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14 October 1783 pp.1-2

General Half Yearly Meeting at Swan Inn, Stroud. Tonnage £734 7s 9d. Messrs Grazebrook – tonnage of 2 barges for 6 months, £50. For further term of 6 months, £50 –1 shilling per ton for copper, brass and tin. Account to be produced to Committee. No advertising of fishery. Tickets at 10 shillings each to angle for a year. Letter to Messrs Lane and Jepson and their reply. Account not yet delivered – name not yet produced. Committee's surprise at their not taking notice of it and desire that they will immediately send it to Committee. 2 shillings per ton for tonnage and wharfage of all copper, brass and tin in future imported in Wallbridge except brought in by Messrs Grazebrook's barges. Richard Owen Cambridge – complaint of damages caused by canal. Committee to settle. Agreement with Company of Proprietors of Thames and Severn Canal for land marked out for canal through wharf at Wallbridge confirmed. Public roads on towing paths of Stroud canal (except where roads are turned along path in lieu of road cut off by canal) to be absolutely stopped and gates locked one day in every year. Public notice in Gloucester Journal. Considerable loss to canal company by laying on stock of coals to prevent price being enhanced and thus encourage sale to increase tonnage on canal. 2 shillings per ton on 200 tons allowance, out of tonnage for ensuing half year.

20 November 1783 p.3

Mr Jepson – expenses incurred on Mr Mossoley's (Mosley's) business, 1 guinea. Clerk to apply to Mr Jennings for same. Messrs Bigland, Baylis, Allaway, Grazebrook and Clerk to take view of Mr Cambridge's damages. Stopping of road on towing path postponed.

19 December 1783 pp.4-5

Mr Jennings's expenses to be deducted from interest due. Messrs Baylis and Grazebrook had met Mr Organ on Mr Cambridge's land and, on condition that the flood gates at Whitminster Mill are drawn at all flood times by the tenant occupying the mill, fixed with Mr Organ on behalf of Mr Cambridge, that the

Rien Ditch, called Thatcher's Ditch, may run into canal for one year by way of trial, Company making a catch pool to receive the mud. Occupier of land to clear same every year. If any impediment happens to canal in consequence, same to be stopped and allowed to run into canal no more. Proprietor of land may at own expense stop wear (sic) at Spencehill and make covered wear through lower side of Kemmet's Orchard into Severn, wear having valve on lid to prevent Severn water flowing into canal. Poster giving notice that gates on towing path will be locked on 1st January to prevent all persons from travelling on path except for navigation on canal.

9 January 1784 pp.6-7

In consequence of Mr Baylis's report application to be made to Parliament for an Act to give power to make a canal from the Severn near Gloucester to join the Stroudwater Canal. Opinion of meeting to oppose the scheme until fully satisfied of necessity for it and Stroudwater Canal inadequate to the business. Agents to be employed to spend £1000 or more to maintain Company's interests. In dry seasons supply of coal difficult to be procured from Northern Collierys. Messrs Hollings and Grazebrook of opinion that a communication by water from Severn to collierys in Forest of Dean is very practicable and easily effected. Would afford ample supply and considerably reduce price of coals coming up Stroud Canal. Mr Grazebrook to take survey and make estimate of expense of making canal. 20 guineas for survey to be repaid by Proprietors when Act is obtained for executing work. Towing paths of canal stopped by Geo Lodge, William Beard, Thomas Lewis and James Barn. Thursday 1 January Wallbridge to Dudbridge, Friday 2 January Dudbridge to Ryford, Saturday 3 January Ryford to Mr Eycott's mill, Monday 5 January Mr Eycott's mill to Bristol Road, Tuesday 6 January Bristol Road to Framiload.

9 January 1784 p.8

Committee Meeting. Tenants in arrears for rent - payment within one month or seizier (sic) made. Deed of conveyance from Corporation of Gloucester and Geo Augustus Selwyn Esquire lodged in hands of Messrs Lane & Jepson till payment of money. Messrs Wathen, Colborne and Dallaway to settle with Mr Knight on inspecting his land.

19 February 1784 p.9

Tenants have not paid (9 January). Seizier to be made first time any stock found on premises after Lady Day next. Payment to city of Gloucester and Geo Augustus Selwyn Esq. for land (9 January). Mr Wathen and Messrs Colborne and Dallaway came to no agreement with Mr Knight respecting his land. Clerk to consult Messrs Lane and Jepson.

9 April 1784 p.10

Mr Knight to be given notice to quit land as best method of settlement. Commissioners of the Road given notice that water running down road from Cainscross must not be allowed to run over lock wall into lock but be turned into canal below bridge. Culvert to be made to take water from wear (sic) at Chippenham Platt, to prevent road being injured.

13 April 1784 pp.11-13

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £941 15s 4d. Committee appointed; Sir George Paul, Joseph Wathen, John Hollings, James Dallaway, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Fream Arundell, Thomas Baylis, William Battersby, Richard Bigland, Thomas White, John Allaway, Nathaniel Jones, Benjamin Grazebrook. Tonnage of Messrs Grazebrook & Company's barges amounted to very little more than sum paid. As business has not answered Proprietor of Barges has declined it. Mr Ben Grazebrook proposed new plan of having a vessel on a different construction, provided encouragement given. His vessels to and from Bristol and Gloucester permitted to pass free of tonnage and wharfage till next half yearly meeting. Every absent Proprietor who does not attend General Meetings in future, in person or by proxy, shall forfeit and pay 5 shillings, to be deducted out of next dividend on their shares. Money to be applied to General Stock of Company. This resolution to be considered as a Bye Law under power of Act of Parliament and receive seal of Company. Notice to be sent to every Proprietor. Mr Whitworth taking survey for a canal from Gloucester to join some part of Stroud Canal. Select Committee: Sir George Paul, Mr Battersby, Mr Joseph Harford, Mr Hollinger, Mr Winchcombe, Mr Wathen, Mr Bigland, Mr Thomas E Bull, Mr Grazebrook or any five of them to guard rights of Proprietors of Stroudwater Navigation from any infringement attempted by undertaking of such canal. Expenses not to exceed two thousand pounds. Another person to be chosen in place of any of aforesaid gentlemen who becomes a Proprietor of Thames and Severn Canal and is disqualified from acting in the business. Inconveniences in importation of salt – dealer not having conveyances to take whole barge loading at one time. Salt permitted to be part of cargo, paying usual tonnage, provided the tonnage amounts to 20 shillings or upwards. 2s 3d per ton for tonnage of all Tenby coals imported to Wallbridge and in proportion for less distance. Bounty no longer continued except for stock now lying on wharf. Survey made and estimate of expense of canal from Severn to collieries in Forest. Distance 3 miles, rise about 100 feet, expense £14,000.

31 May 1784 pp.14-15

Clerk has paid Mr Stock whole of Mr Ellis James's damages agreeable to inquisition made by Jury. Edward Keen's timber to be seized for £15 for rent due at Lady Day. Application for longer time, sale of timber postponed to Wednesday 9 June. Mr Turner given notice to turn water which runs down road from Cainscross. Mr Mosley, now of age, applied for payment for his land at Dudbridge. Mud on canal at Framilode between lock and stopgate to be cleared. 3d per ton for all weights under two ton and 6d per ton for any greater weight for cranage at Wallbridge. Same from Thames and Severn Canal. Plan and estimate for a lock house at the Double Lock to be prepared. Company's barge to be greaved.

24 July 1784 pp.15-16

Messrs Lane and Jepson brought an ejectment against Mr Knight for possession of Little Harry's Acre. Company not to pay any part of suit. When any land is sold or exchanged by Company, a clause to be inserted to prevent proprietor calling on Company to fence off towing path through same. In

conveyance of Little Harry's Acre Right of Road to be preserved for Mr Turner, Mr Stephens, Mr Hogg and their successors.

17 August 1784 pp.16-17

Mr Keene had paid whole of his rent to Lady Day last. Mud on canal below the stop gate at Framilode cleared. Lock house at Double Lock - estimate of expense by Wm Franklin and another by John Davis. John Davis to complete it for £65. Company barge to be greaved. Wm Beard, lock keeper, has given warning to leave his place. Wages to be advanced to 12 shillings per week provided he hires himself to Company for one year. Clerk distrained Messrs King's cattle for 7 years but Messrs John and William Fryer gave joint note for payment of money. Matter settled. Mr Pelling to be paid money due after 3 months. Mr Samuel King to pay 20 shillings per acre per annum for rent of Company's land. Notice to quit said land at Lady Day next.

16 September 1784 p.18

Wm Beard to continue as carpenter and lock keeper for one year. Wages 12 shillings per week. Mr Palling given notice. Brewhouse at Framilode - new roof covered with pan tyle. Addition to be made to house on wharf at Wallbridge inhabited by John King. Cellar and counting house to be taken out of warehouse. Clerk to apply to Mr Chance for leave to land wool coming up canal for Mr White on land adjoining lock at Dudbridge with leave to bring waggons or carts to take away same.

11 October 1784 pp.19-20

Clerk to inform Mr Sam King that if he will not attend and settle for rent of land in his possession Messrs Lane and Jepson will proceed against him. Mrs Ann Clutterbuck widow - share no.110, Miss Mary Clutterbuck - share no. 119, will of Edmund Clutterbuck.

12 October 1784 p.20

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £703 16s 1d. Mary and Elizabeth Pinfold - shares nos. 121,122, will of Nathaniel Perks. Mr Ben Grazebrook's barges to pass and repass canal till next half yearly meeting for £25 tonnage and wharfage. Thanks to Mr Joseph Grazebrook for invention of method of weighing vessels which pass on canal. Committee to examine utility and expense to Proprietors. Committee empowered to sell and dispose of lands belonging to the Proprietors; piece of meadow on north east side of canal at Wallbridge purchased of Mr Webb, triangle piece at Ryeford, bit at Easton purchased of late Mr Phillips, meadow late Baxter's, two bits purchased of the Lady's of Frampton Manor and all other pieces between that and Kemmet's Orchard at Framiload.

11 November 1784 pp.23-24

Mr Samuel King produced account for settling of damages allowed for all except damages of meadow called Thatchers. Mr John Smith of Painswick to examine it and fix rent. Clerk to write to Mr Jepson desiring him to attend meeting at Gloucester on 29 November. As soon as Thames and Severn Canal

is opened to Brimscombe, coals imported to Wallbridge to be landed free of tonnage till further orders. Messrs Lane and Jepson to inform the Rev Mr Yate of opportunity to give him equal quantity of adjoining land in exchange for land taken from Frethorn Glebe. Ground on wharf at Wallbridge from quoin of Brewhouse to quoin of stable let to Mr B Grazebrook. 10 shillings per annum.

16 December 1784 pp.24-26

Mr John King has fixed Mr Samuel King's damages £7 a year for 3 years. Rent of Company's land 10 shillings per acre per annum for first 3 years and 20 shillings per acre afterwards. Mr Jepson to pay Rev Yate for his glebe land taken into canal at same price as adjoining land and pay interest. Proposals from Edward Elton, chairman Gloucester Canal Committee, for tolls on intended canal. Rejected by Committee but when Canal Navigation from Thames to Severn is completed, Stroudwater Navigation ready to agree to reasonable proposals. Letter to landowners re dangerous consequences of scheme. Meeting at George Inn at Stroud on 6 January. Messrs Wathen, Hollings, Colborne and Winchcombe to confer with Corporation of Gloucester on intended canal.

6 January 1785 pp.26-27

Snow too deep for Clerk to measure damages (Mr Samuel King). Thames and Severn canal now open to Brimscombe. Owners of barges passing on canal to pay several rates of tonnage agreeable to act of Parliament. Proper person to examine quantity to be landed on wharfs between Stroud and barr at Brimscombe. Promise to fairly weigh and stack in not more than two to stacks coals where he intends to land them. Penalty if account given false. Mr John Davis to be paid for building lock house.

3s 6d per ton for tonnage and wharfage of all coals, goods, wares and merchandise brought up Stroudwater canal to Wallbridge and not go into Thames and Severn canal. Samuel Harris, master of a barge, owner John James in defraud of tonnage of £6 10s of copper slaggs delivered at Bristol Road. Penalty of £13. £8 returned to owner, not privy to such cheat. Rev John Pettat, vicar of Stonehouse, complained of water flowing from canal into graves in churchyard. Mr White - water lying on land in orchard adjoining churchyard. Drain to empty into culvert,
3 February 1785 pp.28-29.

23 March 1785 p.30

Samuel C Peach, William Gainsford Peach - six shares, will of Nathaniel Peach. Petition from Mr Chambers in favour of bill for making a canal from Abingdon to join Thames and Severn at or near Lechlade. Clerk to procure stone from Quarhouse Quarry to repair wing walls of locks and bridges.

11 April 1785 p.31

Mr Chambers desires clause to be inserted in Bill for making Abingdon Canal

that materials may pass free along Stroud Canal and for seal of Company to be affixed to their petition. Mr Thomas White of Paganhill refuses to complete sale of land at Stonehouse Cross but will leave price to arbitration.

12 April 1785 pp.32-34

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £652 14s 7½d. Mr Ben Grazebrook's barges on canal - £25 till next half yearly meeting. Piece of meadowland on N E side of canal at Wallbridge, 12 October 1794, to be reserved and other pieces advertised and sold. Request from Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Company to have seals of Stroudwater Company affixed to their petition. Committee to enquire into petition and Bills. Mr Chamber's clause, 11 April, considered injurious to Stroudwater Company. Committee to write to Mr White, House of Commons, to know if such a clause can be inserted without consent. Two of Proprietors to attend Parliament to try to prevent it. Canal at wharf at Dudbridge to be widened. Proposal by Proprietors of Stroudwater Navigation to purchase stock of coals to prevent future loss for Navigation. Company to insure them for 5 per cent. Wall and gates to fence wharf at Wallbridge. Committee: Sir George Paul Bart., Joseph Wathen, John Hollings, James Dallaway, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Fream Arundell, Thomas Baylis, William Battersby, Richard Bigland, Thomas White, John Allaway, Nathaniel Jones, Benjamin Grazebrook.

16 December 1784

Rev Mr Yate authorised Mr Jepson to settle for his land.

26 April 1785 pp.35-36

Mr White, 11 April 1783, instead of accepting Committee's proposal, proposes to leave settlement to Rev Mr Pettat, Mr Dimock and Mr Cole or any two of them. Mr White attended meeting and consented to sell land at Stonehouse Cross for £40. Letter to inform Mr Chambers of resolution respecting Abingdon petition. Apprehension that Company would be agreeing to any clause inserted tending to prejudice its interest. A drain to be made in Mr White's orchard called Lady Orchard at Stonehouse to drain leakages from the canal. Advertisement in Gloucester Journal for sale of pieces of land, 22 October 1784, to be sold at auction on 24 May at the Golden Cross at Cainscross.

29 April 1785 p.37

No clause to be inserted in Bill for making the Abingdon canal that may affect Company's interest. Seal of Company to be affixed to petition in favour of Abingdon Canal. Mr Thomas White to deliver same to Mr Chambers.

Sudden death of Mr White, 29 April. Survey of Mr Reddal's orchard. No damage. Corner piece of land at Ryeford to be sold to Mr John Hollings for £60. Piece of meadow, late Baxters, and land late Mr Phillips, both in parish of Easton, to Mr Ben Grazebrook for 120 guineas. John King abused trust. To be immediately dismissed from Company's service and given notice to quit the house,

1 June 1785 p.38.

John King to take house occupied by Richard Cam. 2s per week rent paid to him. Clerk to procure proposals from Wm Franklin and some other person for enclosing wharf at Wallbridge with mortar wall 7 feet high, 2 feet thick at bottom and 18 inches at top, coped with good weather stone and strong quoins at the gates and ends of walls. Mr Smith given notice to remove lime kiln and building on wharf at Wallbridge. Clerk to apply to Mr Pettat for warrant against Samuel Hodges for taking fish in canal. No person taking out a ticket for angling in canal to take more than one friend at one time, and that person not an inhabitant of neighbourhood,
20 June 1785 pp.40-41.

Proposals from Wm Franklin and John Gubbins for building wall at Wallbridge. Mr Franklin's accepted. Edward Keane to make pair of gates (with good hart (sic) of oak) for the wharf. Samuel Hodges fined £5, mitigated to 5 shillings for fishing in canal. Clerk to find expense of a wood grate to prevent fish going up ditch at Stonehouse,
27 July 1785 pp.41-42.

Expense of wood gate £7. Mr Grazebrook to purchase large tow boat at Bristol for breaking ice on canal,
10 October 1785 p.43.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £691 16s 10d + £105 5s. Balance £793 1s 10d. Dividend £3 15s. Mr Ben Grazebrook to pay £20 for tonnage for his barges between Bristol and Gloucester,
11 October 1785 p.44.

Mr B Grazebrook could not purchase boat for breaking ice on canal. Ordered to purchase a new boat, 25 feet long doubly cased with timber in her bow. Mistress Hannah Beal - shares nos.150,159,162,163, will of Samuel Whitmore. Thomas Crozier Arundell, son - shares nos.47,48,49, will of Mr Fred Arundell. Mr Samuel Smith to level mountain in meadow rented by James Croome and to remove surplus spoil from wharf at Wallbridge,
9 November 1785 pp.45-46.

Mr Gardiner not allowing rent for surplus land occupied by Mr Knight and the taxes thereof,
15 December 1785 p.46.

Mr Knight - costs of Chancery suit to arbitration. Payment to Company for surplus land and rent for same. Bank in meadow at Wallbridge now levelling. Thomas Pierce, William Osborne and Thomas Cooper - shares nos.31,32,33,34,35,192, Nathaniel Peach, Samuel Peach. William Capel, John Hawker and Richard White - shares nos.62,63,64,65,66,67,196, will of Thomas White. Conveyance of land at Ryford (sic) to Mr John Hollings, also meadow late Baxters and corner piece late Mr Phillips's to Mr B Grazebrook. Staffordshire and Worcester Canal Company requesting aid in opposing intended Worcester canal. Messrs Franklin to repair stone and brick work of locks on Navigation,
21 February 1786 pp.47-48.

Death of Mr Knight. Successors to fulfil obligation of bond. Cross and fence to be made from canal to foot of bank to divide Mr Halliday's land from Mr Phelps'. Mr Edward Hill - fence made on slope leading to his bridge. Clerk to

get estimate from John Davis and Jonathan Lawrence for doing it with oak in strong rough manner, three rails on one quarter and a single rail on other three. Bill for £10 7s for damages from Mr John Fryer. Overcharge. 5 guineas offered on his giving a receipt,
10 April 1786 p.49.

Mary Bull - shares nos.130,131,190, will of John Bull,
11 April 1786 p.50.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1124 4s 6d + £232 1s 10d. Balance £1356 6s 4d. Dividend £3 15s. Committee: Sir George Paul Bart., Joseph Wathen, John Hollings, James Dallaway, Joseph Cripps, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Fream Arundell, John Colborne, William Battersby, Thomas Crozier Arundell, Joseph Harford, Richard Bigland, John Allaway, Benjamin Grazebrook. Byelaw order of 13 April, absent Proprietors, rescinded. Mr Ben Grazebrook to pay £25 tonnage for barges to and from Gloucester and Bristol till next half yearly meeting. Lands belonging to Company not useful for wharfs to be sold,
11 April 1786 pp.51-52.

Mr Lane - bonds of award executed by Mr Knight not binding to his successors. Proposals from Richard Cook for mounding road over Mr Hill's bridge at 1s 6d per yard - 12 guineas offered for fencing it in a good substantial manner. Mr Fryer offered 5 guineas (10 April) for his damages which he refused. Mr Thomas Cooper, an executor of late Samuel Peach, agreed to account of land taken into Navigation and to sum of £40 paid by Company in compensation in lieu of a bridge adjoining Bristol Road bridge. Whole account £414 11s,
15 May 1786 p.53.

Mr Edward Hill accepted offer of 12 guineas for mounding road leading to bridge (10 April). Alicia Rainsford, Martha Pettat - shares nos.9,10,142,143, William Knight intestate. Mr Thomas Barnard deprived, by works of Thames and Severn Canal, of fulfilling his contract for making bricks on meadow at Wallbridge. Discharged from all penalties on payment of £5.3s per acre per annum payment to Rev Mr Davies for the tythe of Kemmets Orchard from time that Mr Pashley has had premises as consideration for taking care of lock. Lock house to be built at Dudbridge on plan of that built at Double Lock. Estimates from Edward Keene, John Davis and Richard Cook. Clerk to make Mr Hawker an offer to buy all the wythy beds at 8 guineas per annum, not exceeding 8 years. Crops to be brought up canal at expense of Company or sale annually to him at market price. Land at Dudbridge purchased from late John Mossley (Mosley?), now let to Mr Jennings at £1 11s 6d per annum to be sold to Mr Benjamin Grazebrook for £50. All persons found fishing in fish ponds belonging to Company near Saul Bridge to be prosecuted,
6 June 1786 pp.54-55.

John Davis to build a lock house at Dudbridge for £86 13s. Nathaniel Jones - share no.86, will of Nathaniel Jones intestate. Messrs Lane and Whitcombe to give short sketch of state of dispute with late Mr Knight and to know proceeding necessary to speedy and final end,
5 October 1786 pp.56-57.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £626.13s 8½d. Balance £216 15s 10½d. Dividend £3 15s. Double Lock built by Mr Keck not completed to original

contract, now in ruinous condition. Mr Keck to fulfil his agreement. 1s 6d per ton for stone and copper flags coming up canal to Stroud,
16 October 1786 pp.58-59.

Sarah Freebury, Elizabeth Willis, Ann Arundell – shares nos.149,150,151, will of Samuel Arundell, clothier. Ann Wathen – shares nos. – 17,18,19,20,21 will of Joseph Wathen. Clerk to report state of Double Lock to Messrs Lane and Whitcombe and ask their opinion whether late tryal (sic) with Mr Keck has affected his original contract. Letter from Stourport Coal Committee respecting their landing coals on Company's wharfs,
16 November 1786 pp.60-61.

Mr James Farmer, Gravell Street, Hatton Garden, City of London – share no.76, will of Richard Farmer. Land on north side of canals at Wallbridge to be sold to Clerk, Joseph Grazebrook for £100, provided he and Mr Webb secure a road to said land without going on wharf. Mr Thomas Barnard settled his account. John Shire to be lock keeper at Dudbridge at 10 shillings a week and to work at any employ in Navigation. In his absence, wife to take care of lock when vessels are passing. 1 shilling per week to remain in Company's hands until it amounts to 40 shillings to be paid if he leaves Company's service on giving up house. Old building at Ryeford, lately a store let to Mr Ben Grazebrook as a warehouse at 10s per annum. Letter to inform Mr Keck that Double Lock is defective and he should put it in a proper state, 1 February 1787 pp.62-63.

Clerk Joseph Grazebrook settled with Mr Webb for a road to land contracted and paid for. No answer from Mr Keck. Clerk to examine lock house built by Mr Davis and pay balance to him if completed agreeable to his contract,
9 April 1787 p.64.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1014 3s 10d. Balance £333 13s 8½d. Trustees to be appointed to receive money from John Mosley, deceased. Mr Ben Grazebrook to pay £25 tonnage for barges to and from Gloucester and Bristol till next half yearly meeting. No answer received from Mr Keck,
1 February 1787. Company solicitors to enforce completion of contract. Committee: Sir George Paul, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Joseph Cripps, James Dallaway, Richard bigland, John Colborne, John Hollings William Battersby, Joseph Harford, Thomas C Arundell, Henry Burgh, Benjamin Grazebrook, 10 April 1787 pp.65-66.

Settlement with Mr Davis. Pleasure barge and gravell boat to be repaired immediately. Solicitor to attend meeting at Fleece to settle matter between Company and successors of late Mr Knight,
7 May 1787 p.67.

Mr Richard Pettat to pay £45 1s 11d for purchase of remaining part of Little Harry's Acre. Equal quantity deducted on lieu of land taken from Great Harry's Acre for use of Navigation. Difference between successors of Mr Knight and company now settled. Exchange of small strip of land on side of foot path from Stone Lock to Dudbridge with Mr Chance for land to make fence straight and Foot Road to be turned up into Turnpike Road at wing wall of bridge. Payment of small balance due for land taken on canal and towing path from Haywards Field to successors of late Daniel Smith. Swivell bridge at Framilode to be repaired,
4 June 1787 pp.68-69.

Joshua Powell Hooper, Thomas Easton distiller, Samuel Edwards distiller, jPeter Clissold and Mary Clissold, all of Bristol – shares nos. 186,187, will of John Clissold,
9 October 1787 pp.69,70.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £601 16s 1½d. Balance £698 6s 9d. Dividend £3 15s. Mr Ben Grazebrook to pay £25 tonnage for barges to and from Gloucester and Bristol till next half yearly meeting. Edward Harford Esq appointed member of Committee in place of James Dallaway deceased. Large quantities of coal, property of Proprietors of Thames and Severn Canal, passed through Stroudwater Canal toll free to be used in making Thames and Severn Canal, have been and are about to be sold, not having paid usual tonnage. Enquiry to ensure tonnage due is paid. Thanks of meeting to John Webb Esq, member for City of Gloucester, for his attention to rights and interests of Company,
9 October 1787 pp.71-72.

No coals having passed for works on Thames and Severn Canal should be sold. Owners of barges having passed Thames and Severn Canal do not leave cheques with Clerk so that he can be permitted to compare copies with their books every six months. Clerk to apply to Messrs Lane and Whitcombe respecting Mr Keck's business. Clerk Joseph Grazebrook's resignation accepted. In future two clerks to be appointed, one to keep Company's books, attend meetings, obey orders of Committee, attend and receive tonnage of all vessels at Dudbridge and upwards, pay money to Treasurer every week and give business his constant attendance. The second clerk to attend and receive tonnage of all vessels below Dudbridge and account to first clerk every week. First clerk to give security of £200, second clerk £100. Mr Samuel Baylis becomes first clerk, salary £45 per annum, Mr Edward Hains second clerk at salary of £40 per annum. Mrs Ewin's claim for 2 guineas for damage to trees etc destroyed on Mr Ruddall's land in which she had a life interest. Payment ordered. All pass tickets to be left with John Pashley at Framiload before he allows vessels to pass the lock. Tickets to be filed and brought to every meeting regularly,
20 February 1788 pp.73-74.

Clerk of works of Thames and Severn Canal to give Clerk of Stroudwater Canal Company account of all coals sold by him or any other agent, paying him tonnage for them. Any practical regulations to detect frauds against the interest of either company ought to be mutually adopted. Clerk to examine and combine cheques of tonnage with their books previous to General meetings. Messrs Lane and Whitcombe have again written to Mr Keck but have not yet received a reply. Owner Pugh's vessels broke some of rails of swivell bridge at Ryeford. Order that he repair same. Agreement to let all the wythy beds at Whitminster to Seth Cox for 2 years at 5 guineas per annum. Company to bring them up to Wallbridge twice. John Pashley to receive cheques and to keep lock full during spring tides to prevent mud coming in to canal. Additional payment of 1 shilling per week,
7 April 1788 pp.75-76.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £835 11s 9½d. Balance £620 9s 2½d. Dividend £3 15s. Mr Ben Grazebrook to pay £25 tonnage for his barges on canal for half a year. Committee: Sir George Paul, Nathaniel Winchcombe,

Joseph Cripps, Edward Harford, Richard Bigland, John Allaway, John Colborne, John Hollings, William Battersby, Joseph Harford, Henry Burgh, Benjamin Grazebrook, Thomas C Arundell. Mr Colborne resigned as Treasurer. Unanimous thanks given him. Messrs Hollings & Co appointed Treasurers. Unanimous thanks of meeting to Clerk Mr Joseph Grazebrook, 8 April 1788 pp.77-78.

Mr Thomas Baylis, Mr Ben Hains, Mr Sam Clissold bondsmen for Clerk Mr Samuel Baylis. Unsatisfactory answer from Mr Keck. James Barns one of lock keepers being dead, Samuel Beard to succeed him at 8s 6d per week. His brother Wm Beard deposited 40 shillings as security for his leaving the house on quitting Company's service. Thomas Lewis's wages reduced to 8s 6d per week, 22 May 1788 pp.79-80.

John Daniels paid 1 guinea for draining on Mr Stephen's land. Low places in Pool Field Bank to be raised, 9 June 1788.

Letter to Mr Keck. Company expect him to keep the lock in repair till he has built it according to his model and agreement. Double Lock in very ruinous state. Necessary that business be concluded as soon as possible, 28 August 1788 p.81.

Mr Nichollas to be paid 2 guineas for damages done to his land by leakages from the Navigation, 13 October 1788 p.82.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £533 3s 10½d. Balance £284 14s 4d. Committee to proceed against Mr Keck till he has fulfilled his agreement with the Company. Mr B Grazebrook to pay £25 for his barges on canal for half year. Committee to purchase coals to build up stock. Two clerks to exchange departments for next half year, 14 October 1788 pp.83-84.

Immediate answer required from Mr Keck. Situation of the lock rendering it necessary that business should not be delayed. Clerk Edward Hains to purchase best Staffordshire and Shropshire coal, 24 October 1788 p.85.

Mr Keck attended meeting. Two surveyors to be appointed, one by Committee, one by Mr Keck to survey the Double Lock. Questions to be asked whether principal cause of failure was owing to badness of bricks, badness of execution of work. Mr Clews (Clowes) to survey Double Lock on day to be fixed, 13 February 1789 p.86.

Survey of Double Lock. Hester Ingham city of London - shares nos.59,60 John Butt intestate. Mr Samuel King's complaint of damages caused by water from canal to be settled. Mr Winchcombe to apply to Mr Phillimore to desire him to attend when Committee goes down canal. Mr Priddey to receive 5 guineas for surveys on junction of Thames and Severn Canal, 13 April 1789 pp.87-88.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £865 19s 9d. Balance £853 15s 2½d. Dividend £3 15s. Benefit to Company and country from last balance paid on coals. Sum not exceeding £500 for coals. Mr Benjamin Grazebrook - £25 for half year tonnage and wharfage. Mr Keck's parts of lock belonging to him to be put in good repair at his expense under direction of Mr Clews (Clowes). Committee: Sir George Paul, Edward Harford, John Allaway, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Richard Bigland, John Colborne, John Hollings, William Battersby, Joseph Harford, Henry Burgh, Benjamin Grazebrook, Joseph Cripps, Joseph Grazebrook,
14 April 1789 pp.89-90.

Thomas Evans Bull and Rev John Bull of Bristol - shares nos.1,128,129, will of Francis Bull,
14 April 1789 p.91.

From late heavy rains great quantity of sand in canal at Ebley. Catch pools to be made immediately. Each lock keeper to pay 20 shillings per annum for houses. Clerks to go through works of Thames and Severn Canal to answer questions. What coals are standing on different wharfs of Thames and Severn Canal? What coal is sold on Thames and Severn Canal since last General Meeting? What lime and bricks burnt this year? How far navigable? What remains of works to be completed? How long before it is finished? James Arundell and Ann Wood - shares nos.47,48,49,50,51 Thomas Crozier Arundell intestate,
7 September 1789 pp.93-94.

Repair of Double Lock completed. Mr Clews (Clowes) to inspect and Mr Keck to be applied to for payment. Clerk produced account of quantity of coals on wharfs of Thames and Severn Canal. Mr Chambers paid £216 9s 3d for tonnage,
12 October 1789 p.95.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £867 6s 9½d. Balance £707 7s 6½d. Dividend £3 15s. Survey of Mr King's meadows (Thatchers). Sum not exceeding £500 to be laid out in coals. Part of money to be laid out in purchasing Kingswood coal. Mr Benjamin Grazebrook £25 for tonnage and wharfage,
13 October 1789 pp.96-97.

Mr Barnard Hole appointed clerk to sell coals at Dudbridge Wharf for Company. Payment of 3d per ton. Security of £50,
21 December 1789 p.98. Ann Wathen - shares nos. 82,83, will of William Wathen. After her decease shares given to her nephews Rev William Ellis and Samuel Ellis. Mary Cambridge of Brimscombe - shares nos. 144,145, will of John Cambridge. Piece next to Easton workhouse, called the Island £10 and piece at West Field limekiln £10 to be let to Thomas Banks,
4 January 1790 pp.99-100.

Mr Bigland had not given up the Island at Easton. Same could not be let to Thomas Banks. Mr Bigland to pay £10 per annum for Island in future. Clerk would not settle bill of Mr Clews (Clowes) who had left the country. Clerk waited on Mr Keck with account for repair of Double Lock. Received letter from him for General Meeting. No answer received. Company's boats to be taken to Broad Oak to be repaired. Copies of orders made concerning Mr

Samuel King's damages given to Mr Cambridge at his request. Canal at Framilode to be cleaned,
12 April 1790 pp.101-102.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Committee: Sir George Paul, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Edward Harford, Richard Bigland, John Colborne, John Hollings, William Battersby, Joseph Harford, Henry Burgh, Benjamin Grazebrook, Joseph Cripps, Joseph Grazebrook. Committee to purchase coals not exceeding £500. Letter from Mr Antony Keck. Committee expect him to pay expense of repairs at Double Lock. Account of tonnage on Thames and Severn Canal in future to be compared and settled the month before General Meeting. Labourers in Company's service to catch fish in canal and dispose of it for benefit of Proprietors. Letter from Rev Mr Ellis soliciting subscription for Severn Humane Society £2 12s 6d per annum subscribed. £2 12s 6d for recovery of any person apparently dead by being drowned in Stroud Canals.
13 April 1790 pp.103-105.

Mr Cambridge willing for Company to appoint person to re-examine damages of Thatchers with Mr King. Mr Leversage to meet Mr King to fix amount of damages on Thatchers Meadow. Stone lock at Dudbridge to be repaired. Clerk saw Mr William Chance of Ebley fishing in canal on 14 May near his house. Clerk to request Mr Witcombe, Company's solicitor, to prosecute Mr Chance. Lock house at Chippenham Platt to be covered with pantile. Kidman's bridge to be repaired,
8 June 1790 pp.106-107.

Mr Leversage declined fixing amount of Mr King's damages. Survey of Thatchers Meadow appears perfectly dry and no longer injured by canal. Committee unwilling to pay £35 damages. Claims to be made by Mr Cambridge on his tenants on that account. Mr Chance confessed to Mr Colborne for his fishing in canal. Mr Whitcombe not to proceed against him, 19 August 1790 pp.107-108.

Mr Cambridge agreed with proposal, 19 August. Clerk to pay Mr King £35 as compensation for all damages on meadow called Thatchers. One of clows of fourth lock from Chippenham Platt out of repair. No barge to pass until repair completed,
3 September 1790 p.109.

No answer from Mr Keck respecting account for repair of Double Lock. Letter from Mr Keck for General Meeting,
11 October 1790 p.110.

General half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £671 5s 8d. Balance £356 16s 5d. Dividend £3 15s. Mr Ben Grazebrook to pay £30 for half year tonnage and wharfage. Solicitor to apply to Mr Keck for £58 5s 9½d for repair of Double Lock by Mr Clews (Clowes). Produce of fish caught in canal £1 12s 1d,
12 October 1790 p.111-112.

Solicitor to apply to Mr Keck for payment. In case of non-compliance he is to pursue such measures as he shall see fit. Rev James Dallaway - shares nos. 102,103, will of James Dallaway. Account from Mr Whitcombe amounting to £17 7s 6p for law business during his partnership with late Mr Lane. Clerk to

pay same immediately. Mr Joseph Hawker seen fishing in canal. Clerk to acquaint him with Company's rights,
13 December 1790 pp.113-114.

Barn Orchard, Ebley, granted and released by Company of Proprietors to Samuel Remmington of Woodchester, 24,25 March 1786. Doubt over conveyance. Agreement to convey same by a Deed of Feoffment, 21 September 1790 to Henry Eycott of Stonehouse, clothier, at request of Samuel Remmington,
9 March 1791 p.115.

Crib against Prides Land at Framilode a nuisance and injurious to vessels coming into Stroudwater Navigation. Solicitors to consider same. William Beard to enquire about good oak timber for swing poles and purchase same on best terms. Brick to be got ready for repair of bridges,
11 April 1791 p.116.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1136 14s 1½d. Balance £460 14s 9d. Dividend £3 15s. Mr Grazebrook to pay £30 tonnage and wharfage for barges on canal. Committee to be requested to enclose wharf at Dudbridge. Company to accept £45 from Mr Keck as full compensation for late repair of Double Lock under direction of Mr Clowes. Mr Lewis applied to remove ware (weir) rear of Oil Mill Bridge to lower end of his orchard. Committee to inspect same. Committee: Sir George Paul, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Edward Harford, Richard Bigland, John Allaway, John Colborne, John Hollings, William Battersby, Joseph Harford, Henry Burgh, Benjamin Grazebrook, Joseph Cripps, Joseph Grazebrook,
12 April 1791 pp.117-118.

Similar cause to crib at Framilode to be tried at ensuing Assizes. Better to wait the outcome. William Beard contracted for oak timber and bricks. Mr Barnard Hole, having given notice of leaving place at Dudbridge as vendor of coals, Richard Croft of Cainscross appointed to sell coals there. Security of £50,
14 June 1791 p.119.

Workmen to fence wharf at Dudbridge. Delay owing to scarcity of workmen,
10 October 1791 p.120.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £576 13s 11d. Balance £540 17s 7d. In future no person or persons allowed to discharge or take on cargoes while they remain in the locks. Penalty 40 shillings each offence. Resolution to be considered as a Byelaw. All firewood to be carried on canal. Payment 1 shilling. Mr Lewis (12 April) to pay 5 shillings per annum - 30 year lease,
11 October 1791 pp.121-122.

Clerk to procure in Gloucester proper supply of coals on both wharfs and 50 tons of Forest coal for trial,
24 October 1791 p.123.

Clerk able to procure only a few loadings through scarcity of coal. Mr Beard to get barges from banks of Severn for supply of Forest coals at Lidney (sic),
5 December 1791 p.124.

William Beard purchased at Lidney £36 15s of Forest coals, but very bad and no more to get. Payment of £12 12s 9½d to executors of Daniel Smith for land, 24 October. James Wall to give Committee his proposals for enclosing wharf at Dudbridge. William Beard reported that Mr Purnell of Dursley purchased lands, late Earl of Warwick's, on which crib stands above Framilode lock. Clerk to advise him of damage to vessels and request him to raise crib above high water mark,
16 January 1792 p.125.

James Wall contracted for building dry wall at Dudbridge wharf. 1 shilling a peck for stones, 2s 6d for walling, 1s 6d for workmanship. Digging out foundations Company expense. Mr Purnell's purchase of land from Lord Warwick, 16 January not completed. Clerk to apply to Richard Cambridge for two years rent at £10 per annum for his house,
5 March 1792 p.126.

Gates on the towing path from Wallbridge to Framilode to be locked once before General Meeting Richard Cam paid rent. Rev Joseph Colborne - shares nos. 69,70,142,143,156,157, will of Mr John Colborne,
9 April 1792 p.127. General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1143 8s 1d. Balance £1180 18s 6d. Dividend £6. Committee appointed to manage £500 for purchase of coals. Committee: Sir George Paul, Nathaniel Winchcombe, Edward Harford, John Allaway, John Hollings, William Battersby, Joseph Harford, Henry Burgh, Benjamin Grazebrook, Richard Pettat, Richard Bigland, Joseph Grazebrook, Joseph Cripps,
10 April 1792 pp.128-129.

Rails round piece of land at Dudbridge rented by Mr Keene to be repaired. Sides of bridge adjoining lock house at Chippenham Platt to be raised three courses of bricks. Wing walls of lower lock to be repaired. Lock gates to be examined and repaired. Company barge to be taken to Brimscombe to be fresh graved. William Beard, lock keeper, saved life of Humphrey Hodges, taking him out of canal apparently dead and recovering him. Clerk to pay him £2 12s 6d as reward,
12 June 1792 p.130.

Repairs ordered 12 June completed. Wing walls of Blunder Lock to be taken down and repaired. Mr Sam Baylis to pay arrears of tonnage and in future to pay when cheques delivered. Samuel Wathen Esq - shares nos. 75,36,37,38 will of Obadiah Paul,
20 August 1792 pp.131-132.

Mawbery Tugwell attended on behalf of Mary Clutterbuck - share no. 110 will of Mrs Ann Clutterbuck. James Wall to finish wall at Dudbridge immediately, 8 October 1792 p. 133.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1179 5s. Balance £884 12s 5d. Dividend £4 10s. Committee agree with Thames and Severn Proprietors in lowering tonnage not exceeding 4d per ton from Newbridge. Ben Grazebrook's barges to pay £60 for tonnage on canal for half year. Mr Hill to be permitted to erect a warehouse against bridge without obstructing towing path for 1 shilling per year. Payment for any injury to bridge. House to be built at Dudbridge for use of vendor of coals,
9 October 1792 pp. 134-135.

Not sufficient quantity of stone for James Wall to finish wall at Dudbridge. Stone on spot to be used and more brought down this winter. Letter from Mr Francis Wells and Mr Thomas Commeline with offer to Proprietors to subscribe to canal between Gloucester and Berkeley,
15 November 1792 p.136.

James Perry - shares nos. 105,147,152,179,188, will of Thomas Hayes. John Gubbins-proposals for coping for wall at Dudbridge, to deliver 300 feet at the Bourne, 2 feet 6 inches in middle, 3 inches at edge, water drip at each edge, 11 foot running measures on or before Christmas Eve. 16d per foot payment. Bason on tow path side at Wallbridge to be filled up and made strait. Saw pit at Chippenham Platt to be removed to more convenient place. Nuisance to public roads. Herbage of piece of land at Stonehouse Wharf to be let. Mr Hollings and Mr Burgh, on behalf of Company, to attend meeting on promotion of scheme for canal from Gloucester to Berkeley,
29 November 1792 pp.137-138.

Mr Gubbins completed contract. Lockmen have begun filling up Bourn at Wallbridge. Stone for repairs dug. Order for filling up saw pit at Chippenham Platt continued. Herbage of piece of land at Stonehouse let to Mr Vaisey at 10s 6d per annum. Mr Hollings and Mr Burgh reported on meeting of promoters of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal. No infringement on rights of Stroud Canal should be attempted. Proposal to admit any clause into act framed. Two letters from Messrs Battersby and Harford respecting intended canal. General Meeting to be held to consider Bill. Old rails taken down at bason at Wallbridge to form fence of canal at narrow part at Ryeford Mills,
28 February 1793 pp.139-140.

General Meeting. Rev Doctor Disney in chair. Measures already taken by Committee approved unanimously. Clauses to be introduced into Bill now pending before House of Commons. All coals, goods, wares and merchandises passing whole or any part upon Gloucester and Berkeley Canal and going up or coming down Stroud Canal to or from any part above Gloucester and Berkeley Canal shall pay same rates of tonnage to Proprietors of Stroud Canal as they would have paid if they had gone to or come up River Severn. All coals, goods etc. passing below junction of Berkeley Canal to pay tonnages in proportion to distance. All small vessels coming up and going down Stroudwater Canal only pay proportionate rate on Gloucester and Berkeley Canal with vessels as pass whole length of same. Water of Stroudwater Navigation to be secured by erection of gates satisfactory to Stroudwater Company and mill owners. Provision to indemnify Company for loss or hindrance. Gate keeper to be appointed to attend gates by Stroudwater Company, under their direction at expense of Gloucester and Berkeley Company. Sir George Paul, Mr Hollings, Mr Cripps, Mr Bigland, Mr Burgh to meet managers of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Bills to see that clauses be introduced into Act of Parliament. Mr Whitworth or other experienced engineer as to effectively securing the water,
7 March 1793 pp. 141-143.

William Beard - one year's wages 15 shillings per week, John Share one year 11s per week, Samuel Beard - one year 10 shillings per week. William Drew of Painswick, gentleman, - share no. 89, will of Richard Gabb,
8 April 1793 p.144.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1478 1s. Balance £1323 8s 6½d. Dividend £6. Mr Ben Grazebrook's barges to pay £70 for tonnage and wharfage. 40% interest paid to Mr Ellis for money employed in coal trade. Unanimous approval for clauses inserted in Act for making Gloucester and Berkeley Canal and thanks to Sir G Paul Mr Hollings Mr Cripps Mr Bigland Mr Burgh and Proprietors of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal. Warehouse to be erected at Framilode. Committee: Sir George Paul, John Hollings, Joseph Cripps, Henry Burgh, John Allaway, Richard. Bigland, Richard Pettat, Benjamin Grazebrook, Samuel Wathen, New House, Edward Wood, William Seville, William Seville Junior,
9 April 1793 pp.145-146.

Absolutely necessary reparations – aqueduct at Ebley, bridge at the Ryeford, swivell bridge near Stonehouse Church, brick work at the Court Orchard, lock wall at the Westfield Lock and Pashley's house. Crib at Framilode very ruinous. Sheeting below Double Lock too short, large hole below it, causing a shole that impedes Navigation. Shole to be removed, sheeting repaired and lengthened. Mr Watts to repair damage to Ryeford bridge. Shed to be erected at Chippenham Platt. House to be built for wharf at Dudbridge and a warehouse at or near Framiload. Mr William Greening to deliver estimate. Mr Peach – damage to his lands by damming up of Thatcher's ditch. Damage from a breach in bank near Whitminster Bridge. Stone drain to be made through Mr Peach's ground above Bristol Road lock. Communication of Thatcher's ditch with canal to be stopped, breach repaired and drain to be made to culvert on the Walk Bridge,
22 May 1793 pp.147-148.

Mr Greening's estimate for brickwork,tiling, plastering, paving of house at Dudbridge Wharf.Carpenter for timberwork. Repairs, including stone drain through Mr Peach's land accepted. Warehouse at Framiload 40 feet long, 18 feet high in side walls, with strong beams and joists for a floor. Hannah Beale of Hyde Court widow-shares nos. 158,159,162,163, will of Hannah Beale,
20 June 1793 pp.149-150.

Drain belonging to Company through Mr Thing's land cleaned but Mr Thing's part not. Part belonging to Mr Souls choked up. Mr Hogg to make use of waste water running over wharves at Mr Lewis's at Ebley,
7 October 1793 pp. 151-152.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £746 3s 4d. Balance £467 7s 2½d. Dividend £3. Mr Ben Grazebrook's barges to pay £70 tonnage on canal. Mr Grazebrook to be paid for timbers. Mr Freebury, Mr Grazebrook, Mr Smith to purchase barge. Shed to be erected at Wallbridge wharf for teams to be protected from inclement weather,
8 October 1793 pp.153-154.

Barge to bring coals to different wharves on Navigation. Shed as agreed at right hand side of gates at Wallbridge. Present wall to extend further,
22 October 1793 pp.155-156.

Mr Chamber's letter to Mr Allaway. Proposal that Thames and Severn Canal Company cede wharf at Stroud to Stroudwater on terms to be agreed. Letter, 8 November, from Proprietors of Thames and Severn desiring that wall of wharf at Framiload be raised above highest tides. Proper wharf at Framiload

mutual advantage to both companies. Business to be brought up at next General Meeting,
3 December 1793 pp.156-158.

Barge purchased and now in use for Company. Mr Moseley to choose a fresh trustee to enable Company to pay money due for his land,
16 January 1794 p.159.

Mr Samuel Holmes of Cainscross fresh trustee. Messrs Whitcombe and Griffith to make conveyance from Mr Moseley to Company. Draft already prepared by late Mr Lane. Mr Elliott to build warehouse at lower end of Stonehouse Cross wharf. Flood water running into canal at Oil Mills Bridge, very injurious. Three members of Committee to report at next meeting,
27 February 1794 pp.160-161.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1825 9s 9d. Balance £1197 9s 8d. Dividend £6. Engineer to give advice on any or what improvement may be made at entrance of Stroud Canal at Framiload Wharf. New lock, a bason, a wharf, improvements convenient for a Severn trow and cargoes. Also survey of canal with probability of repairs and expense. Committee: Sir George Paul, Joseph Cripps, John Allaway, Benjamin Grazebrook, Samuel Wathen, William Battersby, New House, William Battersby, Joseph Harford, Charles Freebury, Rev William Ellis, Josiah Isles Wathen, Edward Harford, Samuel Smith,
8 April 1794 pp.163-164.

John Padmore Noble, surgeon, city of Bristol for Rebecca Ann Noble daughter - shares nos. 181,182, will of Joseph Beddome,
8 April 1794 pp.166-167.

Mr Clews(Clowes) to report estimates on improvements in the Navigation. Grass between towing path and the canal, excepting Mr Hogg's meadow, to be let to Thomas Banks for this year for 1 guinea. Land adjoining Dudbridge Wharf fenced by Mr Thomas Grazebrook to be let to him for 10 shillings per year. He is to be allowed the expense of making the fence. Thomas Greening to be paid account for building a house on Dudbridge Wharf as soon as the paving is repaired,
6 May 1794 pp.168-169.

Mr Clewes(Clowes) delivered report on improvements at Framiload and necessary repairs of the canal. Conveyance of land from Mr Moseley to Company being prepared,
21 May 1794 pp.169-170.

Improvements at Framiload dock in the Stroudwater River to be executed forthwith. One half of expense to be paid by Thames and Severn Canal Company and their being free of wharfage. Repairs necessary to be referred to Committee,
4 June 1794 p.171.

Thames and Severn to comply with resolve of 4 June. Bason on canal at Framiload, dock on Stroudwater River, warehouse at Framiload, shoals to be cleaned,
17 June 1794 p.172.

Shoals begun to be cleaned. Clerk to apply to Thomas Greening to make brick culvert at Ebley, dig out foundation, 2 feet in diameter for 5s or 5s 6d and backing wall filled and punned,
29 July 1794 p.173.

Brick culvert at Ebley begun. Lease from Company to Mr Lewis at Ebley being prepared. Warehouse at Framiload set forward as soon as possible. Mr Powell of Broad Oak to build strong flat bottom boat of the burthen of 12 or 15 tons as a dredge boat to get mud from bottom of canal without drawing the water off. Mr Hains to enquire for a second clerk in place of Mr Baylis to work and live no higher up canal than Stonehouse to attend to the barge master and other duties and to inform Mr Sam Baylis, present second clerk. Ice boat to be taken to Broad Oak to be graved,
11 September 1794 pp.174-176.

Part of the warehouse building by Thomas Greening at Framiload has given way and in danger of falling. To be taken down and rebuilt at contractor's expense. Mr Powell of Broad Oak to build dredger,
13 October 1794 pp.176-177.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1033 8½d. Balance £398 12s 8½d. Messrs. Hollings and Grazebrook to resign as Treasurers. Mr Joseph Grazebrook appointed Treasurer. Mr Freebury, treasurer to Coals Committee, to pay Mr Ellis £200 and Mr Grazebrook remaining balance to be placed in a Coals account. Coals Committee or any two of them to draw not more than £800 for purchase of coals. Large quantity of fish poisoned in several levels of canal below Bristol Road. Advertisement to be inserted in Gloucestershire Journal. £20 for evidence to convict offender. Unfair means used to take fish by persons who have purchased tickets for angling on canal. Tickets granted in future for fishing with rod and line only,
14 October 1794 pp.178-180.

Front of warehouse at Framiload rebuilt. Mr Keene's account of carpenter's work. Dispute about his measurement. Mr Barnard to measure same, also brickwork and tiling and report on latter. Thomas Greening completed two feet culvert at Ebley. Calculation for one of 18 inches. Allowance to be made to him as he could not complete it for the money agreed. 3 three guineas. William Beard to provide deal balks for repair of lock gates and swivell bridges,
9 December 1794 pp.181-182.

Mr Keene still dissatisfied. Messrs. Miles to measure carpenter's work at warehouse at Framiload and man appointed by Mr Keene. William Beard looked out 12 deal balks for use of navigation. Pieces of land for sale by auction. Piece of meadow next below Wallbridge Wharf let to Mr Samuel Leech. Timber yard and piece of meadow at Dudbridge let to Mr Edward Keene. Piece of meadow at Dudbridge let to Mr Samuel Clutterbuck. Small bit at Westfield Bridge, 2 pieces at Lockham Bridge and all others to Kemmets Orchard to be advertised 3 times in Gloucester Journal,
3 March 1795 pp.182-183.

Mr Keene's account settled. Thomas Greening's account to be settled. Wall at Dudbridge Wharf to be continued to the warehouse. Table of regulations of vessels passing canal to be put in order and erected on wharf at Wallbridge. Agreed to sell piece of land rented by Mr Clutterbuck, except bit next to wharf. Fence to be there and kept in repair. Also piece rented by Mr Keene to

Mr Chance at double the price Company gave for it, reserving 12 feet from warehouse down to bridge. Also piece purchased from Mr Butcher at and after same rate Company gave Mr Butcher. Mr Chance to be allowed to put gate to wharf and to have access between 8 in morning and 8 in evening to convey goods, wares, and merchandise from wharf. Key of gate to be kept by wharfinger at Dudbridge. Agreed to sell piece of meadow land on south side of canal near Lodgemore, measurement 3R 2P as same as now staked out to Mr Henry Burgh, price £100. Also by auction to Mr Burgh piece of pasture land with withy bed on west side of canal at Lockham Bridge, £32. Sold by auction to Mr Thomas Grazebrook. 2 pieces of land called Spencehill near Framiload on east and west side of canal, £51. Sold to Mr Grazebrook 2 pieces on east and west side adjoining. One other piece on east side of canal in corner of Pool Field. Long strip on east side from last mentioned piece to Gallows Bridge. One ridge on west side in Pool Field next to Saul Bridge. One triangular piece on west side above Gallows Bridge with all of last mentioned pieces at £102. Sold by auction to Thomas Baylis all those pieces of land on north east and south west of canal near Walk Bridge leading to Frampton, £60. Piece on strip of land on last side from Gallows Bridge with withy bed next to Mr King's land, £52,
27 March 1795 pp.184-186.

Mr John Pashley to attend next Committee meeting to receive instructions respecting warehouse and wharfs at Framiload and to fix his salary,
15 April 1795 p.187.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1427 1s 8d. Balance £1395 15s 4½d. Dividend £9. In future Coal Committee to draw not exceeding £1000. Committee: William Battersby, Samuel Wathen, Joseph Harford, Benjamin Grazebrook, Rowles Scudamore, Joseph Grazebrook, Edward Harford, Rev William Ellis, Sir Geo Paul, Samuel Smith, Joseph Cripps, Joseph Wathen, Nathaniel Wathen. Committee to pay Mr Samuel Stevens £7 8s 4d for tonnage on coals sold for use of works of Thames and Severn Canal. Mr Nathaniel Jones to be appointed in Coal Committee in place of Mr Freebury deceased. Committee to postpone erecting of dock in Stroudwater river until they have had further conference with Proprietors of Thames and Severn Navigation. Committee to buy a vessel to use as a lighter for Navigation,
14 April 1795 pp.188-190.

Orders for erection of a board for regulation of vessels and for continuation of wall at Dudbridge in execution. £7 8s 4d to Mr Sam Stevens for tonnage. Lighter purchased for £30. Nook of land separated from that sold to Mr Chance and taken into wharf at Dudbridge let to Mr Thomas Grazebrook. Rent £1 1s. Fishing tackle for use of canal to be provided,
22 April 1795 pp.191-192.

Mr Pashley allowed salary of £20 per annum and his house rent. He is to attend to the lock, pass tickets, stop gates, warehouse and wharf. Mound to fence off land at lower end of wharf at Wallbridge from that sold to Mr Cook and gate to be made on towing path. Mr Leech to remove bridge leading over Company land. Mr Joseph Grazebrook to surrender to Mr Henry Cook copyhold land sold to him in parish of Painswick. Mr Powell of Broad Oak to be paid £45 for dredge boat,
30 April 1795 pp.192-193.

Mr Samuel Leech has removed bridge, 30 April. Land let to Richard Cam at 1 guinea per annum. Mr Hogg to make flood gate or overfall 2 feet deep 3 feet wide to take surplus water from his pond in time of flood. Bason at Framiload already staked out under direction of Mr Pashley. John Share to attend to feeder at Ebley instead of taking whole from Lodgemore. Mr Sam King to send account of damages for land rented of Mr Peach. Petition of William Beard, Samuel Beard, John Share, Thomas Lewis to have addition to pay during present dearness of bread. 1s per week to be added to pay for six weeks, 30 July 1795 pp.195-196.

Mr Sam King's account of damages sustained in pieces of land rented from Mr Peach, the Hyde and Rowles Green. Charge £38 10s. Clerk to tender Mr Thing £20. If not accepted he should refer amount to arbitration. Mud above top gate at Framiload to be removed immediately. Mr Samuel Bowyer of city of London, Gentleman - share no. 155 will of Samuel Bowyer. Mr Scudamore - share no. 92, Mrs Sarah Freebury shares nos. 149,150 will of Charles Freebury, 15 September 1795 pp. 197-198.

Wall surrounding bason at Framiload completed except for 12 feet adjoining first lock for erection of stop gate. Mr Thing to accept £20 for damages. Mr Burgh on behalf of Mr Richard Henry complained of water improperly taken from feeder at Lodgemore for supply of canal, at and below Dudbridge. Lock keeper John Share not able to get supply because of water from Ebley drawn through mill. Clerk to propose to Mr Clissold that proper supply of water is taken from mill pond for use of canal. Reasonable compensation to his servant. In case of refusal permanent stank in mill pond. Some of lock gates at Dudbridge are leaky. Mr Beard to examine and repair them. Mr Cooke's water overflowing in piece of pasture land on upper side of canal below Lodgemore. Some of Committee to report state thereof, 12 October 1795 pp.199-200.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £988 9s 10d. £698 6s 6d for land sold. Balance £751 10s 4½d. Dividend £3 15s. Coal Committee to draw sum not exceeding £1000 over and above capital of £500. House and office to be built near eastern boundary of wharf at Wallbridge for residence of Company Clerk, 13 October 1795 pp.201-202.

Mr Clissold acceded to orders of Committee, 12 October. Drain parallel to canal to remove injury to Mr Cooke's land. Mr Franklin to attend next Committee meeting to receive plan and estimates for house and office for Clerk. 2 foot culvert to take superfluous water from Mr Hogg's pond, 22 October 1795 pp.203-204.

Mr Franklin's estimate not approved. Another to be produced at next meeting. Culvert under canal more effective in taking off superfluous water at Mr Hoggs. Present ditch to be deepened and small flood gate erected as an experiment. Gates to be erected at wharf at Dudbridge to prevent depredations, 3 December 1795 pp.205-206.

House at Wallbridge. Mr Franklin to complete masonry, plastering and tiling work on or before 30 June. Company's carpenters to prepare timber work. Clay from bason at Framiload to be made into brick, 17 December 1795 pp.206-207.

Special Meeting of Committee. Bill pending in House of Commons which may affect interests of Company on petition of Company of Proprietors of Thames and Severn Canal Navigation. Letter from Chairman to Mr White, one of Clerks of House of Commons, requesting to transmit to our Clerk a copy of the Heads of such Bill,
29 December 1795 p.298.

Special Meeting of Committee. Copy of Bill received. In present form Bill contains nothing material to interests of Company. Clauses might be introduced which affect interest. Josiah Isles Wathen to watch progress of Bill,
7 January 1796 p.209.

Cellar to be made under front part of house at Wallbridge. Sum added to Mr Franklin's estimate. Mr Greening proposed to make bricks from clay at Framiload. !6s per thousand and to take those Company rejects at that price,
20 January 1796 p.210.

William Beard to purchase oak timbers for use of Navigation,
11 April 1796 pp.211-212.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2041 3s 10½d. Balance £1573 8s 6d. Dividend £7. Two wings to be added to house at Wallbridge. Committee: Rev William Ellis, Sam Wathen, Rowles Scudamore, John Allaway, Edward Harford, William Battersby, Josiah Harford, Richard Bigland, Benjamin Grazebrook, Joseph Grazebrook, Samuel Smith, Josiah Wathen, Nathaniel Wathen. Thanks to Josiah Isles Wathen for his attention to interest of Company, attending Committee of House of Commons during time new Thames and Severn Bill was passing. Mr Samuel Baylis to be suspended from his office. Committee empowered to reinstate him,
12 April 1796 pp.213-214.

Mr Cooke's drain completed. Orders continued; waste water at Mr Hogg's, pair of gates at Dudbridge Wharf, Mr Beard's purchasing of oak timbers. Mr Baylis appointed as Second Clerk,
18 April 1796 p.215.

Mr Sam Baylis to continue as Second Clerk till July or following Committee Meeting. Repairs to be made; brick work under coping at Froomhall Bridge, at upper lock at Dudbridge and at Double lock. Gates at Dudbridge Wharf to be made more secure, bridge at Chippenham Platt, lock below Dudbridge, Moor Street Bridge and lock gates want pitching. Lower gates of lock at Framiload to be completely repaired,
7 June 1796 pp.216-217.

Considerable waste of water from canal into Mr Hogg's pond. Letter requiring Mr Hogg to repair banks of his pon. In default of his doing it present trunk to be destroyed and culvert made to convey water under canal into river. Floodgate in his bason to take off water in time of flood. Mr Sam Baylis to continue as Second Clerk,
2 August 1796 p.218.

Repairs ordered nearly completed. Committee of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal attended. Intended deviation from planned line of their canal to

intersect Stroudwater at point now in lowest level of canal. Proposal to continue second lease below Junction by an embankment and to erect a lock in lieu of Whitminster Lock. Provision that proposed embankment be continually kept in repair at expense of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal. Committee should be indemnified from all consequences from making such an embankment. Committee of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal agreed and stipulated that culvert should be made to drain adjacent lands. Mr William Chance produced agreement dated 30 April 1778 stating price to be paid by Company to Daniel Chance for certain pieces of land to be purchased by Company. Mutual agreement that if Company relinquished any corners or bits of said lands Daniel Chance should take them at price Company was to give. Mr Chance claimed to be paid difference between price paid on purchase of land and increased price at which Company sold certain corners and bits of land. Committee against Mr Chance and referred him to General Meeting, 19 September 1796 pp. 219-222.

Mr Hogg - no steps taken to repair banks of canal. Company servants to repair banks. Clerk to call on Mr Hogg to erect flood gates, July 1795. Bow window to be erected in Camm's house at Wallbridge according to Mr Franklin's estimates. Mr Hicks complained that Company's servants supplied canal with water from river more abundantly than required. Company's servants to make economical use of water, 10 October 1796 pp.222-223.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £884 19s 4d. Balance £606 10s 11d. Dividend £3 15s. Mr Cummerline, Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company, exhibited plan of intended deviation from original plan. Meeting's consent to proposed deviations, with stipulations entered into between committees. Proper clauses for protection of rights and interests of Company and provisions as stated in report of Committee, 19 September, to be inserted in new Bill depending in Parliament. Mr Bigland, Mr Wathen, Mr Grazebrook, Mr Joseph Grazebrook to attend Bill in its progress through Houses of Parliament. Expedient to raise rate of tonnage on firewood and reduce rate on stone carried downwards on canal and shipped at any point below boundary at Brimscombe, Thames and Severn Canal Act. Firewood 2 shillings a ton, stone 1 shilling a ton. Bow window in Cam's house at Wallbridge approved. Increased rent on house, 11 October 1796 pp.224-226.

Meeting of Land and Mill holders to be held at Newport Wednesday 21 December to consider proposed deviation of Gloucester and Berkeley Company from line laid down by Act. Mr Sam Wathen, Mr Grazebrook to attend, 14 December 1796 p. 227.

Special Meeting of Committee. Josiah Isles Wathen to retain solicitor resident in London and instruct him to prepare for insertion of clauses in Bill on Petition of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company through Houses of Parliament, 30 December 1796 p.228.

Special Meeting of Committee. Letter from Messrs Jas and Geo Worthington, Clerks to Company of Proprietors of Manchester, Ashton under Lyne and Oldham Canal re proposed tax on inland navigation. Clerk to transmit answer. Committee concur in any measures intended meeting of Proprietors of Canals think proper to adopt for general interest. Tax would prove a restriction on

commerce and be partial and oppressive. No capital stock in country produces more moderate interest. If tax be persisted in, clause should be introduced to enable Canal Companies to add tax to tonnages. Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company to defray any expenses incurred by Company from proposed variation in line of Canal,
11 January 1797 pp.229-231.

Banks at Mr Hogg's repaired. Mr Ellis and Mr Grazebrook to inspect them. Mr Wathen and Mr Grazebrook attended meeting at Newport. Nothing arose repugnant to interests of Canal. Draft of clauses to be inserted in proposed Bill of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company received from Messrs Scott and Smith, solicitors in London. Clerk to return them with observations of Committee. Letter from Mr Hardy, clerk to meeting of delegates from canal companies at Manchester. Meeting adjourned to 7 February at Crown and Anchor Tavern in London. Mr J I Wathen to attend meeting to represent objections of Committee to proposed tax. William Beard reported that John Simms had lowered bank of canal at Framiload. Clerk to require him to raise bank to former height,
25 January 1797 pp.231-233.

Banks at Mr Hogg's repaired. John Simms refused to raise bank of canal at Framiload to former level. If any damage incurred Canal Company to recover penalties,
7 March 1797 pp.233-234.

Mr J I Wathen's report on meetings of delegates of very large majority of canal companies in England, 25 January. Measures for effectual opposition to meditated tax on goods carried. Capable clerk to reside in house occupied by Mr Pashley at Framiload. Mr Pashley and Samuel Baylis, second clerk, dismissed. William Addison's bill to be paid,
10 April 1797 pp.235-236.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1283 15s 8½d. Balance £691 8s 4½d. Dividend £3 15s. Committee Rev William Ellis, Sam Wathen, J I Wathen, Nathaniel Wathen, Rowles Scudamore, Ben Grazebrook, Joseph Grazebrook, Josiah Harford, William Battersby, Thomas Grazebrook, John Allaway, Sam Smith, Richard Bigland. Mr Hicks and Mr Holbrow complained about supply of water to canal from Mr Clissold's pond at Ebley. Padlock to be placed on weir boards at Ebley Mill ponds. Boards to be raised only when necessary to supply canal with water. No more water than essential to be taken at different feeders into canal,
11 April 1797 pp.237-239.

Wear(sic) between canal and Ebley Mill to be immediately repaired and wear boards completed, repaired and locked down. Thomas Lewis, lock keeper, instructed to raise them only when necessary for feeding canal and keep them locked down and kept in his possession. Dwarf brick wall to be built across front of house to separate garden from wharf,
18 April 1797 pp.240-241.

Meetings now held in Committee Room at Wallbridge. Wear at Ebley Mill pond repaired. Dwarf wall finished. Bill for £39 17s 2d for lawyers' expenses incurred in new Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Bill to be paid to Messrs Scott and Smith. £49 10s to Mr Grazebrook and Mr Wathen for expenses on journey to London. Clerk to send account to solicitor of Gloucester and

Berkeley Canal Company to request payment for same. William Smith of Newent to be under clerk at salary of £8 per quarter. Benjamin Grazebrook Junior's bill for plumbing and John Pegler's to be paid, 12 June 1787 pp.241-243.

Edward Keene and William Franklin to be paid for building house at Wallbridge and bow window of house occupied by Richard Cam. Rent increased £2 10s per annum. John Pashley to stay in house until Christmas without payment. Must accommodate William Smith and family, 10 July 1797 pp.244-245.

John Pashley failed to comply with conditions to reside in Company's house. Clerk to take possession of house and remove John Pashley and his effects, 29 August 1797 p.245.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1920 5s 5½d. Balance £1336 13s 5½d. Dividend £7. Rev Joseph Colborne member of Committee in place of Mr Bigland, no longer a Proprietor, 10 October 1797 pp.248-249.

New lighter to be purchased, 21 November 1797 p.250.

Messrs Smith and Bird to be paid £100 for oak timber. Company Clerk Mr Hains' business had increased since dismissal of Mr Sam Baylis and John Pashley and the taking in of William Smith, saving Company £28 per annum. Mr Hains should be permitted to occupy new house at Wallbridge free of rent and taxes, 2 January 1798 pp.251-252.

Mr Pegler's bill for painting and other works. Lead on boat house to be taken off. Low flat roof covered with blue slate. Shed to be made at east end of Thomas Lewis's house at the Double Lock, 8 feet wide, 9 April 1798 p.254.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1587 19s 2½d. Balance £1016 4s 3d. Dividend £4. £200 from balance to capital in coal trade. Clerk Edward Hains to reside in Company's house at Wallbridge free of rent. Committee: Rev William Ellis, Samuel Wathen, Rev Joseph Colborne, John Allaway, Benjamin Grazebrook, Joseph Grazebrook, Rowles Scudamore, Josiah Harford, William Battersby, J I Wathen, Nathaniel Wathen, Edward Wood, Nathaniel Jones, 10 April 1798 pp.255-256.

Court Orchard and Bristol Road lock gates to be planked. All repairs necessary on other lock gates to be proceeded with. Mr J I Wathen's expenses paid, 31 May 1798 p.257.

Court Orchard lock repaired. Weir boards 5 inches deep to be placed at weir in West Field Level during remainder of scarcity of water to prevent waste, 26 June 1798 p.259.

Balance due to Messrs Bird for lighter to be paid. John Browne of Cam to recover sum of £6 19s 5d. £1 23d for 6lb of icing sugar and 8lb of tobacco stolen from Company's warehouse at Framiload about 12 October 1796, 7 August 1798 p.259.

Anthony Keck of Kings Stanley share no.140, will of Anthony Keck of Kings Stanley, architect. Company's ice boat and boat conveying material on canal

to be graved. Mr Clissold's proposal for new wear (sic) above culvert from his mill pond to canal. Also management of present feeding wears should be entrusted to his servants. Referred to General Meeting. He should consult with mill holders below him,

18 September 1798 pp.260-261.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £996 4s 8½d. Balance £656 18s 8½d. Dividend £4. Considerable destruction of fish by trowling and unauthorised modes of fishing,

9 October 1798 p.264.

Grant of tickets for angling in canal rescinded. New boat for conveyance of materials to be built by Company. Mr Richard White complained of loss of 54 gallons of porter, stolen from 2 casks in Company warehouse at Framiload. 2 guineas to be paid to him. Under clerk William Smith indisposed and incapable of fulfilling his duties. Thomas Beard to receive tonnage on lower district of canal and perform duties of under clerk during William Smith's illness or until another order of Committee,

21 November 1798 pp.265-266.

William Smith, under Clerk to Company, to be dismissed from office from 1 March. William Pavey in place of William Smith on same terms, £32 per year.

Vessels navigating downwards on canal in early part of Spring tides obstructed during any part of Sunday. Frequently neaped and lost tides. All vessels permitted to navigate canal downwards on certain Sundays till 10 o'clock in morning and after 4 o'clock in afternoon,

2 January 1799 pp.266-267.

Two openings cut in bank of lower level of canal by Jas Tyler, Richard Tyley, Samuel Saunders, John White, Jas Richards, William Harper, Thomas Daniels, George Lawrance, Evan Jones, William Dunn, Jas Andrews, Joseph Semberling(?). Clerk to apply to magistrate for warranty. Rev Joseph Colborne, Mr Wathen, Mr Grazebrook Senr., Mr Joseph Grazebrook to attend next sessions at Cainscross,

13 February 1799 pp.268-269.

Mr Wathen attended sessions at Frocester. Penitent behaviour of persons concerned in damage to bank of canal. Agreement to restore banks, never to commit offence in future. Magistrates request not to persevere in prosecution complied with. Present sluices not sufficient to draw off water from lower level in time of flood,

5 March 1799 pp.269-270.

Communication from Sir Edward Littleton of resolutions of meeting of delegates from canal navigations. Application to Parliament to regulate and ascertain mode of assessing canal tolls to relief of poor and other parochial burthens, and to make other general provisions relating to canals deemed expedient. Letter from Clerk to Sir Edward Littleton. Canal Company paid consideration in purchase of lands in lieu of taxes. Not necessary to send delegate to meeting in London. George Minchin and wife Ann guilty of malpractice in weight of coals sold at Dudbridge Wharf. To be removed as coal sellers on 25 March. Robert Harper appointed with two persons bound for him in bond of £50 each. George Minchin and wife to give up house and premises by 8 April,

18 March 1799 pp.271-272.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1627 19s 6d. Balance £1232 13s 10½d. Dividend £6. No charges at Framilode on low boats belonging to trading barges. Thames and Severn Canal Company reduced tonnage on slates. 8d per ton on all slates carried to and beyond Brimscombe. Tonnage of Bristol stone for making lime or mending roads 1s per ton to Wallbridge. Committee: Rev William Ellis, Rev Joseph Colborne, Sam Wathen, John Allaway, Benjamin Grazebrook, Joseph Grazebrook, Rowles Scudamore, Josiah Harford, William Battersby, J I Wathen, Nathaniel Wathen, Edward Wood, Nathaniel Jones,
9 April 1799 p.275.

Upper gates at Double Lock to be immediately repaired. Mr Beard to purchase oak timber £50-£100. Letter from Charles Chambers, John Chalis, Matthew Chalis, John Disney, (Thames and Severn Canal Company). Proposal to fence off towing path, from Framiload to Stroud and erect swing gates that vessels might be drawn by horses. Referred to next General Half Yearly Meeting. Weir erected in Pool Field by Mr Purnell in bad state of repair. Waste of water. Mr Purnell to repair it or weir filled up and destroyed,
12 June 1799 pp.277-278.

Many persons angling in canal. Advertisement for action against them in future,
15 July 1799 p.279.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1838 2s 5½d. Balance £1604 5s 11d. Dividend £7. No consent to proposal to make horse towing path. No probability of repaying expense. Mr J I Wathen of the Temple, London requested to compile an index of all proceedings of Company and Committee. Clerk to transmit necessary documents,
8 October 1799 pp.282-283.

Shed at Thomas Lewis's house and boat for conveying materials on Navigation finished. Charles Ballinger bequeathed his two shares in Stroud Navigation to the Committee to pay dividends moiety to Church Warden of parishes of Chedworth and Bisley and the other to officiating minister at France Lynch Meeting House, providing he be a Protestant dissenting Minister and no Baptist or Methodist,
19 November 1799 pp.284-285.

Daniel Baylis - share no.73 (will of Thomas Baylis of Newmills). Nathaniel Winchcombe Esq., Mr Richard Chandler, Mr John Cooper to grant administration. Warehouse to be erected on Bristol Road wharf, 16 feet x 12, side walls 8 feet high of single brick. Vessels to navigate canal going downwards on certain Sundays till 10 in forenoon and after 4 o'clock in afternoon,
31 December 1799 pp.285-287.

Samuel Browne unemployed, working vessel owner John Gower, detected stealing coals from Wallbridge wharf and conveying it into the trow. Committed to Gloucester jail. Messrs Whitcombe and Griffiths to prosecute him at Gloucester assizes. Mary Scudamore and Elizabeth Willis - shares nos.149,150, Sarah Freebury of Stroud, sister, intestate,
11 February 1800 pp.287-288.

Demand for tythe on land taken up by canal and towing path in parish of Frampton. 2s 8d for fourteen years due St Thomas Day 1798. Application from Thames and Severn Canal for licence to stack Newport coals on parts of wharf at Framiload,
7 April 1800 pp.289-290.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1916 12s 2d. Balance £1628 7d. Dividend £7 10s. Thanks to Mr Wathen for index, 8 October 1799. Payment of thirty guineas. 1 guinea to clerk. He is to incorporate digest of entries in Company's books in future, as Committee member. From 1st June next byelaw that at least 3 able and efficient persons belonging to and attending every barge. Owner and owners of every barge for every offence against regulation, to pay £5,
8 April 1800 pp.291-293.

Thames and Severn to land Newport coals on wharf at Framiload between back of warehouse and Severn. Rent 20s per annum. From time to time Company to receive half quantity of coals on wharf not exceeding 500 tons at prime cost. Thomas Cooke received instructions for rebuilding Blunder Lock, 1 May 1800 p.294.

Mr Newman, principal clerk to Thames and Severn Canal Company, applied to Committee to relinquish tonnage payable during repair of Blunder Lock. Thames and Severn intend to convey coals by land $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from level below Blunder Lock to level above,
17 June 1800 pp.295-296.

Committee to relinquish half demand for tonnage from Thames and Severn during rebuilding of Blunder Lock. Anna Maria Theobald, widow of Camden Town, Middlesex, formerly of parish of St George Bloomsbury, shares nos. 96,97, will of Peter Theobald. Swivell bridge at Lodgemore dangerous. New swivell bridge to be erected with oak in a square direction over canal, 8 July 1800 pp.296-298.

Committee urged Thomas Cooke, master mason, to use greater diligence in rebuilding Blunder Lock, threatening to enforce penalty in contract,
28 July 1800 pp.298-299.

Rev Mr Colborne, J I Wathen, Mr Joseph Grazebrook inspected work at Blunder Lock,
11 August 1800 p.300.

Inspection of Blunder Lock by Mr Grazebrook, Mr N Jones, Rev William Ellis, Rev Joseph Colborne, Mr Scudamore, Mr Nathaniel Wathen. Letter from Richard Owen Cambridge Esq, requesting repair of long wooden wier(sic) erected by Company for use of mill pond. As wier had become totally useless, Company could not agree to repair but would in future make an embankment so that land might be restored to pristine state. No stones of old wier belonging to Mr Cambridge used by Company. Thomas Cook to attend next meeting with full and complete estimate for stone wall at Framiload. Same reduction of tonnages allowed to Messrs Ben and Thomas Grazebrook as allowed to Thames and Severn Proprietors during stoppage of canal,
1 September 1800 pp.301-303.

Thomas Cook delivered full estimate of expense of wall to protect Company's land at Framiload from floods of River Severn, 9 feet high, 5 feet thick. Reduced by degrees to be 3 feet at top with two pillars. Limestone and materials £220. Work to be completed by 1 November, 8 September 1800 pp.304-305.

Special meeting of Committee. Mr Richard Owen Cambridge conceives he has legal claims on Company to keep in repair weir erected by them on banks of his mill pond. He does not consent to an embankment on site of old weir. Mr J I Wathen to give his opinion and to wait upon Mr Richard Owen Cambridge at Richmond to bring business to amicable termination, 15 September 1800 pp.306-307.

Special meeting of Committee. Controversy with Mr Cambridge respecting weir at Whitminster Mill. Proprietors of Navigation not subject to any repairs, 2 October 1800 pp.307-308.

Rev William Ellis, Messrs Wood, Jones, Nathaniel Wathen surveyed land contiguous to warehouse at Framiload. Wall of 9 feet insufficient. 9 or 12 feet high most desirable. Balance of £20 4s to Thomas Cook for new lock on site of Blunder Lock, 13 October 1800 pp.308-309.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1528 11s 7d. Balance £730 3s 5d. Dividend £3 15s. John Share, in service of Company for about 14 years, was drowned in Navigation while occupied in business of Company. Assistance to widow and nine children, 14 October 1800 pp.310-311.

Rev John Bull clerk and Francis Bull Gentleman of city of Bristol shares nos. 1,128,185, will of Thomas Evans Bull gentleman, city of Bristol. Martha Share, widow of John Share allowed 11s per week for relief of herself and family till next Committee Meeting, 14 October 1800 pp.312-313.

Wall at Framiload begun but insufficient progress for inspection. Overseer of parish of Kinlate (Kinlet), Salop agreed to allow widow of John Share 8s per week, 3s per week in addition till next meeting. John Jones on trial for month as lock keeper in room of John Share. Wages 11s per week and house room, 10 November 1800 pp.313-314.

3s per week to Martha Share till Monday 2 February, 22 December 1800 p.315.

3s per week to Martha Share till next meeting. Present wharf at Dudbridge too small. Enlargement by taking in part of ground occupied by Mr Thomas Grazebrook, tenant of Company. Added land within straight line from south pillar of wharf gateway to point of wall ending on gateway into Mr Clutterbuck's premises. Refund of proportionate part of expense in fencing ground. Original agreement in 1795. Note in margin - no agreement in 1795. Page 168 - order allowing expense of fencing. Addition to wharf at Wallbridge. Part of land rented by Mr Richard Cam, within straight line from third willow on bank of River Stroudwater to Navigation. Application by Clerk Edward Hains for increase on salary. Increased to £75. Whole of his time to be

devoted to Company. Sarah Beesley, Elizabeth Beesley, James Beesley, John Beesley, Thomas Beesley, Francis Beesley of city of London, gentlemen, shares nos.65,66,81,87,121,141,173, will of Joseph Beesley of Worcester, 2 February 1801 pp.316-318.

3s per week to Martha Share till next meeting, 16 March 1801 p.319.

3s per week to Martha share till next meeting. Wages of William Beard, Andrew Beard, Samuel Beard increased by 1s per week till 29 September. Second Clerk William Pavey - increase of £8 per annum, 13 April 1801 p.320.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2966 18s 7½d. Balance £2593 12s 8½d. Dividend £10. Damage to bridges and locks on Navigation by carelessness of some bargemen. After 1 May no bargeman to navigate canal with sails hoisted. £5 payment for offence contrary to regulation. Committee: Rev William Ellis, Rev Joseph Colborne, Samuel Wathen, John Allaway, Joseph Grazebrook, Rowles Scudamore, Joseph Harford, William Battersby, Joseph Cambridge, Edward Wood, Nathaniel Jones, 14 April 1801 pp.321-323.

Henry Eycott of Stonehouse - shares nos.142,143,192, will of Henry Eycott, 14 April 1801 p.324.

Martha Share 3s per week till next meeting. Samuel Skey of Spring Grove, near Bewdley, shares nos.2,11,12,177,178, will of Samuel Skey of Bewdley. Feeder at Ebley in decayed state. To be repaired with stone. Decayed brick work of culvert at Ebley to be taken down and repaired with stone. Wall at Framiload to be 10 feet 6 inches high, 2 June 1801 pp.325-326.

One or two gates to be added those erected at aqueduct at Lodgemore, 22 July 1801 p.327.

Rev William Ellis of Stroud and Mr Sam Ellis of Queen Street, London - shares nos.82,83, late property of Mrs Ann Wathen of Brimscombe, will of William Wathen. William Sevill - shares nos.135,136, will of William Sevill of Sydenham in parish of Bisley. Application by Mr Thomas Croome on part of Mr Harris of Stonehouse for purchase of willow trees on land adjoining his. Estimate to be made of value, 12 October 1801 pp.329-330.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1145 14s 9d. Balance £881 14s 2½d. Dividend £4. Three cornered piece near Bond's Mill sold to William Beard, 13 October 1801 pp.331-332.

Weekly pay of Martha Share continued. 139-140 willow trees on banks of canal bordering his land offered to Mr Harris of Stonehouse for £100. Mary Hornage, Belswardine, Salop shares nos.9,10, will of Alicia Rainsford of Shrewsbury, 23 November 1801 pp.333-334.

Secure repository made for books of Company. Opening in middle wall of office, iron shelves with two folding iron doors and secure lock with two keys, 4 January 1802 p.335.

Weekly pay of Martha Share continued. Rowles Scudamore of Stroud, Joseph Cambridge of Walls Quarry, Gloucestershire, - shares nos.69,70,71,156,157, 106,107,108,110, 111, 112,113,114,115, will of Samuel Cambridge, 9 November 1792, codicil 1 June 1801, 15 February 1802 pp.336-337.

Weekly pay of Martha Share continued. Roger Harris, Richard Till, both of city of London, shares nos.166,167, will of John Wilson, Leadenhall Street, druggist, John Caldicott of Rugby share no.76, will of James Farmer, county of Middlesex. Mary Spencer, city of Bristol, widow share no.88, will of Martha Hopkins city of Bristol, 12 April 1802 pp.337-338.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £1702 17s 7d. Balance £1515 2½d. Dividend £7. Letter from Mr John Padmore Noble reflecting on some parts of administration of late Committee. Impartial review of proceedings. Committee: Rev William Ellis, Rev Joseph Colborne, Samuel Wathen, John Allaway, Benjamin Grazebrook, Joseph Grazebrook, Rowles Scudamore, Joseph Harford, William Battersby, Nathaniel Wathen Nathaniel Jones, Joseph Cambridge, Henry Burgh. Mr John Saunders reported (a representation having been made) loss of about £80 by Company's servants, Ambrose and Thomas Beard, consequence of prosecution against them. No time for defence and decision in their disfavour. Twenty guineas to subscription already begun. Prosecution unwarranted effect of premeditated and declared malices, 13 April 1802 pp.339-340.

Lock gates at Wallbridge to be repaired. Mud below Double Lock to be got out. House to be erected against end of Lock House at Dudbridge for widow of John Share. To live rent free and take care of locks. Mr Edward Hill having encroached on ground of Company and injured bridge on canal at Stonehouse, required to pay annual rent of 5 guineas. In default of payment warehouse to be taken down, 3 June pp.341-342.

Letter from Mr Cambridge re repair of lock at Whitminster Mill. Old stone wear taken away by Mr Cambridge's steward. Company to take useless wear up, make good the bank and erect new wear. Mr Cambridge to find materials and exonerate Company from future repairs, 29 July 1802 pp.342-343.

Letter from Rev George Owen Cambridge, on part of his father Mr Owen Cambridge. Proposal that Company pay £26 as moiety of expense of new stone wear and sufficient embankment on site of wooden wear. Company harmless to future expense of repair of stone wear or putting up new one. Agreement to be prepared, 2 September pp.345-346.

General Half Yearly Meeting. £1681 15s 4d. Balance £1301 12s 1½d. Dividend £6. Agreement between Mary Cambridge, widow of Richard Owen Cambridge, and Charles Owen Cambridge and Company of Proprietors of Stroudwater

Navigation to pay £26 in part of expense of erection of new weir on banks of their mill pond, in parish of Wheatenhurst and to make an embankment on site of present dilapidated weir erected by Company,
12 October 1802 pp.347-348.

Mrs Ann Wathen, widow, mother of the deceased, Sarah, wife of William Jenkins, sister, Samuel and Nathan Wathen, brothers shares nos.18,20, Josiah Isles Wathen Esq., formerly of Lincoln's Inn, late Judge Surrogate of Vice Admiralty Court of Majorca, intestate,
23 November 1802 pp.349-350.

Application on behalf of Commissioners of Stonehouse Turnpike. Bond to purchase small piece of land near Chippenham Platt for erection of toll house,
4 January 1803 pp.350-351.

Intention of certain residents of Gloucester and vicinity to apply to Parliament for a Bill authorizing new bridge over Severn at West Gate in Gloucester and permitting certain toll per ton on all vessels passing up and down Severn. Toll on Navigation unjustifiable and injurious to interests of Company. Rev Joseph Colborne to procure information and report at next Committee Meeting,
8 March 1803 pp.352-353.

Rev Joseph Colborne reported that Messrs Whitcombe, Griffiths & Co informed him that no Bill for erection of new bridge at West Gate Street, Gloucester, was pending. They would inform Chairman immediately of any circumstance tending to injure interests of Stroud Canal Company,
11 April 1803 pp.353-354.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Tonnage £2036 18s 7½d. Balance £1826 4s 8d. Dividend £7. Coals from northern districts enormously dear and scarcity such as to endanger future supply. Advisable to obtain regular supply of Newport coals. Purchase, build or hire a schooner and make such contracts for coal as are expedient. Road from swivell bridge at Lodgemore over land belonging to Mr Cook's garden to boat house belonging to Company and flood gate near boat house. Mr Henry Cook and heirs to be paid annually 6d as long as Company shall use said road. Committee to sell small piece of land to erect turnpike house at Chippenham Platt to Commissioners of turnpike road from Cainscross to Alkerton. Application by Mr Thomas Grazebrook to purchase land 50 feet long and 7 feet wide at back of his warehouse at Dudbridge on which 2 small sheds are erected. Accepted. Mr Edward Hill, having built cottage on company land on lower side of bridge at Stonehouse desiring to erect warehouse on upper side. Committee grant him leave of ground on both sides for 99 years at yearly rent of 5 guineas. Tonnage on bricks and lime on canal reduced to 2s a ton to Wallbridge,
12 April 1803 pp.355-357.

Clerk to content to build proper vessel for supply of Newport coal - burden 60 tons. Piece of land not exceeding six perches at 5 guineas to Commissioners of turnpike from Cainscross to Alkerton. Land at wharf at Dudbridge sold to Mr Thomas Grazebrook,
22 April 1803 pp.358-359.

Repairs to gates at Dudbridge, mud in part of Stonehouse Level to be thrown out, Moor Street Bridge, Whitminster, and Framiload Lock to be repaired. Mr

Beard - some oak timber £150 - £200 and two or three hundred feet of deal bulk timber,
8 June 1803 pp.359-360.

Embankment on site of old weir erected by Company on bank of Wheatenhurst Mill pond according to agreement with Mr Cambridge in 1802,
27 July 1803 pp.360-361.

Lancelot Chambers - shares nos.160,161,164,165, will of Christopher Chambers, Mincing Lane, city of London, intestate. £100 to be paid to Edward Bradfeild on account of vessel being built for conveyance of Newport coal,
7 September 1803 pp.361-362.

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