



Minute Book 1  
of the proceedings of the  
Company of Proprietors of the  
Stroudwater Navigation

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## **Introduction**

This precis was prepared by Lois Francis, a member of the Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity (SNAC). It contains the salient details of the records of the meetings of the Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation and charts the very beginnings of the Stroudwater Navigation.

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## Minute Book 1 D1180-1-1 1774-1783

p. 1 The book starts with a description of the Proprietors and their particular roles. It also describes the rules for electing Directors to the Board.

December 29 1774

William Dallaway chairman.

Benjamin Grazebrook clerk and registered keeper of companies. Mr Richard Hall, second clerk and under-surveyor at Framilode and keeper of the accounts of tonnage.

The first General meeting of the Commissioners held at the George Inn, Stroud. Attended by the Commissioners and the Subscribers. The sum of £20,000 having been subscribed in order to build the Navigation.

The following officers chosen - Ben Grazebrook, first Clerk and Keeper of the Companies (sic) Books and Undersurveyor. Rich Hall, second Clerk and Undersurveyor at Framilode and Keeper of the Account of the Tonnage. Mr Grazebrook and Mr hall each paid £50 per annum. Mr Jn Colborne, Attorney, appointed Treasurer.

The half-yearly General Assemblys (sic) fixed. The first to be on 6 July 1773. The second on 4 January 1776. All half yearly meetings to be held on the 1 Thursday in July and 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in January at 11.00 am.

p. 2 The method for choosing the Directors to be as follows - 2 Inspectors and 2 Scruteneers to be appointed. Each subscriber to prepare a list of nominees of no more than thirteen names nor less than 9, the Inspectors are to write on the outside the number of votes the proprietor has, the list then to be placed in a bag or container for that purpose. The lists to be counted, in secret, by the Scruteneers. The votes are to be listed in columns and the original lists destroyed. The Chairman to have a casting vote in the event of any ties. The first nine to be appointed Directors for the coming year. Mr Coleman and Mr Knight appointed Inspectors and Mr B Grazebrook and Mr R Hall appointed Scruteneers.

The following return was made by the Chairman, M W Dallaway - W Dallaway, W Knight, J Wathern, T Lewis, G Hawker, J Winchcombe, J Hollings, T Baylis, T White, R Ellis, R Aldridge, J Hawker, W Shurmer.

6 January 1775

Directors are named and each signed the minutes for this meeting and decided that 'at the most convenient part of the canal be made wide enough to turn a vessel.'

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1. Benjamin Grazebrook and Richard Hall to stake out the river from Framilode to the road from Gloucester to Bristol and measure out each person's land to enquire about value and the amount of land to be purchased at the mouth of the river and that at the most convenient part of the canal be made wide enough to turn a vessel.
2. Benjamin Grazebrook to examine soil to see if it is suitable to make bricks.
3. Advertised for rough hewn ashlar stone for two lower locks at Framilode.
4. Advertised for seasoned oak timber and green Elm for the flooring of the lock.

5. John Gleave of Willoughby, Northants asked to bid for overseeing the puddling and making of banks.

p. 6 19 January 1775

1. Locks fixed at 16ft 2 inches and 70ft long in the chamber.
2. Thomas Bartlett of Worcester to act as foreman of masonry at 10s cash each week. He ordered to visit stone quarries at Gatcombe and at Abbey, Tintern.

p. 8 2 February 1775

1. Samuel Jones of Boston, Lincs to build lower lock and to be paid 1 guinea and a half per week. Was told to visit the Witch and the Stourport Navigations.
2. Edward Heals proposed burning lime at 1 penny a bushel.
3. Lower Lock stone ordered from Gun Mills. 100, 200, 300 tons ordered and to be taken to Broadoak.
4. Mr Bennett of Coleford to supply timber.

p. 9 16 February 1775

1. Examination of owners of vessels to ascertain lengths and widths of vessels. William Symonds who has used the Severn for 15 years from Brosely to Bristol carrying 50 tons to 80 tons.
2. Average length 57 to 59 feet. Greatest length 68 ft breadth from 16ft to 17ft 6 ins in the floor (scanned)
3. Draught from 4ft to 5ft 6ins.
4. Mr Hall objected to the opening in the river near his house as he had known the river to fill with sand so that vessels can't get within 60 yards of the low water mark opposite Mr Halls wharf and rocks project out when there was no sand.
5. Opened the canal at Kemmet's orchard. He doesn't think there is a problem as long as the Stroudwater river (Frome) has current enough to scour out the sand.
6. Lower lock to be built 15ft 2 ins wide on a timber frame with bricks.

p. 12 23 February 1775

1. Samuel Jones discharged.
2. John Priddy chief engineer and surveyor at £100 a year. He must attend to the canal at least a quarter of his time with a quarter year warning on either side for termination of contract.
3. Mr Kemmett's house and barn bought for £150.
4. Bricks to be made immediately in Mr Kemmett's orchard.
5. Mr Hall ordered to bring 100 tons of Aberthaw stone for burning lime at 5s a ton.

p. 13 9 March 1775 at The George in Stroud

1. Benjamin Grazebrook reported that the soil at Kemmetts Orchard appeared to be appropriate for bricks.
2. Mr Hall reported that stone from Gun Mills quarry (Littledean) is too hard and therefore too expensive to work. So used for facing the inside of the lock but not for quoins.
3. Mr Priddy to send pattern tools to Droitwich.

4. 6 labourers digging in Kemmett's orchard for brick making have contracted to dig, make and burn at 6s per 1000 saleable bricks.
5. Next full moon for Aberthaw stone for lime.

23 March 1775

1. Timothy Lewis in the chair.
2. Ordered that Mr Priddy set out the lower lock in Kemmetts orchard and to employ proper hands to dig out the same in order to finally determine the propriety of placing the first lock next to the Severn at that place.

p. 16 29 March 1775

(land costs seem to have depended on whether the land was sold as freehold or leasehold and whether it was arable or otherwise.)

1. Timothy Lewis in the chair.
2. Trustee of widow Partridge to sell land at 34 shillings an acre and 35 years purchase.
3. Tythe land in Saul to be exchanged for similar quantity of land equal to the tythes. The common land is let for 5 shillings per acre when under corn being fallow every third year.
4. Richard Owen Cambridge 34s per acre per annum.
5. Mrs Ann Morse to sell freehold land at £20 per acre in Pool Field

p. 19 6 April 1775

1. More wheel barrows ordered and Mr Priddy to engage carpenters and masons for the lock work.
2. More money needed for the navigation.
3. Day work to be avoided.
4. Thos Bartlett ordered to stop digging stone in the Forest but stone to be dug from Hampton quarry. (Minchinhampton)
5. John Harwood carpenter 21s per week
6. William Lewis bricklayer 18s per week.
7. Tool book to be kept and every two months the tools to be accounted for.

p. 21 20 April 1775

1. John Horwood to be employed as carpenter to the Navigation at 21s each week.
2. William Lewis employed as bricklayer at 18s each week.
3. Locks to be 74 feet long and 15ft 2 inches wide at the bottom.

p. 22 3 May 1775

1. Mr Dadford was paid £4 4s for his second survey.
2. Ordered that property should not be entered on 'until it appears that the same is regularly agree'd for at the perils of the person ordering such entry.'
3. Mr Clutterbuck applied to about his land by Messrs. Colborne, Grazebrook, Arundell and Captain Hawker.

p. 23 10 May 1775

1. Timothy Lewis in the chair.
2. Ordered that Mr Clutterbuck's land be entered with his verbal leave and the tenants consent. (Saunders).

3. Mr Colborne (treasurer) to pay Grazebrook £200 for the use of the Navigation and that the clerks be ready with their accounts for the inspection of the directors on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1775 at the New Inn at Framilode.

24 May 1775

1. William Dallaway in the chair.
2. Note Mr J. Colborne and Mr Francis Knight appointed as inspectors.
3. Griffith Cooper of Little Deane to supply nails at 3 1/2p per pound.

p. 25 7 June 1775

1. Ordered that the treasurer pay Benjamin Grazebrook £300.
2. Ordered that all the cutting be done by the next meeting.
3. 'No order to be made on Griffith Cooper until he be talked to about it.'

21 June 1775

1. 'Mr Pridee shall direct Edward Hinton to make as many bricks as possible.'

p. 28 6 July 1775

1. These persons to be paid for hauling stone.

p. 30 7 August 1775

2. Mr Lewis to survey the river to lay before Parliament.
3. Proprietors to apply to Parliament for an amendment to the bill.
4. Mr Nathaniel Peach to make contact with the members for Bristol, Joseph Martin, Sam Blackchurch, James Whitchard and Sir William Guise.

p. 31 10 August 1775

1. Framilode Lock to be finished but cuts that have begun are to be left in and protected so that they will not be harmed.
2. A true state of the debts due from the Company for works done, materials and land to be prepared for the next General Meeting.
3. Application made to a member of Parliament for support.
4. An exact plan of land to be purchased off Lord Middleton made and sent by William Dallaway to Lord Ducie, who had promised to befriend Lord Middleton, Duke of Beaufort to help him look favourably on the Navigation
5. Charles Garth and James Sutton, members for Devizes, to be approached for support, Sir Edward Bainton and Sam Marsh for Chippenham and members for Wiltshire all to be approached.

p. 33 24 August 1775

1. More money pledged.
2. The question was put whether to apply to Parliament to procure further powers for making the Stroudwater Navigable or for a new act for cutting a new canal from Framilode Lock to Wallbridge.
3. Question2: Whether these directors should put a new canal into action. This last was passed unanimously. (More money pledged, signatories and amounts on p.33-34).
4. Thomas Baylis and John Gardner £1000 each. Durley Wintle, John Butt and Joseph Wathen pledged £500 each.

p. 36. 7 September 1775

1. Meeting for reading over the new act.

26 September 1775

A series of adjourned meetings until -

P 38 12 October 1775

2. The committee decided to amend the bill rather than write a totally new bill.
3. Also, Mr Priddey told to finish the lock.

p. 39 23 October 1775

1. The Case of the Stroudwater Navigation discussed and all landowners to be asked whether they support the canal and navigation.

p. 41 7 November 1775

1. All work people turned off.
2. Mr Lewis - mason and bricklayer reported that Framilode Lock secured for the winter.

14 November 1775 (clearly mill owners unhappy)

1. William Beard - millman of Oilmills speaks to the Company and says Sundays water running away and there is waste water every day.
2. William Dallaway, James Winchcombe, Thomas Baylis and Timothy Lewis set out for London with this evidence.

p. 43 7 December 1775

1. The directors of the Company travelled to Bristol to gain support from the Merchant Adventurers for a new bill that needed to go through Parliament to strengthen the need to dig a new canal rather than to just canalise the river. The mill owners contested it vigorously.

21 December 1775

2. It was ordered that evidence should be found that when there is short water in the River Stroudwater (Frome) there is short water in the River Severn and no vessel can navigate upon it and to prove that the state of the weirs at every mill and to show that Mr Stephens estate is not injured by Mr Kemmetts navigation.
3. John Beard (examined by the board) worked at Fromebridge Mill 3 1/2 years and at Framilode Mill 1 year.
4. 'They drive sometimes on Sundays two heads for scouring the weirs- these two heads will take all the water in short water time. If they were not to go there would be plenty of waste water on Sundays'

p. 44 28 December 1775

1. Mill workers examined from Whitminster Mill and Eastington Mill.
2. The navigation will not injure Whitminster Mill - Mrs Wildings Mill - is out of the question - they have a weir to carry off the waste water; they draw up their floodgates of a Sunday.
3. Examined Thomas Lawrence mill man at Whitminster Mill for 8 years. They draw up flash boards of a Sunday. He lived at Eastington Mill 6 years and then they draw up Sunday Water and there was a weir.
4. Mr Stephens land being cut by Mr Kemmett was of great service to the mills in preventing frequent flooding
5. Which stopped the mills.
6. Clerk to take Minutes of everyone to appear as evidence at the House of Commons.

p. 46 4 January 1776

1. Defence of encroachment into Carter's Close.
2. Mr Simmons engaged to prove that the Severn is not navigable down the river to Framilode for months together, therefore there will be but little water wanting for the canal during that time. This is to be done by Mr Grazebrook.

p. 47 11 January 1776

1. Reports that the River Severn has so much lack of water that barges cannot navigate Shrewsbury, Bridgenorth, Bewdley, Stourport to Gloucester or Framilode. The last Summer no coal got to Framilode for two months.
2. John Gleave said that all Carters Close was cut through before the 19 April 1775 except 12 yards which they cut through sometime after. They thought it necessary to preserve the lock from the force of the tides.
3. Ordered that a paper be sent to the landowners stating that the land is in better condition this Winter than formerly as flooding from drainage and winter tides have been managed, (using the canal).

p. 50 18 January 1776

1. Reported that coal can be delivered at the head of the Stroudwater Navigation 6p a ton more than it is delivered at Framilode.
2. That during the Summer no vessels can come down the R. Severn loaded to Gloucester sometimes for 15 to 20 weeks so that the canal would be little used by coals coming down the river.
3. Cuckolds Brook empties itself into Mr Daniel Chances mill pond the third mill below Wallbridge and in the driest time of Summer he has seen the stream diverted by a dam over a meadow and flood it.
4. Messrs Wathen, Baylis and Winchcombe to secure Lord Ducie's interest.

p. 52 3 April 1776

1. AGM for putting into practice the new act just granted.
2. Joseph Grazebrook appointed as clerk.

4 April 1776

1. Mr Glyn's estimate should include plans and sections of locks and bridges.
2. Joseph Bough of Birmingham to meet with directors with 4 or 6 hands.
3. John Pashley (from Ripon) to finish carpentry on the lower lock.
4. Can draw one half guinea each week for each man.

11 April 1776

1. An inventory of tools
2. Stone brought from a quarry in the Forest of Dean to Newnham on Severn and be measured by Mr Grazebrook.
3. Joseph Grazebrook to start to contact landowners about further purchase of land.
4. Framilode Lock to be secured by piling around each side.
5. Damage sustained in Carters Close amounted to £47 10s 10d.
6. Various expenses paid to men on Navigation business.
7. Mr Cambridge asked about land around his mill pond.
8. Benjamin Grazebrook appointed as director.

p. 60 18 April 1776

1. Nothing yet done about piling the lock.

p. 62 25 April 1776

1. Benjamin Grazebrook to meet with contractors for the remaining of the canal.
2. Ordered that money by paid to Mr Cambridge.
3. Richard Owen Cambridge would not discuss his land north of his Mill Pond until a surveyor was appointed and his balance paid from land already purchased.

2 May 1776

1. Mr Priddy given  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a year notice of dismissal.
2. Mr Wright of Warwick, Mr Sharron of North Allerton both applied to survey and oversee the whole canal works.

p. 67 9 May 1776

1. Mr Purnell refused money offered by the Company, preferring to leave the matter to a jury.

p. 69 16 May 1776

1. Meeting with Lord Middleton's steward Mr William Lowe, and Mrs Sophia Colston represented by Richard Bignell, to secure permission to enter and cut the canal on their land.
2. As a jury could not be found the Company offered (Mr Purnell) the amount of money he was asking.

p. 71 23 May 1776

1. Design of bridges approved according to Anthony Keck's proposals. Each bridge to have a span of 26 ft. He wanted 'a quantity of bricks of special moulds for the sides and crown of the arches intended for the several bridges on the canal.'

30 May 1776

1. Ordered that Framilode be piled immediately
2. Mr William Wright of Warwick appointed to survey the length of the canal.

p. 74 11 June 1776

1. Dimensions of vessels reported to the committee -  
Owner - Pool = 69ft 10ins long including rudder by 15ft 4ins wide.  
Trader to Bristol = 70ft 1 inch by 15ft 7 ins.  
Bewdley vessel = 69ft 8ins including rudder at right angles by 16ft 2 ins.
2. A smith to be appointed to fashion the ironwork for Framilode Lock.

p. 76 20 June 1776

1. A quarry near Blakeney to supply stone for 9d a foot.
2. Contract for 300,000 bricks
3. Thomas Howell to supply all smith's work.
4. Mr Wright declined cutting the canal.

P. 78 4 July 1776

1. Agreed to contract Edmund Lingard for 2 quineas a week for 6 to 8 weeks to survey the navigation and then £300 for surveying the whole.
2. p.80 16 July 1776
3. Ordered to dig the canal 6ft deep.
4. Day workmen only to be appointed by Lingard.

25 July 1776

1. Present: Joseph Wathen, Fream Arundell, John Hollings, Anthony Keck, Thomas Baylis, Benjamin Grazebrook.
2. Mr Lingard asked to set men to raise all the limestone out of the canal.
3. Ordered Mr Lingard to set out for the North to induce workers to come to work on the canal.

p. 83 9 August 1776

1. Mr Lingard obtained men from Warwick and Leicestershire.
2. Land was set out to the Bristol road and started to be cut.
3. Then land to be set out to Chippenham Platt.

p. 85 22 August 1776

1. Ordered that the road in the Forest leading to Blakeney Quarry should be repaired by the company so that stone can be brought to finish the wing walls of Framilode Lock. The owner of the quarry was Mr Lodge.

p. 87 29 August 1776

1. Mr Baylis reported that Mr Sanders had complained that the drains being built were not wide or deep enough to take flood water.

p. 89 12 September 1776

1. Benjamin Grazebrook had seen stone from Hanham Lock on the R. Avon which would suit better - so contracted 20 or 30 tons at 5s a ton.
2. 100 cutters employed in cutting the canal.
3. John Pashley ordered to make lock gates.

p.91 26 September 1776

1. The stone at Hanham approved for foundations to locks and bridges but not for quoins.
2. Ordered that the banks be made up and puddle in Pool field and the ditch from Saul field to the Severn at Frampton be widened and deepened.

p. 94 3 October 1776

1. It was reported that a Mr Pingo of London had made a steel Seal for £20. The Company argued that price.

AGM 13 October 1776

15 October 1776

1. Agreed that the locks and bridges be built of Hanham Stone up to high water mark then brick.
2. Hollow quoins, coping and trunking of Abbey, Tintern stone.

24 October 1776

1. Ordered a culvert to be cut near Moor Street Bridge to drain Saul and Pool field.
2. Moor Street Bridge to have more gravel covering the arch.
3. Accounts ordered to be paid.

7 November 1776

1. Mr Beswick's proposals for cutting rejected as more than the present price.
2. Several sorts of clay have been tempered and are now drying.
3. Ordered that Mr Lingard be in charge of the cutting and let lengths of it out to men or sets of men. But they must clear up what they have done before they move on.
4. Grazebrook and Lingard to consider buying a vessel berthed at Framilode.

p.101 21 November 1776

Held at the George Inn at Whitminster

1. A proposal received from Messrs Gleaves and Houghton for cutting the canal from the Bristol to Wallbridge. Also from John Beswick the same.

5 December 1776

1. Agreed with Mr Thomas Barnard to make 1,000,000 bricks from clay that lies in the first and second filed above Butt Lane Bridge at 11s a thousand.

12 December 1776

1. Ordered Mr Pashley to make the lock gates and all the remaining locks of the same angle as the lower lock.
2. Ordered that Samuel Collins take the tonnage of all coals brought up the canal to receive for every vessel of coals that is imported to the Bristol Road, 1s per ton for the use of the Company - the tonnage to be paid to Benjamin Grazebrook or his son Joseph.

26 December 1776

1. Mr Hall sold his barge for 50 guineas.

2. Mr Pashley to take account of every barge load of coals as it enters the first lock and charge 1 shilling per ton. The owner will then be issued with a ticket. If the owner does not pay, he will not be allowed out of the canal.
3. Mr Pashley to pay Benjamin Grazebrook weekly the money collected.

30 December 1776

1. Extraordinary meeting to agree an advertisement in the Gloucester Journal, notifying the public that wharfage will not need to be paid on coal at Bristol Road wharfs.
2. 'Whereas attempts have been already made to enhance the price of coals that are brought up the Stroudwater Canal - in order therefore to prevent such impositions on the public and to the end that the poor as well as the manufacturers may have coals delivered to them on as cheap terms as possible - Notice is hereby given to those who now do or may intend selling coals on the preset wharfs at the road leading from Gloucester to Bristol that all coals sold to wagons at a price not exceeding 12s 6d per ton shall be free of wharage and all sold above that price shall pay 1s per ton wharfage for the same.'

9 January 1777

1. Robert Perry apologises for his irregular behaviour. On promising to behave better, he is allowed to continue working.
2. Richard Bigland paid for his work on the company Seal and its iron chest, which cost £20 16s.

23 January 1777

1. Two horses and cart purchased. Charles Wheeler to be the company carter.
2. William (Bishop or Esthorp) appointed master of the vessel 'Stroud'.

6 February 1777

1. Ordered that posts be fixed into towing paths to prevent horses going upon it. (p.113)

20 February 1777

1. Mr Lingard to have earth moved to the banks in Saul Field for raising the banks in Messrs Perry and Gleaves land and if the workers neglect properly finishing them and making good the puddling in Pool Field - to stop their money.
2. Ordered that a barge load of stone be weighed to ascertain the quantity brought by each vessel.
3. Ordered that Mr Collins do pay 30s a ton wharfage for every ton landed that stays at the wharf longer than 24 hrs.

6 March 1777

1. Mr Grazebrook has been with Mr Ellis-James and Christopher Gardner on behalf of Mrs Ball but has come to no agreement about land.

20 March 1777

1. Mrs Ball's land sold to the company at £57 an acre.
2. Mr Lingard to draw a plan showing the line of the canal as it breaks into the churchyard at Stonehouse and find a piece of land in exchange.

3. Mr Lingard told to tell barge masters not to throw clay into the canal nor leave it on the bank, but take it back to the River Severn.
4. Mr Lingard should order names of owners and steersmen to be placed on a conspicuous part of the vessel.
5. Samuel Simmons to be master of the company vessel - Stroud.
6. Mr Ellis-James invited to meet with the Company of Proprietors at dinner.

31 March 1777

1. Ellis-James agreed with the committee to sell his land at 34s for 35 years per acre.
2. Ordered that the men who are inhabiting Mr James' house do quit it or pay him rent.
3. Ordered that the cranes at Churchend Mill and at the Common Platt be removed.

3 April 1777

1. Anthony Keck voted in as a Proprietor at the AGM.
2. Mr Lingard to Gloucester Fair to buy three horses.

17 April 1777

1. Mr Lingard ordered to level and sow the banks of the canal as far as it is finished.

15 May 1777

1. Mr James allowed gravel at 6 pence a cart but he must screen it through the screen.

29 May 1777

1. It was agreed that new bridges would be of the same breadth as the present ones.
2. Leakage at Pool Wall. Need to be re-puddled.

26 June 1777

1. Baskets procured for measuring coal.

10 July 1777

1. Warrant applied for arrest of William Morris for stealing coals.

22 January 1777.

24 July 1777

1. Warrant granted against William Morris and he paid 10 guineas as a compromise of non-performance of his contract.
2. Wallbridge culvert needed repairing and securing by oak posts.
3. As no more bricks are needed at Wallbridge all hands needed to make bricks in Mrs Ball's field near Bond's Mill.
4. Mr Lingard to go to Mr James land and fix the place for the fifth lock.

7 August 1777

1. Samuel Simmons engaged two men to sheath the Company barge on the bank of the canal.
2. The cut above the fifth lock must have the hedge preserved adjoining Mr James's land.
3. Mr James requested that the towing path through his land be on the side next to the turnpike road.
4. Bricks on Mrs Ball's land unfit for use as they were not properly burnt.
5. Ordered that an arched brick bridge be built in the upper field of Mr James's land for a Mr Phillips.

21 August 1777

1. Agreed with Ellis-James for him to have the gravel between the two brick yards for £15. Any damage to be paid for by him by its removal.

28 August 1777

1. Mr James must take to the banks as soon as it is levelled. He agreed providing the banks were properly levelled and sowed.

10 September 1777

1. Mr King to charge the Company for his spent mill water when he is cleaning out the mill pond.

16 October 1777

1. Discussion with the Rev. Richard Pettat about the churchyard at Stonehouse.

30 October 1777

1. Ordered Lingard to survey the whole canal twice each week to ensure that work is carried out properly.
2. Lingard ordered to give the height of each of the flight of locks from Chippenham Platt to Nasfield. The Eastington lock to rise 12ft.

5 November 1777

1. Mr Lingard to be dismissed for refusing to survey as he was directed.
2. Land agreed with the Rev. Pettat.
3. Order made for Joseph Madely coming into the canal without the owner and steersman name on the barge. Also for giving a false account of his cargo.

12 November 1777

1. Ordered Mr Beswick to set out the ground for the canal from Wallbridge to Dudbridge.
2. Ordered to set as many men as possible to raise limestone out of the canal.

20 November 1777

1. Ship in Court Orchard (Dock Lock) should be repaired using Elm piles.
2. Road leading to Bond's Mill dangerous and needs to be repaired as a swing bridge is going there.

27 November 1777

1. Mr Beswick ordered to put on 40 hands within a fortnight or be replaced by another cutter.
2. Contract for a quarry of stone on Rodborough Hill to build a bridge at Dudbridge.
3. Clay to be dug on Mr James's land to provide 2 million bricks but that his old account be settled before he draws any money upon the future brick making account.

4 December 1777

1. Ordered that the worst of the limestone be burnt as soon as possible to see if it will work as lime.
2. Mr Bough ordered to buy bricks from the brickmakers of Frampton for all he can procure on the best terms he can also procure a supply of limestone.

11 December 1777

1. No more Shropshire stone as full supply from Hanham.

10 December 1777

1. Mr James objected to his charge of digging and wheeling clay out of the river.

p. 177 29 December 1777

1. All the remaining stone taken from the canal be sold and no more burnt for lime.
2. Mr Smith is ordered to examine what bricks lie at the lock buildings on Mr James's land.
3. Foundation of the bridge leading from Stonehouse Farm to Mr Beard's and also the bridge at Eastington Road.
4. First 1,000 tons of coals landed at Chippenham Platt, ordered that £15 per ton tonnage be charged.

8 January 1778

1. Ordered that the turfs be taken off and wheeled a distance away so that they don't get mixed with clay and gravel.
2. Whitminster and Westfield locks are incommoded with mud and gravel.
3. Great complaint that the road leading to Eastington is very dangerous and impassable. Ordered to get faggots to lay on the road and cover them with damaged bricks and gravel.
4. Mr Grazebrook can build a temporary warehouse on waste land at Chippenham Platt if he supplies all of his own materials.

15 January 1778

1. Mr Beswick's men refused to move the soil and turves to a long way away. Ordered that they be threatened with non payment of wages.
2. Boat sank by carelessness in the canal must be raised.
3. Complaint about the canal overflowing on Mr Hugh Smith's land.

p. 182 22 January 1778

1. Mr Beswick's men still not complying, so another lot of men to take soil away and charge the cost to Mr Beswick.
2. Hollow quoins in several of the locks are disjointed and must be better hewn and freshly laid with barrow lime mortar from Leicestershire.
3. Greater attention must be paid to remaining backs and ends of the locks with proper clay.
4. The sides of Westfield lock have come in by 5 or 6 inches. It is recommended that the regulating weir to be taken up and put on the lower or south side of the lock.
5. Holes may be made about 3 inches square and about 6ft below the lower gate of every lock to drain the sides.
6. Nasfield Lock begun on the wrong level.
7. Mr Dadfield advises two locks between Ryeford and Ebley provided the fall exceeds 16ft.
8. Mr Dadfield engaged on Sunday navigations so suggests Mr Clews as a surveyor.

29 January 1778

1. Sam Simmonds has raised the boat.
2. The canal is being raised over Hugh Smith's land.
3. Mr Grazebrook to measure Mr Heath's work in digging in Mr James's land and settle the account with him.

5 February 1778

1. Ragg stone to be procured from Rodborough Hill for the foundation of the culvert at Ryeford.
2. Mr William Franklin to build a strong stone bridge at Dudbridge with rag stone for the foundation to the water edge and above, good weather stone.

12 February 1778

1. The rod for measuring the width of the lock be marked by the clerk and kept in a safe place.
2. Recommended that future locks be 5ft 6ins above the sill, 4 and a half bricks thick.

p.190 19 February 1778

1. Sam Smith to receive the tonnage for coals at 1s 6d per ton at Chippenham's Platt.
2. Sam Smith be allowed £5 towards his rent over and above his wages.
3. Company carter to take on a boy to assist him, of wages not exceeding 5s a week.
4. Ordered that Benjamin Grazebrook get a barge to bring bricks from Frampton to Chipman's Platt.

p.192 26 February 1778

1. A vessel damaged a lock gate - the company wanted to bring the owner before a magistrate.
2. Samuel Collins is landing coals on waste ground near Chippenham Platt which is interfering with the work of the company.
3. Ordered that a basin be formed in Lower Meadow (below Eastington Lock)
4. Ordered that a house be built in Mr James's upper field upon a platt of ground.

5. The wharf at Bristol Road to be free to all people paying 2d per ton wharfage and 15 d per ton tonnage.
6. The wharf is let to Joseph Grazebrook for £3.
7. Benjamin Grazebrook unable to procure a barge.

p.195 5 March 1778

1. Mr Ellis had asked Rev. Pettat for part of the graveyard at St Cyr's Church until an equivalent piece of land be found.
2. Cutters to use the porcupine in the puddling.
3. Thomas Taylor do engage the trows in their return from Bath to freight with his stone and deliver it in our canal at Chippenham's Platt.

p. 197 (note) All this time nothing settled about Stonehouse churchyard, but cutting started at various parts as agreements are made with landowners.

16<sup>th</sup> March 1778

1. Ordered that no more huts to be built on any part of the navigation without leave from the committee.
2. Bristol road wharf fencing had begun.
3. Ordered that the porcupine be used at every part of the puddling.
4. Clerk to write to Mr Bayley at Stourport to forward the Barrow lime by the first barge that comes with Staffordshire coal.
5. The clerk to go to Newnham one day this week and engage a vessel to go to Hanham for Limestone and also to bring bricks from Frampton.
6. John Gleave and Thomas Trewin are to plan a method of conveying a feeder from the canal near Mr Phillip's Bridge to Chippenham Platt. But the feeder not to be used until necessary.

26 March 1778

1. Slaggs are removed from the side of the canal.
2. If cutters do not use the porcupine as ordered then John Gleave is to employ men to use it to be placed on John Beswick's account.
3. If any dispute arises between Mr Beswick and his men relative to the measure of their work, John Gleave is to measure it on behalf of the men.
4. Mr Grazebrook to use his barge to carry bricks from Frampton.
5. Mr Trewin reported that the feeder from the Stonehouse level may be conveyed across the road to supply the level at Chippenham Platt.
6. Messrs Knight, Ellis, Hollings, White and Grazebrook go to Dudbridge to determine where the bridge should go and to pay Mr Chance one hundred pounds in part for his land.
7. Richard Evans to bring no more sand up the canal until further orders, but go immediately to Frampton for bricks.
8. Mr Hill of Berkeley to procure Aberthaw limestone at 5 pence a ton.
9. Mr Trewin - regulations of locks
  - Eastington to rise only 11ft, Nasfield 8 ft and that a lock built between the two to rise 7ft 2 ins.
  - the bridge at Mr Hallidays to be a swivel bridge. Edward Keene to build it.
10. No goods whatsoever to be carried by any of the company barges unless for use in the construction.

6 April 1778

1. Ordered John Gleave to make a drain across the turnpike road near Eastington to convey water from Stonehouse level to Chippenham's Platt.
2. Mr Trewin to attend wholly to the building of the locks and the bridges and see that the mortar be well made - his whole time and constant attendance upon the work is expected.
3. Remaining coping stones on Framilode Lock to be set and finished with.
4. No level be settled unless Benjamin Grazebrook and John Gleave have examined and proved it right.
5. Benjamin Grazebrook to ask Mr Dadford to procure four hogshead of Barrow lime and send up the first trows.
6. B. Grazebrook to write to Richard Owen Cambridge to inform him the millar at his mill makes a charge upon every vessel that passes up his millpond, of which we understand, he is unaware.
7. Mr Martin's banks be immediately covered with soil from Mr Cambridge's Millpond.
8. George Beswick to take the earth out of the bottom of the canal in Mr Cook's land in order to make good the banks.
9. Edward Keene to be charged 10s 6d for the use of the company barge going to Newnham for timber.

p. 203 AGM 9 April 1778

1. Money received from tonnage from the 2 October 1777 to this day was £321 2s 2 1/2d. This to be used for building the canal.
2. Ordered that a quantity of shafts without spikes be provided at the expense of the company and deposited with the keeper of Framilode Lock and that every barge coming into the lock leave their shaft or shafts with the lockkeeper and take those provided and exchange them on their return and that no shafts shod with iron shall be used on any part of the canal under penalty of 10s for every offence. (Note a shaft was a boat hook and if they were tipped with iron, they could damage the infrastructure of the canal)
3. If any barge master or other person sells coal from the barges while their cargo is discharging, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding £5 nor less than 20s.
4. A copy of these orders to be taken and affixed with the Company Seal.
5. The company thanks Anthony Keck for his plan and section of a lock.
6. The committee appointed Mr Thomas White and Benjamin Grazebrook inspectors and Mr John Cambridge and Joseph Grazebrook scrutineers for the present elections.

9 April 1778

1. Mr Freebury may have the clay dug out of the bank at Wallbridge on paying the expense it has cost the digging and repairing the damages done to the road when hauling it away.

16 April 1778

1. Ordered that enough hard burnt bricks be carried by the Company team from Wallbridge to Ryeford to build the culvert and that none but Aberthaw lime be used for that purpose.

22 April 1778

1. Method of making the canal pass Epley Mill viz: To pass over the through water by an aquaduct and fill up the present flood pill and continue the canal through the mill pond.

30 April 1778

1. Mr Kemmett attended some of the committee and made a proposal to superintend the whole of the works till complete for 200 guineas.

7 May 1778

1. Ordered that a call of ten per cent be made on the Proprietors of the Navigation to be paid before 16 July.

11 May 1778

1. The clerk to purchase a small boat for the use of farmer Coaley for a passage to his land and a convenient place be made on the receiving side of the canal.
2. Mr Trewin dismissed.
3. Mr Edward Keene do immediately proceed to make a trunk with Elm timber in order to convey the Painswick water under the canal.

21 May 1778

1. Thomas Powell of Broadoak to build the vessel for Farmer Coaley 6 guineas.
2. Cutters to wheel superfluous earth, gravel in Mr Reddals lands over the old river and make a bank with the same.
3. Clerk to write to R. Owen Cambridge to inform him that the millpond shall be deepened as soon as there is a scarcity of water.

26 May 1778

1. Ordered that a carpenter to make a gate and rails to be put up on the lower side of Mr Hill's bridge to be directed by Farmer King without intruding on Rack Hill. (Wallbridge).
2. Ordered that the roads on the tops of bridges be raised with stone and gravel in order to secure the crowns of the arches.

9 June 1778

1. John Gleave to inform Mr Phillips that if he continues to draw water through his mill on Sundays that a stank will be immediately fixed in the mill pond.

18 June 1778

1. Ordered that no conveyances in future be made for any land taken in the canal and towing path.
2. Clerk to inform Christopher Gardner that the company is ready to purchase the banks, brickyards and all land of Mrs Balls that the company has used in any respect for the purpose of the navigation.
3. Ordered that £30 be paid to Rev Pettat for the churchyard and make him a deposit of £10 for the land taken out of the churchyard till such time as an equivalent piece of land can be procured.
4. Ordered that John Gleave do turn the water from the river in Mr Andrew's land every night to supply the canal with water and also that he do see that the hurdles are put up to prevent trespass on Mr James's wheat.
5. Ordered that John Gleave do raise the boat that lies at the bottom of the canal near Bristol road.
6. Ordered that a culvert to be made under the canal on the lower side of Stonehouse churchyard.

7. Bridges ordered -

- Arch bridges on the road leading from Stonehouse Cross to Bridgend.
- Swivel bridge on the road leading to Mr Reddalls.
- Arch bridge on the road leading to King's Stanley.

8. Mr Kemmett to be made an offer of ten guineas for his attendance.

25 June 1778

1. Rev Pettat expects to be paid £35 for his Glebeland. Company will comply if taxes are avoided.
2. Clement Adkins ordered to throw water over the stacks of bricks in the several yards to dissolve the limestone in the bricks.
3. Ordered that B. Grazebrook be desired to superintend the works of the navigation till completed and a salary allowed him.

29 June 1778

1. Henry Cook has paid the penalty of £20 for an offence committed by William Pearce and Edward Clissold in obstructing the works of the navigation.

9 July 1778

1. As soon as the canal is completed the towing path through Mrs and Mr Ball's land to be fenced and cattle watering places be provided.
2. Ben Grazebrook to be paid £200 for directing and surveying all the works of the navigation till completed and the quay finished at Wallbridge.

21 July 1778

1. Mr Franklin ordered to build a stone lock adjoining the bridge he is now building at Dudbridge.

30 July 1778 (all bridges and locks construction is speeding up)

1. William Franklin agreed to build the lock for £465.
2. The bridge at Ryeford to be made straight with the present bridge over the old river.
3. A call of £10 on each share to be made on the Proprietors and the same to be advertised in the Gloucester Journal to be paid before 5 October next.

13 August 1778

1. Ordered that the cutters proceed to cut through Stonehouse churchyard without further delay £18 7 shillings having been paid to Rev Pettat.
2. Ordered that a place be made at the end of the culvert at Ryeford for swilling wool.
3. Ordered that the bank on Mr James's land (Ellis?) called the Church Lease be made of a more easy slope on the side next to the canal.

27 August 1778

1. Samuel Smith ordered to stop making bricks on the coal wharf at Chippenham's Platt.
2. Ordered that Mr James land be measured and paid the balance due.
3. Edward Edge to be asked to build the Double Lock.

4. Ben Grazebrook to be asked to procure some Ragg stone to under build Mr Phillips house at Ryeford.
5. The corner of Kemmett's Orchard next to Framilode Lock be secured by piles and stones behind the piles.

10 September 1778

1. Balance due to Mr James £142 17s and 4d.

22 September 1778

1. Foundations for the walls at Ryeford be immediately dug out.
2. All rubbish to be cleared from behind all the lock gates.
3. All the water to be kept out of the aquaduct at Ebley for 6 days to allow the mortar to go hard.

1 October 1778

1. Land from Mrs Ball agreed at Stonehouse Cross for a wharf.
2. No day men to be employed at wages exceeding 1s 6d a day.
3. Ordered that a stone or post be fixed at the boundary of the corner piece of land for the late Mr James at Easton.

p.234 AGM 8 October 1778

1. Tonnage from the 9 April last to this day amounting to £330 0s 8d.
2. (Bills and accounts settled on outstanding land)

8 October 1778

1. Ben Grazebrook to inspect the drain that runs under Mr Phillips house at Ryeford and if necessary to continue the same under the canal.
2. Ben Grazebrook to begin bottoming in R. Owen Cambridge's millpond.

22 October 1778

1. Not necessary to continue the drain at Ryeford.

5 November 1778

1. Company's vessel sent to Hanham for worked stone but that Mr Couch refused to send Hollow Quoins, Square Quoins or trunking until he is paid. The vessel came back loaded with limestone.
2. A call of £10 on each share be made on the Proprietors to be paid before 12 January 1779.
3. A lock to be put on the gate of the lock at Bristol Road to prevent more coals being brought up.
4. The brick lock at Dudbridge to be finished or covered up for winter.
5. An account of the number of cutters employed in the work be produced and what proportion of them are employed below Ryeford

12 November 1778

1. Land at Whitminster flooded by turning the water when the millpond was cleared.

26 November 1778

1. Benjamin Grazebrook wanted sight of a letter written to Lord Middleton on the subject of a bridge adjoining the Bristol Road bridge.
2. Walls of the bridge at Dudbridge to be covered with turfs during the winter.
3. Edward Keene to finish the swivel bridge otherwise he won't be employed any more.

10 December 1778

1. Damage done at Whitminster does not exceed five pounds.
2. Ordered that John Pickston be paid £20 over and above the 18d a day he is allowed to draw for his men employed in the cutting and also £40 more as soon as he has completed the cutting at Ryeford.

31 December 1778

1. Council's opinion sought over the Company borrowing money for completing the canal. Council says the Company has no security.
2. Richard Owen Cambridge recommended that the cloughs of Framilode Lock be drawn in cases of emergency to draw off the water.
3. Mr Winchcombe to reply that a discretionary order will be given to the keeper of the lock.

p. 246 7 January 1779

1. A quay wall to be built at Wallbridge of Ragg stone.
2. Messrs Wathen, Hollings, Baylis, White, Dallaway and Bigland to take a view of the Navigation at Ryeford before water is turned in.

p. 247 21 January 1779

1. Mr Keck ordered to attend the next meeting.
2. Edward Edges workers not to trespass on Mr Chambrey's land by making paths through his ground and a hut removed.
3. The island at Easton be prepared to have the quick (possibly couch grass or similar: (Ed)) planted for a mound as soon as possible.

28 January 1779

1. Agreed Anthony Keck's design for Ryeford lock.
2. 2 shillings a ton to be taken for coals imported to Ryeford.

p. 250 4 February 1779

1. No vessel to be permitted to pass the bridge at Ryeford except for the purpose of the works.
2. A coping stone was thrown off Moor Street Bridge on Wednesday 27 January. A reward is offered of 10 guineas to be paid on conviction of the offender.

P 252 18 February 1779

1. Mr Grazebrook to demand payment from Sam Stephens and Sam Collins for the wharfage of coals landed on the wharf at Bristol Road.

p. 253 4 March 1779

1. Stephens and Collins have promised to pay.

10 March 1779

1. Wharfage money still not paid.
2. William Franklin to build quay wall at Wallbridge with good Ragg stone, Aberthawe lime and Severn sand.

p. 256 AGM 1 April 1779

1. Tonnage received from the 8 October 1778 equals the sum of £180 3s 10d.
2. Original subscription = £20,000 plus an additional £10,000 plus money from tonnage has nearly all been laid out. Only a balance of £830 is left and to complete the canal the Company needed £2,000.
3. So the Proprietors present voted to subscribe the necessary £2,000. They planned to recoup the money by charging tolls, duties and tonnage.

April 1 1779

1. 3 shillings a ton be paid for all coals, corn malt, grain or meal and 4 shillings a ton for all other goods, wares or merchandise, which shall be imported to Wallbridge; and also in proportion for any greater or less weight or for a less distance of place.
2. 1s 6d per ton be paid for all corn and grain exported from Wallbridge.
3. 30 bushels of wheat, bean or vatches, 40 bushels of barley, 50 bushels of malt or oats shall be deemed as one ton.
4. Ordered that a barge be provided for the use of the Company by the time the canal is open to Wallbridge.
5. The canal be made to pass over Ebley Mill pond by means of wood trunks in the same manner as that already executed at Lodgemoor.

p. 260 8 April 1779

1. B. Grazebrook to apply to Sam Collins for the wharfage of coals landed on the wharf at Bristol Road.
2. Benjamin Grazebrook to see Ellis James to discuss with him to decide on someone as an arbitrator to help finally settle for the damages done by the banks on his lands.
3. Clay in the bank at Wallbridge be made into bricks immediately in order that the quay may be levelled.
4. Mr Keck to be paid £100 on account.

22 April 1779

1. Sam Collins has paid the wharfage for his coals.
2. Benjamin Grazebrook has seen Mr Ellis James who refuses to come to a decision regarding the damage.
3. Ordered that Mr James' banks be immediately levelled and sowed with proper seeds according to the directions given and that Mr Allaway Be requested to see that the proper mode of doing it be adopted.

4. Ordered that a recess be made on the side of the canal at Lodgemoor for the Company boat to lie in.
5. Ordered that two of the floodgates at Ebley Mill pond be removed nearer the mill and the other three to be fixed on the side of the old weir.

p. 264 6 May 1779

1. Mr James's banks are now being prepared to be sowed.
2. Ordered that 2 of the flood gates at Ebley Mill pond be removed nearer the mill and the remainder with the addition of two new sides to be fixed on the side of the weir.
3. Ordered that the passage for the water from the flood gates at Ebley Mill Pond be arched over.
4. Mr Baylis reported that the proportion of land tax in the parish of Painswick does not exceed one third of the rack Rent. Benjamin Grazebrook to meet with Mr Webb and propose that the meadows at Wallbridge be rated at £7 to the land tax and have Mr Webb answer the same.
5. Ordered that Benjamin Grazebrook inform Mr James that we do expect he will replace the gate which he has taken away before this day Sennight (7 nights and 7 days) otherwise he must suffer the consequences.

p. 266 13 May 1779

1. Benjamin Grazebrook gave notice to Mr James to remove the gate.

p. 270 3 June 1779

1. Mr Webb did not agree to £7 per annum tax, so Benjamin Grazebrook proposed £8.
2. The gate at Mr James's was removed to its proper place.
3. Benjamin Grazebrook marked out the land for the cut on the side of Whitminster Mill Pond and instructed workers to start cutting.
4. The banks on Mr James's land were sown.
5. Benjamin Grazebrook to survey the lock in Nasfield and do the necessary to secure the same.

p. 271 10 June 1779

1. Tax on lands at Wallbridge to be rated at £8 per annum.
2. Ben Pashley to find the timber and workmanship for making two trunks for conveying the Old River under the canal near Lockham Bridge. To be made with seasoned Elm planks 3 1/2 inches thick at the rate of 9 pence per foot.

3. Ordered that Messrs Wathen and White to wait on Mr Playne to treat with him for the nook of land at the bottom of his garden at Wallbridge necessary for widening the tow path.
4. The horses and wagon belonging to the Company to be sold by auction.
5. Mr White the broad wheeled cart at £4 10s.

p. 273 17 June 1779

1. Ordered that the navigation be opened to Stroud on Thursday the 22 July and the same be inserted as an article of news in the Gloucester Journal the first and second weeks of July, also that circular letters be printed and sent to each proprietor and to such other Gentlemen agreeable to a list made out by the committee.

25 June 1779

1. Waggon and horses sold for £77 18s 0d

p. 275 1 July 1779

1. Ordered that the old river at Wallbridge be marked out straight from the wall at the corner of Mr Smith's house to the lower end of Mr Elliots Garden.
2. Ordered that the Company's barge and boats be cleaned and fitted up ready for the day of opening the canal.
3. Ordered that the navigation be opened on Wednesday 21 July instead of the 22 July.

p. 277 8 July 1779

1. Ordered that men are put to work in the corner of Mr Reed's garden necessary for altering the old river.

p. 278 15 July 1779

1. Remitted to Mr Lloyd £1 14s 4d for land taken by the alteration of the old river.
2. Benjamin Grazebrook to tell Mr Dobbs the dimensions of the trunks intended to convey the old river under the canal near Lockham Bridge (Whitminster).

p. 279 20 July 1779

1. Mr Dobbs being unavailable, Mr Cowley was told of the dimensions.

p. 280 26 July 1779

1. Thanks from the committee to Ralph Bigland Esq. For his genteel present of flags to the company.
2. 2d per ton to be taken for wharfage of all coals landed on the wharf at Dudbridge and the same to be collected with the tonnage.

p. 281 5 August 1779

1. Ordered that the clerk do make application to seven commissioners to desire them to summon a meeting of the Commissioners to settle some differences between the land owners and the Company of Proprietors.
2. Ordered that Mr Keck be paid £100 on account.

p. 282 19 August 1779

1. Ordered that every pleasure boat passing any of the locks do pay 20 shillings (except the Company barge) and that the same be advertised in the Gloucester Journal.
2. Ordered that no person whatever do make use of the Company's barge without a ticket signed by three of the committee, which ticket shall be delivered to our clerk before he suffers the barge to be taken.
3. Ordered that a house be built to secure the barge and the same be kept locked.
4. Ordered that a man be provided at wages not exceeding 6 shillings a week to attend at Ryeford Lock and that a centinel box be provided for him immediately.
5. Ordered that Mr Gleave do forward the cutting at Whitminster with all possible expedition.

p. 283 23 August 1779

1. Ordered that the cutters do immediately make good the leaks in the puddling of several banks where the same is deficient before their account is settled.

p. 284 2 September 1779

1. Ordered that 3 houses be immediately built with bricks for the security of the locks in the following places viz: one between the first and second lock at Dudbridge, one other at the Double Lock, Ryeford, and one near the lock in Nasfield, each house to have 2 rooms below and 2 above about the same size as the house at Easton Lock
2. Ordered that Mr Keck be desired to attend with Benjamin Grazebrook to measure up the remainder of the stonework done by Messrs Bough and Edge.
3. Ordered that withy trees be sold to Mr Knight to be taken down at the bottom of the meadow next to Mr Knight's garden.

p. 286 16 September 1779

1. Ordered that the building of the houses be postponed.
2. Bill of land confirmed at the side of Dudbridge Lock.

3. Also confirmed the agreement with Thomas Ellis of a road through his land.
4. Sale of withy trees to be postponed
5. A warehouse be immediately erected at Wallbridge and that an apartment be made at one end of the same for the person who attends it. Likewise one other warehouse at Dudbridge.
6. Leaks in Mr Cook's and Mr Halliday's land be immediately repaired.
7. Mr Keck to be paid £50 on account.

p. 287 30 September 1779

1. Ordered that the tithes for the land in the canal and towing path in the several parishes be immediately settled.

p. 288 12 October 1779

1. Clerk reported that he has paid the Rev. Pettat for the tithes in the parish of Stonehouse and has waited on the Rev Davies to settle the same in the Parish of Easton, but he refuses to settle till the Company agrees to pay tithes for the brickyard and banks.

p. 290 General Meeting 14 October 1779

1. Money received from tonnage = £375 6s 5d.
2. Ordered that 3 shillings a ton be taken for all goods, wares and merchandise imported up the Severn to or exported down the Severn from Wallbridge except stone, bricks, copper, slag, slates and clay for which 2 shillings a ton shall be taken and so in proportion for any distance of place.
3. Ordered that 2s a ton be taken for all corn meal and grain, also for all goods, wares and merchandise which will come down the Severn and be imported to Wallbridge.
4. Ordered that a drawback of 1 shilling a ton be paid by our clerk to all persons carrying coals by wagons from the Navigation to Cirencester or Tetbury on their producing a ticket from the person of whom the said coals is purchased certifying the owner's name of the wagon and the quality of coals. And likewise the same drawback to be paid for all coals carried by wagons to any distance exceeding 10 miles from the wharf where such coals is taken.
5. Richard and Nathaniel Watts be paid £10 for widening and completing the bridge and road leading to the wharf at Wallbridge.

28 October 1779

1. John Butcher to be asked for as much of his orchard as necessary to build a warehouse and road at Cainscross to access the wharf.

18 November 1779

1. A quick mound to be planted between Mr Webb's land and the brick yard at Wallbridge and that the hedge next to the quay be immediately laid.
2. John Gleaves wages be immediately reduced to half a guinea a week.
3. Wooden house at the wharf at Ryeford be brought up to the wharf at Wallbridge.

2 December 1779

1. Ordered that the bridge at Oyle Mill be immediately gravelled.
2. The warehouse at Wallbridge to be 9ft high under the beams.

16 December 1779

1. Benjamin Grazebrook reported that he is very apprehensive that the right hand wall below the gate of the Double Lock will 'sloff down' if not immediately repaired. Ordered that Mr Keck be told to repair it before it falls and obstructs the navigation.
2. No vessel to pass the lock at Bristol Road till after Tuesday 20 instant.

30 December 1779

1. Benjamin Grazebrook has seen Mr Keck who will take down the wall and repair it when the weather is better.

p. 300 4 January 1780

1. Read a letter from Mr Baxter informing us that he doth agree to accept half the price of the oak tree - ordered that our clerk do inform Messrs Lane and Jepson that the high price at which we purchased the land of Mr Baxter's will not admit of any extra charge for the tree.
2. Ordered that hay be put to the swivel bridges to prevent their being opened too wide.
3. Ordered that the wharf at Bristol Road be contracted to the large Elm Tree near the canal.
4. Ordered that the Brick Yard on Mrs Ball's land be cleared of the rubbish and levelled.
5. Ordered that Joseph Grazebrook be appointed superintendent of the works to prevent frauds and impositions in the tonnage etc. To survey all the works from Framilode to Wallbridge at least three times every week- salary £21 a quarter.
6. Ordered that a wharf not exceeding  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre be staked out at Wallbridge and the same let to Joseph Grazebrook for one year at the rate of £20 per acre.
7. Ordered that all other persons that do not take wharfs, pay 2d per ton for all the coals and timber at Wallbridge and that the same be collected with the tonnage.
8. Ordered that the owner of every vessel on entering the locks at Framilode do deliver an account in writing signed by himself of the quantity of coals he has on board and where he intends landing the same. Such account to be signed by the person who attends the said lock and sent to our clerk.
9. Ordered that a Company house be built at Wallbridge.

p. 302 20 January 1780

1. Benjamin Grazebrook met with Mr Hill and made him an offer of 5 guineas for fencing the road over his bridge, which he refused. Ordered that the surplus posts and rails at Bristol Road be immediately brought and put up. to fence the road over the said bridge.
  2. Agreed that a letter be written to Mr Keck desiring him to take immediate action at Ryeford Double Lock to prevent future consequences.
- p. 304 3 February 1780
1. Mr Keck has answered the letter and will take down that part of the Double Lock, which is giving way and rebuild it.
- p. 305 17 February 1780
1. The weir on the island at Easton is falling down, ordered that a well weir be immediately erected in the same space.
  2. Ordered that the house and warehouse at Wallbridge be let for one year.
  3. Ordered that the table of Rules at Bristol Road be moved to Wallbridge.
- p. 307 30 March 1780
1. A barge stopped at Thomas Pearce's property for non-payment of tonnage for coals brought up. the canal and ordered that the barge is to stay in the canal until the sum is paid.
- p. 311 General Meeting 12 April 1780
1. Money from tonnage = £1,085 11s 7d
  2. Ordered Mr John Beswick make good leakages and damages by puddling properly.
  3. Ordered that 2d per ton wharfage be taken for all coals, goods and merchandise, which shall be landed on any wharf belonging to the Company over and above the tonnage rates.
  4. Ordered that Mr Hillhouses bill for the Pleasure barge amounting to
  5. £ 94 13s 0d be discharged on his putting the barge in thorough repair.
  6. Ordered that Mr Anthony Keck be told that the Double Lock has become ruinous and obstructing the navigation.
  7. Ordered that if he refuses then he will be sued.
- p. 313 25 April 1780
1. Agreed Thomas Lewis to be lock keeper from Double Lock to Wallbridge- at 10s 6d per week.
  2. Ordered that Richard Evans be informed that if he ever is found catching fish in the canal that he will be immediately discharged.
  3. Ordered that 3d shall be paid for every wagon and 2d for every cart, which shall be loaded and unloaded with the crane at Wallbridge.
- p. 314 5 May 1780
1. Reported that some Aberthawe Pebbles have been ordered for the next Spring tide.
  2. Mr Pashley applied for his accounts.
  3. Bricks at Wallbridge taken to other locks.

4. No more clay or gravel to be taken from Dudbridge Wharf.

p. 316 25 May 1780

1. Daniel Ballard arrested by Messrs Jepson and Lane but has now paid the debt.
2. Ordered that the old mill pond at Whitminster be deepened at the same time as the navigation is stopped to repair Ryeford Double Lock.

p. 317 8 June 1780

1. Mr Pashley delivered his accounts.
2. Ordered that the house with the Company Brage be pitched over to keep out the rain.

22 June 1780

1. Proposal from William Franklin for building a wall to mound the wharf at Wallbridge with Ragg stone lying on the premises at 6d per perch.
2. Ordered that the clerk procure carts to haul earth from the Turnpike Road near Ryeford to widen the road leading over the canal to King's Stanley.

p. 320 7 July 1780

1. Messrs Lane and Jepson be engaged to commence an action against Mr Anthony Keck for non-performance in building the Double Lock.
2. Agreed that Mr Keck do immediately proceed to repair the said lock and for which purpose that Mr Keck be paid the balance remaining in our hands on that account amounting to the sum of £157 19s 9d. An agreement is now drawn by Messrs Lane and Stock and executed by us and Mr Keck to prevent the said reparation from quashing or in anywise destroying part of the original agreement until the same can be brought to an issue at the next assizes.
3. Action against Thomas Pride for fishing in the canal.

p. 321 11 July 1780

1. Ordered that bricks be procured from Frampton to repair Blunder Lock.
2. Ordered that the backing of several locks be raised so as to prevent the water from lodging on the walls of the locks.
3. Ordered that the towpaths under the bridges be backed up and made level.

p. 322 1 August 1780

1. Ordered that some of the stone dug out of the canal be burnt for lime to be used only in the back walls of the locks and to make sure that it is not used for any other purpose.

p. 325 20 August 1780

1. Mr Keck to be asked for a plan of the Double Lock for Mr Franklin to see.

p. 328 26 September 1780

1. Ordered that no vessels do pass Double Lock for at least one month.

2. George Lodge asked to take on the locks and to superintend the lock keepers.

p. 331 24 October 1780

1. Ordered that no vessels be permitted to pass any of the locks on the navigation on a Sunday except the Framilode lock. Nor on any weekday before Sunrise nor after sunset and not exceeding half an hour after sunset on any emergency. If barge men take no notice their barges will be immediately detained.
2. Agreed with Ben Pashley to take care of the Whitminster Locks, to attend the passing of every vessel through the locks and to be culpable for any damage that may be done by the vessels passing up in his absence. Wages = £10 per annum and the manor House and orchard where he now lives to commence from this time.

p. 333 General Meeting 26 October 1780

1. Money received from the tonnage up to 13 April is £324 5s 9 1/2d
2. Debts - Anthony Keck is due a sum of £132 17s 8 1/2 d for the repair of the failure of the Double Lock, which bill is entirely rejected and the Company is to abide by the decision of the 7 July last.
3. Ordered that 3s 6d per ton be taken for all coals imported to Wallbridge and so in proportion for any less distance over and above the 2d per ton wharfage for all coals which may be landed on any of the Company's wharf.
4. For the encouragement of bringing coals to the head of the canal, it is decided that a bounty of 3d per ton be paid by our clerk for all coals landed on the wharf at Wallbridge and that a further bounty of one shilling per ton be paid for all coals, which shall be carried more than ten miles distant.
5. Ordered that one s and six pence (1s 6d) per ton tonnage be taken for all copper, which shall be imported to Wallbridge.
6. The bounty on coals to extend only to all coals carried from Wallbridge and Dudbridge wharfs.
7. Ordered that the barges of Thomas Pearce be detained for non-payment of tonnage and be advertised for sale.

p. 335 16 November 1780

1. Mr Hill made application for a gate between Burry Field and his Rack Hill in the road into the lower part of the said field.
2. Mr Franklin to supply some stone for coping the walls of the swivel bridge in Mr Chances land.
3. James Dallaway attended the meeting.

p 337 14 December 1780

1. A piece of arable land at Ryeford exclusive of the wharf let to John Pickston for three years. He was obliged to plant a 'quick mound' on the side next to the Turnpike Road. The Company to pay John Pickston
2. £1 10s 0d at the expiry of the term.

p. 388 11 January 1781

1. Ordered that Mr Merrett be employed to make a large plan of the canal describing the several pieces of land purchased by the Company adjoining the canal. To be done in a rough manner and on parchment.

2. Ordered that Benjamin Grazebrook be allowed interest for the £200 due to him for surveying from this time at a rate of 5% per annum until said money is paid.
3. Ordered that Benjamin Grazebrook to agree with some person for planting withies sets in such bits of land belonging to the Company that are suitable.

p 339 8 February 1781

1. Mr Merrett has started the canal plan but because of bad weather has not finished it.
2. Benjamin Grazebrook agreed with William Hutchins for planting withies at 2s 6d per hundred. The said William Hutchins to find the sets, prepare the ground and plant the same at that price.

p. 340 8 March 1781

1. Ordered that George Lodge be allowed £3 per annum towards his house rent during the time that he continues in the Company service.
2. Mary Colborne of Bownham, widow and sister of James Winchcombe late of the same place, made out her claim to 5 shares nos. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 as being his legatee executrix.
3. Ordered that the clerk do procure a person to repair the boats belonging to the Company as soon as possible.
4. Ordered that a weir be made in a convenient place for taking the superfluous water from the Stonehouse level.

p. 342 29 March 1781

1. Mr Merrett still not finished the plan
2. Boats are being repaired.
3. Agreed to let the 'bottoming' of the old pond at Whitminster to John Pickston for 3d per yard, he to find the barrows, planks and every utensil for doing the same.
4. Ordered that the clerk procure a drag net for fishing the canal.

5 April 1781

1. The aforesaid weir to be made on the upper side of Ryeford Bridge.
2. Ordered that the road leading from the Turnpike to Nastend be repaired as soon as the weir is made for diverting the water to a different course.
3. Ordered that Mr Samuel Manning to value some of the work done by Edward Keene.

p. 345 General Meeting 12 April 1781

1. Money received from tonnage from 26 October 1780 = £1151 16s 1d and applied towards payment of debts.
2. Committee: William Knight, Thomas White, James Dallaway, Richard Bigland, John Hollings, John Allaway, Joseph Wathen, William Bettersby, Thomas Baylis, Nathaniel Jones, Benjamin Grazebrook, Fream Arundell
3. William Wakefield allowed an allowance in the rent of the house and warehouse at Wallbridge as it appeared he took it at too high a rent.
4. Ordered that William Franklin be paid £26 4s 0d over the sum in his contract for building the lock and bridge at Dudbridge as the lock is higher and thicker than his contract. Also, he should be paid £9 9s 0d

- for surveying and making plans and sections of the Double lock and for his attendance during the late trial at Gloucester.
5. Ordered that 1s 6d per ton be taken for all iron, tin, brass and lead that is imported to Wallbridge and in proportion for any less distance.
  6. In consequence of the late trial at Gloucester with Mr Anthony Keck, it has appeared that the said lock is not built agreeable to the plan and module - ordered that William Franklin and Edward Keene do make a survey and prepare an estimate of taking down the said lock and rebuilding according to the said plan and module. Also that they do prepare another estimate for building the lock in a proper firm and substantial manner.
  7. Ordered that a survey be made and a level taken for a canal from Dudbridge to Cricklade to make a survey. The Company to pay for the expense as long as it did not exceed £50.
  8. Ordered that a bounty of 1s per ton be paid by our clerk for all the coals taken from Wallbridge Wharf to Springs Mill and Stonebridge in the parish of Painswick and also for all coals taken beyond either of the said places.

p. 348 26 April 1781

1. Mr Chambers has applied to the Company to rent the Island at Easton.
2. Mr Manning had checked Mr Keene's work and valued it. Mr Keene agreed to the sum.
3. Ben Pashley applied to repair the timber work of Nasfield Lock.
4. Ordered that a letter be written by the clerk to Sir Edward Littleton informing of the practicality of a Junction with the Thames.

24 May 1781

1. Ordered that our clerk do make Mr Keck an offer of the bit of land at Ryeford at the sum of 30 guineas including the stow (contents).

21 June 1781

1. Mr Merrett finished the plan of the canal. Ordered that the second set of subscribers to the loan be paid off with interest.

p. 351 5 July 1781

1. Clerk produced a rent book of the lands belonging to the Company.
2. Ordered that Ben Pashley should put all the lock gates in perfect repair and pitch the gates of the long pounds before the water is turned into the canal.
3. Mr Saunders had been spotted fishing in the canal and was ordered to desist.

p. 352 9 August 1781

1. Ordered that an open drain be made at the foot of the bank in Pool Field to drain off excess water.
2. Ordered that all obstructions in the canal be cleared before the water was turned in.
3. The Island at Chipman's Platt to be let to Mr Bigland for seven years for rent of 10s per annum.

p. 353 21 August 1781

1. Ordered that a trunk be immediately made with Elm Planks, the apperture about 2 feet by 1 foot and fixed under the bottom of the canal just above the bridge at Mr Sam King's in order to convey the water of the Rein (sic) Ditch under the Navigation.
2. Survey has been made and levels taken from Wallbridge to Lechlade and as the plan appears practicable it is agreed that a meeting be called for the purpose of considering the canal and that the meeting be advertised in London, Bristol, Bath, Oxford and Gloucester papers.

p. 354 13 September 1781

1. Nathaniel Davies made application to buy the timber work of the old crane in Easton Meadows exclusive of the wheels.
2. Ordered that an advertisement be put in Gloucester Journal informing the public that the canal is now open for the passage of barges.

p. 355 9 October 1781

1. Thomas Lewis allowed 40s per annum for his house rent during his time as lock keeper.

p. 357 General Meeting 11 October 1781

1. Money received for tonnage from the 12 April = £668 18s 3d.
2. Nothing had been achieved regarding the double Lock at Ryeford so the order was continued.
3. Agreed to sell clay lying on the North side of the canal at Wallbridge to Thomas Bernard for making bricks.
4. Ordered to make a more accurate survey for a Junction with the Thames and Severn by way of the Stroud canal.
5. Ordered that a bounty of 1s per ton be paid for all coals taken from Wallbridge and carried any distance beyond the turnpike in Woofuldeane Bottom.
6. Mr Edward Keene to rent land on the North side of the canal at Dudbridge for 3 years at £6 per annum exclusive of landing coals.

p. 359 22 November 1781

1. Mr Cambridge asked for a drain to be created in the lower part of the meadow called Thatchers to take off excess water from the canal.
2. John King to rent the house and warehouse at Wallbridge if the Company built him a shed to house his brewery. William Franklin asked to do the building. Messrs Hollings, Dallaway and Grazebrook to agree with him a price.

p. 360 13 December 1781

1. Mr Franklin agreed to build the brewhouse 10ft wide at the end of the warehouse at Wallbridge for 10 guineas - the Company to supply, timber, tile, stone, brick and mortar.

31 January 1782

1. Ordered that a flood gate be put across the old river near the feeder at Lodgemore in order to take off the water from the mill at certain flood times.
2. Towing path wall under the bridge at Westfield lock has fallen down. Mr Franklin employed to repair the same.
3. Mr Franklin to survey the Double Lock and report on the state of it.

p. 362 26 February 1782

1. James Barns to be lock keeper at Bristol Road at 8s per week.

p. 363 8 April 1782

1. Ben Pashley ordered to provide a lock keeper during his illness.
2. All yearly tenants to pay the taxes for the lands they occupy.

p. 364 General Meeting 9 April 1782

1. Tonnage= £1120 16s 7 1/2d
2. William Franklin reassured the meeting that after his survey of the Double Lock, it is not falling in but does need repointing. Mr Keck ordered to repoint .
3. Ordered that a bounty of 1s per ton be paid for all Tenby coals sold from Wallbridge and Dudbridge wharfs to any places whatsoever.
4. A bounty be paid of 2s 5d per ton be paid for all coals taken from Wallbridge and Dudbridge wharfs to Lechlade upon the hauliers producing a ticket from the person receiving the said coals at Lechlade.
5. For furthering trade from Gloucester coming up the canal, it was agreed that the vessel belonging to Benjamin Grazebrook and Co. trading to that place do pass and re-pass on the canal till the next General meeting in consideration of their paying 5 guineas for the tonnage and wharfage during that time.
6. This meeting ordered the byelaw whereby anyone passing through the locks and dropping the cloughs, without gradually lowering them will be prosecuted.
7. Ordered that the Company procure a piece of land at Stonehouse for a wharf.

p. 366 3 May 1782

1. Drawn a bill on the treasurer for £1120 16s 7 1/2d for the use of the Navigation.

p. 367 16 May 1782

1. Upper part of Kemmett's Orchard is wasting away by the force of the tides. Ben Pashley to find oak timber to pile the same.
2. Ordered that the water be prevented from running from the Rein Ditch into the canal below Whitminster Lock by making proper stanks.

p. 368 18 July 1782

1. Ben Pashley to pile the bank at Ebley. Piling at Emmett's Orchard to be deferred.
2. Water was stanked from running into the canal out of the Rein (sic) Ditch below Whitminster Lock but the stanks were cut through by some person unknown.
3. Benjamin Grazebrook reported that Mr Cambridge made an application to have the Rein's (sic) open to the canal and that he will be answerable for any inconvenience. The clerk was ordered to write to Mr Cambridge informing him there was a considerable quantity of mud already collected in consequence of the water from the Rein (sic)

- Ditches so unless he was prepared to regularly clear the mud, it was necessary to make good the stanks to turn the water through a trunk.
4. William Franklin to be employed to do the repairs of the bridge and stonework of the bridges and weirs.

p. 370 1 August 1782

1. Lock at Westfield not coming in.
2. Crane at Wallbridge was altered to carry greater weights.
3. Ben Pashley wages of 4s per week was taken off him and that the house and garden only was allowed him.

3 October 1782

1. Ordered that proper stanks were immediately made to prevent the Reins from running into the canal.
2. The late rainy weather prevented the flood gates from being put in.

p. 373 General Meeting 8 October 1782

1. Tonnage from April £762 9s 7d
2. Benjamin Grazebrook and Company agreed for the tonnage and wharfage of all goods, wares and merchandise imported and exported in their two barges called The Stroud Galley and The Nancy for the sum of £50.
3. Letter was written to all Proprietors to present a scheme to pay off debts and to pay a dividend from the profits ensuing from the tonnage.

p. 374 12 November 1782 - Special meeting

1. Some 18 Proprietors agreed to an advance upon the shares to pay off debts but near 40 did not signify their wishes so no resolution could be made.

p. 374 12 November 1782 - Committee meeting

1. Stanks were made secure at Whitminster
2. Stonework of the flood gates at Lodgemore completed.

p. 376 12 December 1782

1. Messrs White and Grazebrook marked out a bit of land at the double lock for a house and garden.
2. Agreed with Benjamin Grazebrook to cover the boat house with lead for 30 guineas.

p. 379 29 January 1783 - General Meeting

1. Thomas Hayes in the Chair at the George Inn in Stroud
2. This meeting about the canal from Wallbridge to Lechlade in pursuance of the the public notice in the Gloucester Journal and circular letters to the Proprietors.
3. The Committee were authorised to send deputies to London or elsewhere to agree measures to be approved by the Proprietors of the intended canal and of the Stroudwater.
4. 'We think that Green Glass (sic) should bear as much tonnage as coals and all valuable goods to pay more than others.

5. As the subscribers paper is differently worded from the prices proposed for the Stroud canal we are apprehensive that the new Proprietors mean to take the rates mentioned in the subscription and oblige the Stroud to take less. We think it highly reasonable we should have the same rates per mile they mean to take.
6. If the Stroud Proprietors join with measures proposed with the coals above Wallbridge they expect it shall not take place until both ends of the canal are finished to the tunnel and a railed way made over Sapperton Hill.
7. It appears that if their proposal of 2s 3d per ton on coals to be laid on them above Wallbridge after our one shilling received is agreed to, it will still be prejudicial to the Stroud canal for the following reasons viz:
8. If delivered at Bowbridge, which is by the canal from Wallbridge half a mile; Bowbridge is so contiguous to the upper part of the town of Stroud and less ascent than from Wallbridge, coals will be fetched from thence into Stroud which is now served from Wallbridge and Brimscombe lies nearly the same although one mile further on than Bowbridge.
9. For these reasons the Stroud Proprietors wish to serve so far and will very readily agree to the Proposal of the new Proprietors from Brimscombe to Sapperton.
10. That a clause should be inserted in the Bill that neither Companies should become traders or merchants in coals or any other commodities in their corporate capacity, but individually as they please.
11. They should be informed that the Stroud now receives 2s 3d upon all coals at Cirencester or any distance short of Leachlade, be the distance ever so near to that place.
12. It is proposed to join hand in hand in framing a bill to act in unison and good fellowship.
13. It is agreed at this general meeting that the Committee shall have liberty to appoint deputies to attend the business in London when required and if any material differences arise a Special General meeting be called.
14. To propose in the act that vessels that pass the canals shall be obliged to have gauges fixed and that all vessels coming into the Stroud Canal intended for the upper canal, shall not be suffered to unload except by permission of the Stroud Proprietors.
15. No coals or other goods carried from Brimscombe to the Tunnel on any pretence whatever shall be suffered to return down again to take advantage of the low tonnage.
16. The following Gentlemen are requested to attend during the passing of the new Bill in Parliament - Messrs Wathen, Hollings, Winchcombe, and Colborne.'

(Benjamin Grazebrook signed as all other Stroud Proprietors.)

p. 381 10 February 1783 (Benjamin Grazebrook not present)

1. The clerk, Joseph Grazebrook, reported that Mr Organ on Mr Cambridge's behalf has asked surrounding landowners to join with him in cleansing the mud from the canal if the Rein Ditch is opened. But they chose not to join.
2. Benjamin Pashley (lock keeper) died yesterday. Ordered that another lock keeper be found.
3. The Petition for the Bill for making the intended Junction, was seen by Parliament who gave leave for a Bill to be presented. Messrs Hollings and Colborne ordered to set out to London to help draw up the Bill, and employ Council when necessary during the progress of the Bill.

4. Ordered that the public road on the towing path be stopped for a short time to preserve the right of the Company.

p. 383 17 February 1783

1. Mr James business still not settled due to his illness.
2. No letter received from Mr Cambridge respecting the Rein (sic) Ditches.
3. A Petition in favour of the new Bill sent from London requesting that it might be signed by the inhabitants of Stroud and it's environs. Also, that the Proprietors of the Stroud canal send a petition with the Seal affixed.

p. 384 27 March 1783

1. Clerk reported that the Reverend John Pettat has applied to have the water drained from Stonehouse Churchyard. The Company would attempt to cut a drain across the adjoining land to drain the Churchyard.

8 April 1783 - General Meeting

1. Joseph Wathen in the Chair.
2. Money received from tonnage amounted to £1182 7s 9d.
3. The committee were unable to acquire land at Stonehouse for a wharf, as Mr White was not empowered to sell until his title was confirmed. When confirmed he would be able to sell any amount to the Company.
4. The committee to agree with Benjamin Grazebrook and Co. for the tonnage of their vessels for the ensuing half year at a price not less than £50.
5. The Committee to advertise the fishery in the respective pounds between Wallbridge and Framilode to be let.

p. 387 15 April 1783

1. Benjamin Grazebrook present.
2. Committee agreed with Benjamin Grazebrook and Co for the tonnage and wharfage of all goods, wares and merchandise, which shall be carried in the Bristol and Gloucester barges for 6 months for £50.

p. 388 20 May 1783

1. Benjamin Grazebrook present.
2. Mud to be cleared out the canal near Lodgemore and a person appointed to watch the fish during the time the water is out.
3. Ordered that our clerk do issue tickets at 10 shillings each to fish in the canal for one year from the date thereof. Any Proprietor and son is allowed to fish without a ticket.

p. 389 29 May 1783

1. Benjamin Grazebrook present.
2. Continued the order for clearing out mud from the Catch Pool in Little Harry's acre.
3. Ordered that the towing path in the level below Bristol Road be raised to stop water flowing from the meadows into the canal and the earth for raising the path be taken from the bank at Whitminster Mill Pond.
4. Ordered that the corner of the Crib on the lower side of the lock at Framilode be repaired.

5. Ordered that the Catch Pool leading from Stonehouse Cross into the canal be cleared of the mud and enquire of the owner if he should want the soil so dredged.
6. Leaks in the bank between the canal and the old river at Ebley be repaired.

p. 391 8 July 1783

1. Ticket for angling for Mr Hopkins of Ebley for three years in recompense for damages sustained in his orchard.
2. Thomas Apperley of Cainscross convicted of taking fish from the canal. Fined 20 shillings. Ordered that 10s 6d of the said fine be paid to the informant.

29 July 1783

1. Ordered that a foot bridge be made over the lower gates at Nasfield Lock to prevent people being disappointed when the upper gates are shut.

p 394 26 August 1783

1. Benjamin Grazebrook present on board Company barge at Wallbridge.
2. In settling an account with Messrs Daniel and William Chance a piece of land measuring one rood and thirteen perches adjoining a piece of meadowland called 'The Moon' valued at £23 3s 9d was acquired by the Company.

p. 395 9 September 1783

1. On board the Company Barge on the Stroudwater.
2. Benjamin Grazebrook present.
3. Ordered that the leakage from the canal into Ryeford Mill be stopped.

p. 396 9 October 1783

1. At the George Inn, Stroud.
2. Mr James' business still not settled.
3. Mr Organ attended the meeting on behalf of Richard Owen Cambridge and reported a leak from the canal at Whitminster which has damaged a meadow and Mr Cambridge expected the damage to be settled and likewise to have the Rein (sic) Ditch opened into the canal. The committee to decide what should be done.