 a year to be recommended for Mr Charles' Hawker's salary in consideration of expense of coals, candles and great attention paid by him to affairs of Company. Subcommittee appointed for watching South Wales Railway, p.353. Report on subcommittee meetings.

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25 April 1845 pp.360-361. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3582 8s 11d. Balance £3061 6s 10d. Dividend £15. Mr Sherwood to ascertain whether stop gates at Junction work properly. Increase of £20 on Mr Hawker's salary. Committee: Mr John Holbrow, Mr John Stanton, Mr Fred Eycott, Mr Geo Wathen, Mr

G H A Beard, Mr William John Wood, Mr John Gurney, Mr William Fryer, Mr Daniel Watts.

1 May 1845 p.262. Mr. Gurney to go to London to attend meeting re South Wales Railway

19 May 1845 pp.363-365. Mr Sherwood to put Walk Bridge in temporary repair. Mr Willson submitted news of Thames & Severn Canal Co. on amalgamation of two canals. Mr John George of Brimscombe requested extension of credit on coals taken up to Brimscombe for stock. At request of Mr Cambridge repair of towpath gate at Walk Bridge. Repair belongs to Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. Mr Sherwood to contact Captain Clegram. Renting of house at Stonehouse half wharf at £4 10s. Thomas Croome of Stonehouse, same. Robert Thompson selected. James White of Kings Stanley offered himself as tenant of house occupied by James Cottle. Crook of Dudbridge selected. Report of Mr Sherwood on information given to Mr Walker, the Admiralty Engineer and Capt Vidal respecting tides and currents in Severn. Traffic and other matters in reference to plan of crossing river by means of two bridges, one at Hock Crib and the other at Framilode. £20 to Mr Sherwood. Letter to Samuel Critchley. Complaint made by Mr Sherwood. Ill feeling of Critchley family causing annoyances. If similar complaint is made against him or family, he will be requested to quit house,

9 June 1845 p.366. Subcommittee meeting. Board of Admiralty refused consent to any bridge being erected across Severn.

16 June 1845 pp.367-370. No line or rope to be fastened to any handrail, paddle start or any part of lock gate. Penalty 40s. No less than 20s. Any person obstructing, opposing or hindering any agent, lock keeper or other servants of Company liable to penalty not exceeding £5. Jas White agreed to take house at Dudbridge occupied by Jos Cottle at 6 guineas a year. Letter from Mr Gurney re South Wales Railway. Attendance at Committee of Commons Newport & Pontypool Bill, South Wales Bill. Mr Brunel in cross examination, declared clauses ought to be granted to Canal Company. He wished Committee would consider what sum they would advise Proprietors to take. Solicitor to attend before Committee and endeavour to get clauses inserted in Bill. Income Tax £5882 3s year ending 31 March 1845. Letter from Mr Caleb trotter on part of Bilson & Crump, Meadow Coal Co. with regard to reduction of tonnage on coal. In case of reduction all traders will be allowed to benefit. 3 Dozen Buccellas ordered from Messrs Martin & Co. Sovereign to widow Critchley towards repairing house.

23 June 1845 p.371. Special Meeting. Mr Gurney gave particulars of what had taken place in Parliament respecting South Wales Railway. Seal of Company to be fixed to petition against projected tunnel in lieu of bridge across Severn. Injurious to canal.

7 July 1845 pp.372-373. Special Meeting. Proposal that £15 be appropriated towards Mr Sherwood's and Geo Williams' expenses to London. Amendment by Mr Wood seconded by Mr Martin that attendance was not directed by Company. Expenses ought not fall on them. Motion carried 4 to 2.

14 July 1845 p.373. Subcommittee. Solicitor to take requisite attempts for opposing South Wales & Monmouth & Hereford Railway Bills. Mr Wood's opposition. Neither bill contemplates crossing of River Severn. Needless incurring of ill feeling of public. Original motion carried.

21 July 1845 pp.374-375. Crown of Walk Bridge repaired. All rents collected except for Frederick Nurse £16 10s, Henry Moore £2 5s, Thos Clark £5 for doors and windows, Charles James £5 5s, George Perry £3 15s. William Knee allowed to erect stable on Wallbridge Wharf at his own cost. Mr Hyatt representation relative to tonnage of timber brought from Bristol, landed at Dudbridge and conveyed to Tetbury. Mr Sherwood to see Mr Brown the builder at Tetbury. South Wales & Monmouth & Hereford Railway Bills do not require further watching. Subcommittee dissolved.

12 August 1845 pp.376-377. Defective state of embankment at foot of Foundry Lock to be made good by ragstone wall instead of piling. Frederick Nurse complained too much of his wharf taken away, asked for

more frontage. Part of wharf appropriated to public only sufficient to accommodate two barges unloading at same time. Wall next to fields at Double Lock. Water runs in stream behind, wall bulged. Surveyor to give notice to all persons whose shrubs, trees and hedges overhang canal. Sedges need cutting on sides of canal. Thomas Clark to be allowed for door leading from kitchen to the parlour in house at Stonehouse Wharf. Bridge at Ocean to be put in good state of repair. Lower gates of three of Five Locks seriously out of repair. Heel of lock gate next to dock wants repairing. Floor of dock to be repaired by being pitched with weather stone. Two ladders wanted at dock, one at each end. Plank in gate next to bridge below dock wants repairing. Curb stones of Lower Lock against Severn require to be new set. They overhang the wall. Quick fence to be planted on lower side of piece of land opposite the Lower Lock, Wooden fence there sufficient to secure it until grown up,.

18 August 1845 pp.378-379. Mr Martin to attend Committee of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. on subject of future repairs of Walk Bridge. Frederick Nurse to pay balance of rent due. Mr Sherwood to recover Chas James' rent. Tetbury traffic. Expense of carriage by common carriers and railway more than by canal to Dudbridge. When James Nurse has removed coal lying beyond boundary allotted to him, he is not to place any more there. Dry ragstone wall to be erected at foot of Foundry Lock. Frederick Nurse's rent to be reduced to £25 for wharf house and beer shop. Now pays £33 per annum. Immediate repair of leakage of wall at foot of lower lock at Double Lock. Thomas Clark allowed 7s 6d for inner door at house at Stonehouse Wharf. Mr Sherwood to examine bridge at Ocean and to engage carpenter in lieu of Hanman. John Griffin to remove barge in brook next dock at Chippenham Plat.

20 October 1845 pp.382-383. Estimate for repairing face of wall at Double Lock £3 10s, a concrete at back of wall. Estimate and plan for new swing bridge at the Ocean accepted, 15 September 1845 pp.380-381. Letter from Messrs Wilton, solicitors of Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. Liability extends only to building, erecting and completing two bridges and not to repair. Mr Cambridge's application to Company to repair fence leading up to ascent to bridge at Whitminster adjourned. Mr Vick having altered his clock to conform with one at railway, time of meeting in future 9 minutes later than that at Mr Vick's. Clerk to keep his watch on Committee days. Mr John George, carriage of certain railway materials down canal. Applied for drawback to reduce tonnage to 6d per ton. Allowed. All parties wishing their vessels to enter the dock to be repaired shall make application to surveyor. Admitted in precedence of application. Days and names of vessels entered on a list hung up in a conspicuous place at the Dock.

3 November 1845 p.385. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3430 11s 10d. Balance £2532 9s 9d. Dividend £12 10s, 24 October 1845 p.384. Special Meeting. Resignation of Mr John Gurney and Mr John Stanton as members of Committee.

17 November 1845 p.386. General Meeting. Mr Henry Wyatt and Mr Warman elected as members of Committee.

17 November 1845 pp.387-388. Messrs Thomas, John and William Salt of Russell Square and Lombard Street, City of London, shares no.56, will of John Stevenson Salt. Company not liable to repair fences to the approaches to the bridges at Whitminster and Saul, yet as serious accidents may occur, desirable that some security should be afforded to the public. Immediate repair to fences under protest to Surveyors of Highways of respective parishes. Spouts at Ship Inn at Wallbridge out of repair. Iron spouting at Framilode intended for warehouse to be used. George Williams of Framilode applied for repairs at his house. 3 dozen Port wine ordered at Messrs Martin,

15 December 1845 p.389. Estimate by Thomas Spiers for repairs of houses inhabited by Geo Williams and Chas James at Framilode, £24. George Perry, application for painting, cupboard doors and chimney top. Joseph Cottle, wharfinger at Dudbridge applies for a mackintosh. £1 to purchase one. Tide gates at Framilode to be repaired.

5 January 1846 p.390. Special Committee Meeting. Clerk, Mr Hawker, had received notice on 23rd ult from

Wilts & Gloucester Junction Railway stating desire to cross our canal, coal wharf and other premises stated in schedule requesting answer by 26th, "assenting", dissenting" or "remaining". He had returned answer "dissenting". Committee confirmed answer. Letter from W O and W Hunt on part of South Wales Railway Co. giving notice of amendment on Bill brought before Parliament in last session and stated in an annexed schedule with a view to crossing our canal and requesting answer "dissenting" from Bill,

19 January 1846 pp.391-392. Notices on Surveyors of Highways for Saul and Frampton parishes with reference to repairs of fences on the approaches to Saul and Walk Bridges. Mr Sherwood to attend Saul parish meeting. George Williams declined offer with respect to improvements in two houses, 15 December. Mr Sherwood estimated cost of repair at £4 16s 6d. Bristol stone brought up canal for lime charged same rate of tonnage as road stone. Mr John Vizard requested payment of £5 1s 4d in lieu of tithes due to Rev Thomas Peters of Eastington for lands belonging to Company. Company exempt from all taxes. Mr Hawker to negotiate with Mr Willson on tonnage of corn brought from Gloucester and going to and beyond Brimscombe. Subcommittee to receive Mr Hawker's report.

24 January 1846 p.393. 1. Subcommittee Meeting. Mr Wyatt, Mr Watts, Mr Holbrow, Mr Wood. Stroudwater Canal Co. to repeal all instructions on coal, grain, salt, iron, all merchandise between Capel's Mill Viaduct and Brimscombe. 2. Thames & Severn Canal Co. to give up right to receive 1s 3d per ton on coals brought up their canal from Stroudwater Canal and in lieu to receive one half of tonnage charged by Stroudwater Canal Co. to their wharf at Wallbridge. Thames & Severn Canal Co. to charge between entrance of canal and Capel's Viaduct tonnage equal in amount to that allowed by Stroudwater Canal Co. 3. One uniform rate of tonnage of 3 half pence per ton per mile on Stroudwater Canal on corn, grain, iron and salt and on vessels loaded with any of before named articles entering Thames & Severn Canal. 8d per ton to be received by Stroudwater Canal Co., Thames & Severn Canal Co. binding themselves to charge not less than 4d per ton between entrance of canal and Capel's Viaduct. Propositions to be embodied in agreement bearing seal of each Company.

4 February 1846 p.394. Subcommittee Meeting. William Fryer, Geo Wathen, Henry Wyall, Dan Watts. Mr Holbrow and Mr Sikes had seen Mr Kimberly about tonnage on grain. To regain lost traffic on grain drawback allowed of 4d per ton to Brimscombe and 7d per ton to Stroud and below Brimscombe.

16 February 1846 p.395. Company liable to repair road over Saul Bridge as far only as masonry extends. Walk Bridge same. Mr Martin to see Mr Vizard and arrange amount to be paid for tithes to Mr Peters. Request from Mr Henry H Wilton to be allowed to enquire into causes of flood on lands adjoining River Severn at Hock Crib. Mr Sherwood to make necessary surveys. Mr Martin to see Mr Rowles respecting his servant Thos Hyde. Misconducted himself, convicted before magistrates. Penalty £5. £1 10s accepted in lieu.

26 February 1846 pp.396-397. Special Meeting. Letter from Mr Gurney recommending Memorial being presented to Lords Commissioners of Admiralty relative to proposed bridge over Severn at Hock Crib. Memorial to be sent to Capt Berkeley requesting him to present it. "Stroudwater Canal commences at Framilode on River Severn and ends at Stroud. Used for conveyance of coal from South Wales, Forest of Dean, Staffordshire and Shropshire, and for all kinds of merchandise and corn with which it supplies the manufacturing districts of County of Gloucester, together with portions of Counties of Oxford and Berkshire. Veto by Honorable Board last year against any bridge being erected across River Severn at or near Hock Crib. The South Wales Railway Co. are still persevering in application to Parliament for such a structure. Your Memorial lists humbly submit that after very laborious and minute investigation instituted by Capt Vidal and Mr Walker, your Honourable Board will not sanction a scheme that will inevitably impede the free and open navigation of River Severn and endanger lives and property of persons navigating same, of which promoters of said bridge seem to be fully aware themselves. In first instance they proposed to cut a ship canal from the Hock to Framilode across the isthmus, locally termed the Horse Shoe, showing thereby that they considered that without such canal it would be impossible or at least extremely dangerous for vessels to navigate said river.

16 March 1846 pp.398-399. Mr Willson to allow drawback of half penny per ton and reduce tonnage to 1d per ton per mile, provided 500 tons brought up and down canal by any one party within 6 months. Mr Hyde paid 30s in lieu of fine. Messrs Biddle and Bishop discharged part of a cargo of wheat at upper wharf at Wallbridge. Intention to continue to do so unless Stroudwater Navigation Co. charged them only 1s per ton, including back tonnage of flour discharged at Lodgemoor or Wallbridge. They would agree to land all corn in Stroudwater Canal and not carry it by railway. Company to charge 11d per ton on flour exported. Mr Spire offered to put in a pair of lock gates for £11. Two pair of lock gates to be completed without delay.

30 March 1846 pp.400-401. Special Meeting. Copy of petition to House of Commons. For last nine years Stroud and neighbourhood together with Counties of Berks, Oxford and Wilts have by means of Navigation been well supplied with coals from Forest of Dean, goods, corn, merchandise. South Wales Railway has applied for powers to rent or purchase Severn & Wye and Forest of Dean Railways, by which coals supplied from Forest of Dean to Stroudwater Navigation are delivered on banks of Severn. South Wales Railway Co. might not afford to Petitioners such accommodation for supply of coals as hitherto possessed. Introduction of clauses to prevent monopoly by said South Wales Railway. Adjourned Meeting. Messrs Croome and Harris to watch South Wales Railway Bill before Parliament. Negatived by 6 to 2. Solicitor to negotiate with South Wales Railway Co. or agents for introducing necessary clauses.

12 April 1846 pp.402-404. Special Meeting. Mr Gregory, Parliamentary Agent, - petition liable to technical difficulties. Copy of petition. Another draft presented by solicitor and approved. South Wales Railway Co. intended to cross canal or Navigation and towing path at certain place in Saul. Coals and produce conveyed from Forest of Dean to canal by Severn & Wye Railway and Forest of Dean Railway. Absolute control by South Wales Railway proposed. Diminish or put an end to present facilities and petitioners will be cut off from accustomed channels of supply and unable to compete. Not expedient that Railway should be altered or extended from Chepstow to Great Western Railway or Cheltenham branch at Standish in County of Gloucester. No public and local advantage to connect with Monmouth & Hereford Railway and with certain collieries and works in Forest of Dean and with town of Swansea, Llanelly Copper Works and Haverfordwest.

20 April 1846 pp.405-406. Mr Spiers refused to sign contract for making two lock gates to be put in at stoppage of canal. Gallows Bridge had been knocked down by the 'Caroline', owner Jas Poole. To be repaired without delay. Circular from Mr Thos Wilson, Hon. Secretary to Aire & Calder Navigation Co. Meeting at Osborne's Hotel, London on 22 April. £5 to Fredk Nurse towards erection of garden wall at Dudbridge Wharf, 4½ feet above ground, 2 feet thick at bottom, 18 inches at top. William Knee allowed £2 towards expense of whitewashing and colouring his house. Also coal pen for him on wharf at Wallbridge. £7 per annum charge.

23 April 1846 p.407. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £3091 4s. Balance £2538 9s 3d. Dividend £12 10s. Mr Sikes reported that Mr Kimberley and Mr Partridge could not agree to restrictive terms of drawback offered to Thames & Severn Canal Co. Committee: Mr G H A Beard, Mr Fred Eycott, Mr Wm Fryer, Mr Jas Holbrow, Mr Richard Martin, Mr Geo Wathen, Mr Wm Wood, Mr Dan Watts, Mr Henry Wyatt, Mr John H Warman.

6 May 1846 p.408. Special Meeting of Committee. Two letters from Gregory Faulkner & Co. South Wales Railway Bill no.2 to be brought before Committee Group, Monday 11 May. Names of persons forming Committee meeting at 1 o'clock, Thursday 14 May. Solicitor to ascertain if any objection to be made to introduction of clause giving same advantages in tonnage in carrying coal from the pits to shipping place at Brimspill as allowed to conveyance of coal between pits or Brimspill to Gloucester. Meeting adjourned.

11 May 1846 p.409. Adjourned Special Meeting. Clause with reference to tonnage of coals carried on South Wales Railway between pit's mouth in Forest of Dean and Gloucester. All passengers, goods, cattle, articles and things coal and mineral produce carried on Forest of Dean Railway when purchased by South Wales Railway Co. and extensions between Dean Forest Railway and Stroudwater Canal at a rate per ton per mile,

including all charges for wharfage, loading and unloading, tolls and locomotive power "or rented" to be added, not exceeding those charged on main line of South Wales Railway or any part thereof. Reference to be made to carriage of coal between Brimspill or other shipping place and Gloucester. Also between Lydney and Gloucester.

18 May 1846 pp.410-411. Mr Poole to find timber for repair of Gallows Bridge. Messrs Hunt, acquiescence of South West Wales Railway Co. in clause inserted in Minutes on 11 May. Solicitor to negotiate on introduction of compensation clause into Bill similar to that in Gloucester & Bristol Railway Act, in event of interruption of traffic during works of Railway. Mr Sherwood could put in one pair of lock gates at the Blunder Lock, repair Dock Lock with pair of new breasts and put in new paddle at Lodgemore Feed, provided water not let out of canal 6 o'clock Saturday 30th and night of 8th June Mr Willson to charge 1d per ton per mile carried on Thames & Severn Canal but must be charge for 25 tons on Summit Lock whether boat contained quantity or not.

15 June 1846 pp.412-413. In future Stroudwater Navigation Co. to charge 1s 6d per ton at terminal at Wallbridge. 1s per ton on all merchandise passing into Thames & Severn Canal and landed below Brimscombe provided that Thames & Severn Canal Co. charge 4d per ton in addition on all landed between entrance of their canal at Wallbridge and below Brimscombe. No bonus to land any goods or merchandise on their wharfs. Tonnage charges.

20 July 1846 pp.414-415. Robt S Davies complained of state of bridge leading to his house. Committee to meet him at bridge. James White to quit house he rents from Company. Gloucester & Berkeley Canal Co. allowed 27 per cent on average balance of money. Application for County of Gloucester Banking Co. to allow same rate of interest. Mr Hawker to inform Mr Willson of Thames & Severn Canal Co. that Committee agree to terms proposed in alteration of tonnage.

30 July 1846 p.416. Special Meeting. Committee of Thames & Severn Canal Co. attended. Further consideration necessary. Stroud Navigation Committee considered 100 yards above first mile stone on Thames & Severn Canal should be boundary of all restrictions. Objection unless Lodgemore introduced into first clause.

18 August 1846 pp.417-418. Garden wall at Dudbridge not yet built. Fredk Nurse will not build some kind of fence. Few loads of rubble stone to be put on wharf at Dudbridge behind James Nurse's Counting House. Gate at lower end of Dudbridge Wharf to be repaired. Mr Davies met Committee and complained of insecurity of bridge. Wish for new one to be erected. Opening of stone work too narrow for some of trading vessels to pass. To be widened. Mr John King of the Ryeford met Committee, relative to right of road to his mill and also to title of Company to fee of road. Mr Hawker to look through documents. Lock keeper at Five Locks, £2 a year for looking after them. Two new bars to be provided for use of dock. Floor to be repaired and new step ladder provided for upper end of dock. Lock gates at the Five Locks and Whitminster to be repaired.

21 September 1846 pp.419-420. Mr John King, 18 August, land belonged to Company. Mr Wood reported intimation of great neglect by Mr Sherwood in looking after business of canal. Notice to be given to Mr Sherwood. Proposal by Mr Beard and Mr Watts that Mr Sherwood be reprimanded and retained. Original resolution carried. Mr Peter King's letter of tonnage on wheat and flour. Tonnage to be same as Messrs Biddle and Bishop. Allowed to export same weight of flour free that he imports of wheat. 1s per ton for surplus of flour exported. Letter from Mr Robert S Davies. Bridgeway to be widened by taking down wall and widening bridgeway on north side, without injuring opening of bridge. Crane at Dudbridge Wharf worn out. Complaint from Mr Thomas Croome on rate of tonnage on bricks. Roof of back kitchen to be repaired at the Ship, Wallbridge. Thompson to quit house he rents at Stonehouse Wharf.

19 October 1846 pp.421-422. Committee found balance in Treasurer's hands smaller than expected. Notice given to Mr Sherwood to quit Company's service at end of three months from 25 September. Front part of

ground floor of warehouse adjoining Ship Inn to be partitioned off from cellar and allotted to Mr Biddle. Doorway communicating with Ship Inn to be walled up and other doorway and back kitchen to be widened and an open shed erected between back kitchen window to unite with the present shed. Mr Sherwood to bring summary book for Mr Cooper's examination.

23 October 1846 p.423. Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2833 15s 10d. Balance £2117 2s 8d. Dividend £10 10s. Mr John George about to make arrangement with Great Western Railway Co. for conveying coals and merchandise from Gloucester by railway to Cirencester and places beyond but proposing to convey them from Wallbridge instead of Gloucester to the Stroud station on condition of being allowed drawback of 1s per ton on equal quantity entering Thames & Severn Canal and carried up to Brimscombe. Adopted.