

COMMITTEE OF STROUDWATER NAVIGATION

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Advertisement for surveyorship of the canal in place of Mr Sherwood to be inserted in the two Gloucester papers and Midlands Counties Herald. Salary £70 per annum. Enquiries made respecting a crane to be placed on Wallbridge Wharf. Mr Sherwood reported that the dock at Chippenham Plat and the stepladder were not repaired,
16 November 1846 p.1.

A Subcommittee meeting discussed the applications received for the surveyorship,
14 December 1846 p.2.

Mr Nathan Driver was elected at a salary of £70 with a rent free residence. Mr Hawker to communicate with Mr Berger relative to the import of corn and the export of flour with a view to putting them on the same terms as Mr King of Dudbridge. Mr Waring of Gloucester offered to put up an 8 ton crane for £105. Proposed removal of the crane at Dudbridge to the wharf at Wallbridge and provision of a new crane at Dudbridge. Conveyance of the Coalpit Heath coal from Stonehouse station to Dudbridge Wharf at a charge of 6 pence per ton of coal conveyed. Messrs Larkin & Co. complained about a £5 charge made for a pen on Wallbridge Wharf. In future the charge should be 10 shillings. Estimate required for increased extension of the jib of new crane by 18 inches to provide the facility of loading vessels without turning,
21 December 1846 pp.3-6.

Estimate of cost of new crane £112 and other work £53. Messrs Waring had refused to lower estimate. Mr Davies complained that the bridge leading to his mill required two or three men to turn it and a quantity of stone had been improperly removed from his premises. A new dinner service to be bought,
18 January 1847 pp.8-9.

Mr Wathen had obtained the Bill now before Parliament - Gloucester and Dean Forest Railway (Construction of Docks), to ascertain the interests of the company in supplying the Dock with water. Jas Nurse's application to rent Dock at Chippenham Plat refused,
15 February 1847 pp.10-11.

Company to allow Room at Framilode now let to James Nurse for the use of clubs to continue to be used as a schoolroom. Mr Sharp permitted to ship quantity of timber at Bristol Road Wharf to be conveyed westward - drawback of 2d a ton. Charles Clutterbuck refused reduction of 3d per ton on all coals brought up Gloucester (sic) and Berkeley Canal. Fredk Nurse to have larch fence put up between his garden and wharf at Dudbridge. Messrs. Martin & Co. to send a 3 dozen hamper of sherry. A portion of

Wallbridge and Stonehouse Wharfs to be let at £15 quarter to Mr Hughes and Mr Keedewell,
15 March 1847 pp.12-13.

The will of Henry Wyatt proved in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury gave share no.50 in the Stroudwater Navigation to Paul Hawkins Fisher. Orders made that Mr Driver commence mudding the canal and that the canal be stopped at Whitsuntide as usual, commencing Monday 24th May and ending on Saturday following,
19 April 1847 pp.14-16.

The Thames & Severn Canal Company decided that from 28 April last all wharfage on goods sent from their wharf at Dudbridge or between that wharf and Brimscombe Port should cease. Frederick Nurse allowed £10 a year from rent if he lands two thousand tons of coals annually at Dudbridge Wharf and £5 for every additional five hundred tons cf. William Knee. £10 to be given to Richard Webb of the Bourne towards his great loss by fire,
17 May 1847 pp.17-18.

When the new swing bridge near Stonehouse Church was constructed, the approaches should be raised as the proposed bridge is much above the height of the old bridge,
21 June 1847 pp.19-20.

Mr N S Marling wished the alteration to the new bridge to be deferred for the present. Repairs to be made to the outside of the Ship Inn at Wallbridge. Isaac Allen Cooke - shares 156,172, George Watham,
19 July 1847 pp. 21-22.

The crane at Dudbridge Wharf to be tested in the presence of a competent engineer before payment of the account. Capt. Clegram to attend and report on the trial of the crane. Application from Mr Clutterbuck to have gate or stile erected across footpath from swivel bridge at Dudbridge. Usual voyage of inspection of the Canal to start from Wallbridge at 9 o'clock in the morning on Thursday 19 August. Repairs on the house at Stonehouse Wharf exceeded the £15 allowed. Mr Hobbs, the tenant, offered to pay a further £2 per annum,
19 August 1847 pp.23-24.

The crane at Dudbridge Wharf had not raised load from the ground when one of the main wheels broke. Load = 2 pieces of timber. The shaft bent so much that it seemed to require strengthening. Use of towing path as a footpath to be stopped during days in October fixed by Mr Hawkins and Mr Driver,
20 September 1847 pp.25-26.

Correspondence regarding alterations in crane at Dudbridge. Mr Sam Marling requested that the tonnage on a cargo of coals intended to be given away gratuitously to the poor might be allowed. The Committee were of the opinion that they did not have the power to abandon tonnage under such circumstances,
18 October 1847 p.27.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Extra work and materials for the cranes at Dudbridge and Wallbridge - £24 9s 7d. Provided Messrs Waring made good 2 pair of dogs according to the order, the account was allowed, 27 October 1847 pp.28-30.

Coals put out of barges and boat for private individuals at any place other than a Wharf should have a note in writing specifying details, 17 November 1847 p.31.

Capt. Clegram's Award was read and his proposed plan for alteration to the crane at Dudbridge was inspected. The solicitor was to serve Messrs Waring with a copy of the Award and plan, 15 December 1847 p.32.

The Committee resolved to accept Capt. Clegram's proposal to accept the crane in its present state and pay Messrs. Waring £126 10s. £135 instead of the original tender of £165 and Messrs Waring also to pay £7 17s 6d. Mr Driver's proposal to strengthen the crane at Dudbridge with two bands of iron was accepted. Notices regarding the rules to be observed in the working of the crane at Dudbridge to be placed in the office at Wallbridge and on the warehouse at Dudbridge, 4, 19 January 1848 pp.33-35.

As a result of two lives lost at Ryeford and Eastington, a fence was ordered to be erected between the millpond and the towing path at Ryeford and a secure fence on Eastington Bridge. Charles Clutterbuck fined £3 5s for damage to bridge at Stonehouse by the 'Nelson', 16 February 1848 p.36.

Some withy plants to be set on the south side of the towing path between Ryeford Mill and Double Lock. A reduction of £1 made in the rent of the house occupied by William Fence, having sold more than 2000 tons of coal during the past year. Charles Clutterbuck given permission to use the forge at the Dock at Eastington to complete the vessel he is building. Charles Clutterbuck to pay sum of £3 5s for damage done to the bridge at Stonehouse Church by his vessel the 'Nelson', 15 March 1848 pp.37-38.

Enquiries should be made on the check kept at Framilode on the quantity of coal landed. In future, when Mr Driver suspects fraud on coals carried, he should have the cargo weighed. Mr Driver to make arrangements with Capt Clegram on behalf of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal for repairs of the lock gates near the paper mill at Whitminster. At the General Half Yearly meeting Mr Cooper the auditor found the books and vouchers correct. The auditor should be more attentive in future to the checking of tickets with the numerical book, 19 April 1848 pp.39-42.

Mr Cooper's letter confirms that the cash book and the numerical book correspond. The banks of the canal are much injured by people fishing with nets. Mr Driver to prosecute a person by the name of Morgan, lately detected using a net, before a Magistrate for fishing. Notices to be fixed on boards that all persons found bathing should be deemed trespassers and punished accordingly. A charge should be made for timber or stone

placed within 60ft of the crane at Dudbridge. Mr Driver to buy shears for the crane at Dudbridge. Mr Martin to send 3 dozen Bucellas and 3 dozen of Port wine for the use of the Company. Mr Driver should employ as many men as possible to mud the canal during the annual stoppage 9-17 June. The Company solicitor to make a schedule of deeds and other documents, 19 May 1848 pp.43-44.

Rev Frederick Morgan's claim of shares nos. 13,14 in the Stroudwater Navigation in the will of his brother John Morgan was allowed. Mr Croome the solicitor had produced a schedule of deeds and documents. Books showing history of Canal, expenses, claims, Treasurer's books, Parliamentary plan of original document certified by speaker of House of Commons. Reference: Map on vellum of Navigation, lands purchased and sold by Company. Tonnage books, journals and ledgers with share register to 1822. Powers of Attorney for transfer of shares, 21 June 1848 pp.45-48.

Tender by Mr Rob Osborne of Bristol to supply shears for crane at Dudbridge at 4 pence per pound accepted, 19 July 1848 p.49.

Swing poles to upper gates of Foundry Lock to be renewed. Frederick Nurse's house at Dudbridge - pavement of floor in brewhouse to be completed. Brewhouse roof to be pointed. Fred Nurse to use pantiles from shed in garden at Dudbridge Wharf for shed or stable, to belong to Company when built. Side and hand rails of Ryeford swing bridge to be painted white. Roof of warehouse at Dudbridge Wharf to be covered with Bangor Duchess tiles. Crane at Wallbridge Wharf damaged by Mynett the Stroud Town surveyor and repaired at cost of 30 shillings, 20 to be paid for by Stroudwater Navigation. Mr Dangerfield to provide fireproof chest for office at Wallbridge at cost of £7 10s. Proposal that 6000 tons of coal should be carried on canal for Great Western Railway, 17 August 1848 pp.50-51.

Agreement on division of tonnage proposed between Company and Thames and Severn Canal Company for the trade of GWR, 20 September 1848 p.52.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Thames and Severn Canal Company unwilling to accept proposed terms of trade with GWR. Mr Croome's offer to enfranchise the copyhold lands of Company as soon as Mrs Mansfield the Trustee was admitted to them on receipt of £15 accepted. James Charles Hallewell elected Treasurer of Company. Mr Joseph Watts named as his surety, 18 October 1848 pp.53-54.

Drawback of 6 pence per ton on all coals carried by Mr Jas. Smith under his agreement with GWR. Application for reduction of tonnage on wheat carried to Ryeford Mill not considered expedient, 15 November 1848 pp.55-56.

Shares in Company: Mary Williams and Harriet Williams - share no.10, will of Catherine Williams; William Bevan and Sarah Davis - share no. 61, will of Nathaniel Edgecumbe; Margaret Nugent Jones, James Talbot the

Younger, John Aldridge – shares nos. 132,191,195, will of Thomas Jones. Shares nos. 98,5,6,93,127,68 in trust for Mrs Frances Ann Shaw. Joseph Cripps and Philip Roydell Bouverie – shares nos. 31,32,33,34,35,67,74, 148,196, will of Richard Hawker. Damage to lock gates near Whitminster. Reward of 5 pounds for information, 17 January 1849 pp.58-60.

Baulk to be bought for planking and repairing lock gates at Whitminster, 21 February 1849 pp.60-62.

General Half Yearly Meeting. £2984 19s 6d received for tonnage, £2506 11s 1d left, dividend £12, April 1849 pp.64-65.

Charles Hawkins Fisher, Paul Hawkins Fisher, Joseph Timbroll Fisher, Frederick Colbourne Fisher – Company shares nos.39,75,174, will of Charles Fisher. Damage of £1 10s to George Bailey for overflowing of canal, 16 May 1849 p.66.

Mr Sam S. Marling proposed to erect Grist mill at Dudbridge with a steam engine. He required assurance that a means of access should be secured for bringing boats and vessels from canal into his mill stream and reservoir. Agreed if fully detailed plan and specification of works were provided and terms arranged, 20 June 1849 pp.67-69.

Samuel Critchley proposed to pave his kitchen with a silver grey Forest Stone on company paying 3 pence a foot for the pavement and allowing him to use the old pavement in the premises he occupied, 15 August 1849 p.71.

John James and Charles James – Company share no. 12, will of John James. George Henry Augustus Beard of Stanley St Leonards and Frances Locking – Company shares nos. 45,53, will of Matilda Beard. Benjamin Williams and James Charles Hallewell – share no.21, will of Robert Hughes. Samuel Marling had to postpone execution of works proposed, Grist Mill, till spring. Basin at Framilode to be cleared and mud driven out by blow board, if practicable. Mr Oliver Cam's estimate of £19 for new tiling on roof of house at Framilode occupied by George Williams to be accepted, 19 September 1849 pp.72-74.

Messrs. Bishop and Biddle should be charged tonnage on the amount of flour beyond quantity of wheat imported. In future, rate of tonnage charged to Mr Peter King and others at Dudbridge to be reduced to 1 shilling 6 pence on wheat from Framilode to Dudbridge. £2905 15s 10d received for tonnage, £2437 12s 10d left, dividend £12, 17 October 1849 pp. 75-77.

George Henry Augustus Beard – Company shares nos. 71,97,180, will of Abiah Beard. Houses at Dudbridge and part of wharf let to Samuel Critchley at £25 per annum with conditions, 21 November 1849 pp.78-79.

Summit level of Thames and Severn Canal frozen. Coal stock at Cirencester expended. Merchants will use supply from Gloucester, unless supplied by railway from Brimscombe during present frost at same price. Allowance of 6 pence per ton. Proposal by Mr Joshua Smith that a reduction should be made on tonnage on coals, following a reduction made by GWR from Gloucester to Cirencester. However this cost appears to have increased. Mr Biddle to be allowed to replace the fence between the Company's garden and his mill yard with a good wall,
19 December 1849 p.80.

Mr Trotter of Bilson and Crump Meadow Coal Company asked for facilities for landing coal at Stonehouse Wharf, carting it and sending it by GWR to Cheltenham. The Committee saw this as an opening for the Company. Coal at present supplied at Cheltenham travels by Gloucester and Berkeley Canal. Proposal accepted. Application by Messrs. Wethered Keeling and Kossham of Wickwar to land coal at Stonehouse Wharf unanimously rejected,
16 January 1850 pp.81-82.

George Edwards' claim of share no. 173 in the name of Frances Georgiana Wyatt, his wife, admitted. Mr Nicholson of Park End Coal Company asked for a drawback on coals landed at Brimscombe and forwarded by railway. The well at Mr Hawker's to be cleaned and the pump repaired. An estimate to be procured for the stabling of four horses at Dudbridge Wharf. The culvert under the canal at Ebley in a dilapidated state. Mr S Marling's proposal to avoid an expensive repair by a new weir at Ebley accepted,
20 February 1850 pp.83-84.

Mr Henry Harrison of Stonehouse's plan for new weir accepted – cost not exceeding £40. Mr Webb's estimate of £42 for stable at Dudbridge accepted. Mr Critchley as tenant to pay £5 towards expense of stable,
20 March 1850 p.85.

Mr Hawker to apply to Midland Railway to erect two gates under railway bridge over Navigation as proposed by Mr Marling. A spot to be agreed for erecting new weir at Ebley,
24 April 1850 pp.86-88.

Elizabeth Stone – share no. 22, will of William Stone. Place fixed for erecting new weir near Mr Marling's mill at Ebley. Mr John George and Mr Trotter, Bilson and Crump Meadow Coal Company, allowed drawback on coals landed at Stonehouse Wharf and forwarded by GWR,
15 May 1850 pp. 89-90.

Mr Fisher, Chairman, was asked to write to Mr Barlow, engineer of Midland Railway Company, about erecting two gates at bridge at Stonehouse,
19 June 1850 p.91.

Mr Marling's application about gates under railway at Stonehouse to be postponed. At a Special Meeting the Committee of the Stroudwater Navigation met that of the Thames and Severn Canal Company to discuss a reduction of tonnage on coals carried from Framilode to Cirencester. Reduction of 9 pence agreed. New feeder at Ebley inspected and approved,

17, 25, 31 July 1850 pp.92-94.

Mr Griffin of Eastington died owing Company £29 19s 5d for tonnages. Estate insolvent. £16 accepted, 21 August 1850 p.95.

Mr Biddle to build a warehouse at Wallbridge. Cost to Company not to exceed £400, 23 October 1850 pp.97-98.

As a check on vessels paying tonnage, all vessels to produce the Framilode Ticket, specifying the quantity and discharging point of their cargo between Ryeford and Framilode. Vessels from Ebley to Wallbridge to pay tonnage to clerk. Robt. Miles removed from duties as gate keeper, attending gates for the preservation of the water in the Stroudwater Navigation and vessels passing from Gloucester and Berkeley Canal into Stroudwater because he was incapacitated by age. Nathaniel Hamlet his successor. Duties required to be performed by the gate or lock keeper specified. 3 dozen Port wine and 3 dozen Sherry requested for use of General Meeting. Gratuity of ten pounds to Mr Driver, 20 November 1850 pp.99-102.

2 pounds to Mr Workman engaged in building new warehouse in lieu of usual house rearing dinner. Nathaniel Hamlet entered on duties. Robt. Miles paid 6 pounds for 24 weeks wages prior to quitting junction, 18 December 1850 pp. 103-104.

Robt. Davies requested survey of bridge leading to his house. Planks recently laid down dangerous, 15 January 1851 p. 105.

Thomas Turner and John Williams - Company shares nos. 193,194,130,132, will of Henry Sikes, 19 February 1850 p.106. Resolved that tonnage be reduced to 6 pence per ton between Chippenham Plat and Stonehouse Wharf, 8 pence from Stonehouse to Ryeford and Upper Wharf at Dudbridge - to secure trade, in consequence of rate charged by railway. Investigation of Mr Davies' complaints as to bridge over canal leading to his mill. Proposal to view and report on state of bridge near gasworks, 19 March 1851 pp.107-108.

Recommended that a new bridge be erected near Mr Davies' mill. Old bridge to be repaired and moved to Gas Works, in lieu of worn out bridge. Strips to be placed on bridge near paper mill for convenience of cattle. Mr Davies to erect larch rails near Double Lock and a gate near Ryeford, 23 April 1851 pp.109-110.

Probability of competition on carriage of coals from Bullo Pill Lydney from opening of South Wales and Forest of Dean was considered. Correspondence between Stroudwater Navigation and Thames and Severn Canal Company. Reduction on tonnage between Framilode and Wallbridge. If tonnage between Wallbridge and the tunnel is charged a uniform rate. Rejected by Thames and Severn, 7 May 1851 pp.111.

Special Meeting of Committee. Meeting proposed on 7 May to take place at 20 Lombard Street, London. Mr Hawker to attend with Committee, 11 May 1851 p.112.

Report of Committee Members on meeting in London with members of Thames and Severn Canal Co. Exchange of letters on reduction of tonnage, 24 May 1851 pp.113-116.

Special Meeting. Committee reiterate proposal for a reduction on tolls to Brimscombe Port on equal terms with Stroud Navigation Committee. Letter to Mr Salt, treasurer of Thames and Severn. 1824 Bill for Fram Road/Way from Framilode to Brimscombe with a branch to Nailsworth. Opposed by both Companies and Parliament. Pledge to reduce tonnage from 3s 6d to 2s 6d per ton. 1845 Act gave power to Companies to alter tonnage. Committee to follow independent course, if Thames and Severn decision is final, 3 June 1851 pp.117-120.

Reply from Mr Salt, treasurer of Thames and Severn. Thames and Severn cannot deviate from terms already offered to bear burthen, share and share alike. Henry James caught fish in Ocean at Stonehouse on authority of Nath. Marling. Company claimed exclusive possession of water and land covered in water, 6 August 1851 p.123.

S Marling replied he would withdraw his claim to land at Stonehouse if Company showed his solicitor the conveyance, 17 September 1851 p.124.

Great Western Railway Company offered Mr Biddle a permanent engagement for bringing his coal from Forest of Dean and requested an immediate reply. He wanted to know terms Stroudwater Canal Company would offer. Negotiations: Mr Biddle would make no engagement under a twelvemonth and would give 1 shilling per ton with revision by either part at end of twelve months. Accepted, 19 December 1851 pp.128-130.

Anticipated opposition of Railway to carrying coals was taken into consideration. From Monday 19th inst. tonnage carried on this Navigation to Wallbridge to be reduced to 2s 3d per ton. Other places detailed. Bounty of nine pence per ton allowed to William Knee and James Nurse on coals remaining on Wallbridge Wharf on Saturday next. Edmund Nource Harvey - Company share no.155, will of Mary Nource of Ross, 14 January 1852 pp.131-132.

Coals delivered at Cirencester by the Railway about one shilling per ton less than by traders on Canal. An abatement of ninepence charged by Stroudwater and Thames and Severn would be sufficient to meet competition. Reduction must be made on all coal carried through Thames and Severn Canal tunnel at Sapperton to prevent diversion of trade from canals to railway, 11 February 1852 p.133.

Messrs. Holmes and Co. of Stroud had applied to know on what terms Canal Co. would take goods from Eastington to Ocean at Stonehouse.
Table of rates,
19 March 1852 p.134.

Mr Dykes on behalf of Midland Railway Company proposed to cut an opening from the Ocean at Stonehouse to form a loading place for barges on the upper or northern side of the present platform and shoot from the railway. Letter from Mr Willson on behalf of Thames and Severn Canal Company - various large reductions of tonnage proposed. Tonnage on coals passing from Stroudwater into Thames and Severn should be reduced to 1 shilling to Stroudwater and 9 pence to Thames and Severn. On coal landed on Stroud Wharf of Thames and Severn, 9 pence to Stroudwater and 1 shilling to Thames and Severn. Not accepted. Each company should be more independent of each other than at present. Right division of tonnage: Stroudwater - 1 shilling on coals landed any place on Thames and Severn Canal west of bridge at Bowbridge, Thames and Severn - 9 pence. Stroudwater - 9 pence on coals landed on Thames and Severn between bridge at Bowbridge and Sapperton Tunnel and 6 pence on coals passing through the Sapperton Tunnel. The Stroudwater should regulate its own tonnage to Wallbridge, on giving up all right to interfere with tonnages charged by Thames and Severn east of bridge and Bowbridge,
12 May 1852 pp.138-139.

Nicholas Dangerfield and Charles Ratcliffe - Company share no.22, will of Elizabeth Stone. Edmund Lewis Clutterbuck, Harry Ralph Ricardo and West Awdry - Company shares nos.118,119, will of Thomas Clutterbuck,
2 June 1852 pp.140-141.

Samuel Clutterbuck - shares nos.36,106,126, will of Samuel Clutterbuck and Company share no.20, will of Elizabeth Mary Jones. Wilson Clement Crutwell and John Smith Wilson - Company shares nos. 166,167, will of Francis John Smith Wilson,
8 September 1852 pp. 144-145.

Rev. S. Howell Jones complained that during late flood there was danger that the stopgate at Framilode would have proved insufficient. Mr Hawker - no inconvenience had resulted but he had strengthened flood gate. Meeting arranged between Mr Croome, Chairman of Committee of the Stroudwater Navigation and Mr Richards, Chairman of Thames and Severn Canal to discuss tonnage charged by both companies,
8 December 1852 pp.140-150.

Unanimous opinion of Committee to obtain a lease of the tolls on the Thames and Severn Canal in respect of coals, goods and merchandise carried into the Thames and Severn Canal and landed between Wallbridge and Brimscombe,
12 January 1853 p.151.

Company shares 43,44,175 received by Mary Holbrow, 137,186 by Charles Stanton and Martha Stanton, estate of John Holbrow. J.Battershall of iron foundry not to use canal towing path between his premises and the gas works,
17 February 1853 p.152.

Committee willing to meet suggestions of Thames and Severn Canal Company for revision of tolls. Expected opposition from Railway Company reason for asking for immediate statement of views. Early communication to Public to enable traders to decide on their course and keep trade on canal. Special meeting on question of tonnage. One shilling and sixpence on all coals. Tonnage to be divided between Stroudwater and Thames and Severn Companies in equal proportion. 6 pence per ton on all coals carried on Stroudwater to and passing beyond Brimscombe Wharf, 9, 23 March 1853 pp.153-154.

Jane Jacomb - shares nos. 57,107, will of Elizabeth Dorothy Jacomb. £2676.10.7 received from tonnage. £2235.17.14 remaining. Dividend £11.0.0, 27 April 1853 pp.155-56. Summons served on George Hoyle for making false declaration as to goods carried on the George on ticket dated 5 December 1852, 15 June 1853 p. 158.

Application to have gate erected on towing path at railway bridge on the Ocean at Stonehouse to prevent cattle straying and falling into canal. Not accepted on grounds of inconvenience. Two gates would hinder use of tow path, 19 July 1853 p.159.

Inside of house at Double Lock to be washed and coloured. Resolved that a gate be erected at Company's expense at western end of dwarf wall under railway bridge at Stonehouse on understanding that Mr Marling erect another at his expense at eastern end and that he has permission to take cattle over towing path of canal under railway bridge from one of his fields to the other. Bridge at Gasworks damaged by boat 'Mazeppa' owned by Messrs. Holmes & Co. and Clarke, Master. 20 shillings to repair damages. Caution that if it happen again 5 pounds to be inflicted, 10 August 1853 pp.160-161. 5 pounds to be paid to Gaslight Inspectors of Cainscross, Ebley, for year's subscription for two lamps, 9 November 1853 p.165.

Many vessels prevented from entering Navigation at Framilode and passing into Gloucester and Berkeley Canal by Brick Bridge at Saul and Gallows Bridge being permanent erections. Mr Cambridge declined to pay cost of removing Gallows Bridge. Cost of removing both bridges about one hundred and fifty pounds. Mr Driver to procure material for erection of swing bridges in lieu of permanent Gallows and Saul Bridges. Mr Ford's application to rent his tonnage on corn and flour carried for use of Ryeford Mill was not considered expedient according to Act of Parliament, 14 December 1853 pp.166-167.

Mr Eycott and Mr Beard to consider means of making lieby near Ryeford Mill for Mr Ford's use, 11 January 1854 p. 168.

Mr Driver reported that gates at Whitminster Lock were now in order and obstacle had been removed. Irregularities reported in Messrs. Holmes &

Co.'s Carrying trade. Mr Hawker resigned as Clerk to the Stroudwater Navigation,
8 February 1854 p.169.

Stroud Gas Light and Coke Company not to charge any expenses incurred in restoring the bridge if they stone and repair the road adjoining their work. Parish of Saul should contribute portion of £25 expense of altering Gallows Bridge,
8 March 1854 p.170.

Company consented to removal of pillar of boundary wall extension between Gas Works and Lodgemoor on condition of no obstruction to passage of carts in front of building belonging to Gas Works,
25 April 1854 pp.171-172.

Charles Jacomb the Younger and Henry Eycott - share no. 155, will of William John Wood. Letter from Mr S Sims complaining about inconvenience occasioned about stoppage and delay of corn in the Whitminster Level. Mr Driver to employ two additional men in dredging level so as to prevent similar delays. George Perry offered to remove Saul Bridge and erect swing bridge at cost of £15 with deduction of £5 for use of old materials. Public notice of stoppage of road for repair and erection of Saul Bridge at entrance to the Saul Bridge and in Gloucester papers. Advertisement for Clerk to Stroudwater Navigation to fill office about to be vacated by Mr Hawker to be placed in two Gloucester papers and Times London paper. Salary £100 per annum and use of house and garden at Wallbridge free of taxes. Security of £1000 pounds required. In present crisis of opposition from Railway Company important that Clerk should have active and energetic habit of business,
10 May 1854.pp.173-175.

Crane at Dudbridge had broken down. Tender for new one accepted from Mr Stevenson of Preston. Mr Croome had inspected Gallows Bridge and had made enquiries inspecting roads communicating with it. Extract from Saul and Frethern Enclosure Award and a tracing from map showing roads thereby stopped. Letter read from Mr Kearsley claiming right of way over it on behalf of representatives of Mr Brinkworth. No grounds to change decision to remove bridge,
31 May 1854 pp.176-177.

Four candidates selected for office of Clerk attended Special Meeting. Mr Randall of Stroud, Mr Easton of Chester, Mr Kent of Wolverhampton, Mr Harris of Worcester. George Easton chosen. Change in system of accounts. Present tonnage book to be kept in numerical order with additional column for amount charged: let pass to be discontinued: no vessel to be allowed to pass out of the canal without production of original ticket: all sums on which credit is given to be immediately carried to separate ledger account: tickets to be delivered to auditor by parties who collect them and not sent back to Head Office. At Special Meeting Mr Nathaniel Alfred Partridge elected as Clerk,
10, 14 June 1854 pp.178-180.

Correspondence with Rev. G F Cambridge on erection of swing bridge at Saul. Committee disposed to allow him to remove present Gallows Bridge

and to erect swing bridge at or near same spot sufficient for passage of cattle at his own expense. He should keep new bridge in repair, 12 July 1854 pp.181-182.

Rev. G F Cambridge refused to have anything to do with Gallows Bridge and expense of bridge he would like to put up. Letter from George Nurse with complaints. Privy at Dudbridge to be removed and another situated at back of warehouse and Mrs Argent's house with fall into the canal. New crane at Dudbridge works satisfactorily. Turnstile to be put up at towing path side of swing bridge at the Hilly Orchard. Formerly a stile there to prevent horses and cattle from crossing bridge. Canal bank at Mr Critchley's premises at Eastington to be repaired with oak piles and slabs. Repairs and alterations to dock at Eastington. Bricks and stones from old bridge at Saul to be used for floor of dock. Lack of accommodation for vessels waiting. Damage to brickwork at lock on Bristol Road to be repaired. Need for two new gates at Whitminster to stand over for present. New swing bridge at Saul completed. Iron hand rail to be added to approach on northern bank. Basin at Framilode to be cleared of mud. Piling to be inserted in brook at back of Mr Burbridge's garden. Death of William Roberts caused by a barge being in charge of deceased and lad only. Regulations of three men to navigate boats to be enforced, 8,16 August 1854 pp.183-186.

Lower gates of Dudbridge Lock damaged by carelessness of boatmen of the 'Bourne Lass' belonging to Mr Rd. Webb. Account of expenses to be given to Mr Webb. Mr George Nurse refused to sign Letter of Lien for amount of tonnage for which credit is given. Mr Partridge to inform him that requirement is not new, 13 September 1854 pp.187-188.

False declarations made by George Nurse and John Butt of contents of cargoes carried by them in the 'Ellen' and the 'John'. Proceedings to be adopted to recover penalties unless they attend next Committee meeting. Same inspection at Junction and Framilode to which vessels passing up Navigation are subject. Clerks to enter account of each cargo on ticket before allowing vessels to pass. Gallows Bridge had blown down. Mr Kearsey threatening proceedings in case bridge not immediately replaced. Summons against Mr Adams and John Allen for breach of byelaws on 14 September 1853. In future two pair of lock gates for upper gates and one for lower gates to be kept prepared and ready in case of accident, 8 November 1854 pp.191-192.

Richard Martin of Packfields in the parish of Wheatenhurst – shares nos. 69,114,115, 192,187, will of Mary Ann Eycott and Mr John Wood. Mr Driver's salary increased to £80 per annum, 13 December 1854 p.193.

Mr Sim's offer to sell land lying between Canal towing path and brook from where Gallows Bridge stood to Sim's Orchard for £15 accepted. Mr H H Wilton given permission to lower culvert under Canal to improve drainage. Mr James Nurse allowed drawback of 6d per ton on all coals delivered by canal at Lodgemoor and Fromebridge Mills on 500 tons or more yearly. Messrs Hunt, Barnard & Co. were about to have their coal by railway if he could not supply it at a given rate. He also received drawback of 4d per ton on stone delivered at Dudbridge for use of road from Dudbridge to

Nailsworth. Mr John Bucknall allowed to take trucks through gate at Dudbridge and along canal path to his foundry, 10 January 1855 pp.194-195.

Mr Biddle applied for a subscription from Company for coals to be given away to poor of Stroud under peculiar severity and pressure of the season. £3 to be returned to widow of William Adams, drowned in an accident, out of fines recently paid by himself and his captain, John Allen, for breaches of byelaws, 14 February 1855 p.196.

Proper demand for balance due from Mr Frederick Nurse made more than once. Immediate steps to be taken to detain the 'Aurora', now lying at Dudbridge, and the cargo, if any, and to sell them. Mr Henry Lewis of the Oil Mills complained of damage to banks of brook below the Oil Mills by heavy flow of water after late thaw. Request for compensation of £5 refused, 14 March 1855 p.197-198.

Mr Knee asked permission to build a boat at Wallbridge Wharf. Granted on condition that he finish within two months. Mr Knee asked for drawback of 4d per ton on stone brought into canal and landed between Dudbridge and terminus of Canal. Allowed on condition he carries not less than 100 tons each year. Mr Ford proposed warehouse near Ryeford Bridge for unloading barges, 25 April 1855 pp.199-200.

Mr Warman and Mr Beard met Mr Ford of Ryeford Mill and were of the opinion that Mr Ford could unload barges by cutting on southern side of Navigation. Building a wall on that side to carry the weight of the bank and deepen the water near the towing path and a cutting from the northern side on Mr Ford's land is required, 9 May 1855 p.201.

Estimate from Mr Henry Harrison for work at Ryeford. £36 on south side, £49 north side. Not enough room to make lieby as proposed by Mr Ford near mill at Ryeford. Wall should be built on south side and cutting from Mr Ford's land made on north side. Mr Ford to pay half cost on north side, providing work is executed to satisfaction of Company's surveyor and he erects warehouse as proposed. Letter from Mr Ford - Mr Partridge applied for tonnage on excess of flour to be taken down over wheat. Messrs. Ford proposed reduction to induce Company to retain their trade. Otherwise they intended to erect a steam engine at Bristol instead of at mill at Ryeford. Company could not reduce tonnage to Ryeford Mill. Expected excess of tonnage referred to in Mr Partridge's letter to be made good. Mr Richard Cole of Cirencester proposed to carry 200 tons of larch sleepers to Newport if tonnage could be reduced. Tonnage on sleepers to be sixpence a ton. Mr Partridge reported that Mr Taunton applied on behalf of Thames and Severn Canal to join them in reduction of tonnage on coals to enable traders at or near Brimscombe to compete with railway. Company did not comply. Mr Geo. Nurse applied for reduction of tonnage on stone. Allowed drawback of 4 pence per ton from present rates at Dudbridge and Wallbridge for not less than 500 tons in year from present. Company not willing to join Canal Companies Association at present, 1 June 1855 p.202-203.

Mr Clegram submitted plan for preserving supply of water to Gloster and Berkeley Canal during repairs of gate at Whitminster by inserting dam as proposed. Mr Clegram to hold company harmless from all expense. Mr Croome to ascertain by personal communication with coal proprietors in Forest of Dean or others charge made by Railway Company for carrying coal from pit's mouth to Bullo Pill, to discover whether traders on this canal are charged more in proportion than traders who convey coal by railway,
10 July 1855 pp.204-205.

Wall at Lodgemore being built on land near Company's works. New locks at Foundry completed. Requisite repairs to be done to dwelling house at Dudbridge Wharf. Mr Withy asked for written acknowledgement by Committee of wall at Lodgemore being built on land near Company's works. New locks at Foundry completed. Requisite repairs to be done to dwelling house at Dudbridge Wharf. Mr Eycott, Mr Warman, Mr Beard and Mr Croome met Mr Ford at Ryeford. Mr Edward Sharp allowed a coal pen at Stonehouse Wharf. Mr John George of Stonehouse to balance his tonnage account by next Committee meeting. Letter from Mr Coley, Secretary to Stroud Gas Co., requiring to be put on same footing re tonnage on coals as consumers at Stroud. Drawback on all coals from Forest of Dean and South Wales delivered to Wallbridge and places up to Dudbridge uniform rate of 1 shilling and 6 pence per ton. New gates at Whitminster found to have been satisfactorily completed in workmanlike manner. Proposition from inhabitants of Saul and neighbourhood to remove walkbridge on Navigation and substitute swing bridge,
22 August 1855 pp.206-207.

Mr Wilton's proposed alteration to swing bridge recommended for consent. Plan for lieby at Ryeford approved,
12 September 1855 pp. 208-209.

Mr Wilton to pay whole expense of bridge and to make good the road, materials of present bridge and its approach allowed towards cost. Gloucester and Berkeley Canal assent given,
24 October 1855 p.211.

Mr Driver: in altering walk bridge, proper wall needed to contract present water tray by 2 feet. Mr Driver to take measures for altering bridge,
30 November 1855 p. 212.

Mr Knee's captain gave false account of cargo of timber of the 'Sisters' on 30 November 1855. Mr Knee charged additional tonnage. Penalty for future irregularities. Mr Jas. Nurse applied to use bars of old bridge to erect shed or stable on Dudbridge Wharf. Allowed. Building to be considered property of company. Messrs. Martin & Co. to provide 3 dozen port wine and 3 dozen Bucellas for use of Company meetings,
12 December 1855 p.213.

Mr Jas. Nurse proposed weighing bridge at Dudbridge be let to him at annual rent. Company to retain use of it. Payment to him for all other persons using it. Pen on Wallbridge Wharf used by Mr Fluck to be repaired. Bridge at Framilode to be repaired. Mr George to remove from wharf at

Stonehouse goods and articles not in pen made for him. George Nurse's boat, the 'Fanny', injured one of five locks through carelessness. Application to him for expense of repair. Mr George to settle his half year accounts immediately. Mr Bucknall and Mr Hawkins applied for allowance of tonnage on coals intended to be given away to poor by Stroud Committee. Subscription equal to one half of tonnage to be made on coals taken from Dudbridge Wharf,
6 January 1856 p.214.

Edwin Cooper - share no. 178, will of Eliza Cooper, William Cooke and Charlotte Hurcomb - shares nos. 40,47,112,189, will of William Cosham, Thomas James Bond - share no. 50, will of Elizabeth Mary Sutton. Letting of weighing machine at Dudbridge. Application from Mr Nicholson, Parkend Canal Company, to use machine without charge. No alteration at present. Tonnage on road stone. Framilode to Wallbridge entering Thames and Severn Canal, not carried to Brimscombe, 6d per ton,
13 February 1856 pp.215-216.

Josh. Chapman on 11 February carried cargo of timber, 867 feet which he declared to be 600 feet. Paid for smaller quantity. Error made by daughter unintentionally. Additional tonnage to be paid without fine. Mr Knee to carry bricks and sand for erection of Messrs. Clarke's sawing mill. Letter from Messrs. Coullas & Jones requiring use of wharf and weighing machine at Dudbridge. Resolved that portion of wharf be allotted, use of weighing machine to be paid for,
12 March 1856 pp.217-218.

Mrs Mary Clutterbuck to find tenant for house she left at Dudbridge or pay rent till Midsummer. Mr Ford unable to carry out work on lieby at Ryeford. New warehouse reduced space. Committee unwilling to incur expense on inefficient work but willing to do work at Messrs. Ford's expense. Slip of land on north side of canal at Ryeford. Quantity of soil placed on bank by Messrs. Ford had fallen into canal and carried piles with it,
14 May 1856 p.221.

J. Beardmore Wathen and Henry Dickson - share no. 101, will of Nathaniel Wathen, 11 June 1856 pp.222-223. Mr George to be charged tonnage on separate cargoes if balance of account remains unpaid,
16 July 1856 p.224.

Repairs required to wharf wall, fences and house at Dudbridge and culvert at Bond's Mill. Further land conceded by Messrs. Ford at Ryeford obviated Committee's objections. Alterations in tonnage depend on results of Messrs. Ford's trade on canal,
13 August 1856 p.225.

George Henry and Augustus Beard - shares nos. 65,111,117, 138, 139,157, will of Frances Lockey,
17 September 1856 pp.226-227.

Arthur John Allaway - shares nos. 123,124, will of Robert Tucker Allaway. Theophilus Thompson, Nathaniel Beardmore, Rev. Thomas Bacon, George Henry Wathen - shares nos. 151,153,77,78, will of Eliza Ford,
22 October 1856 pp.228-230.

Messrs. Reynolds and Allen applied for reduction of tonnages on wheat, Mr George on coal,
12 November 1856 p.231.

Henry Sidney Wasbrough, George Hall – share no.12, will of John James. Charge for weighbridge at Dudbridge – 1 penny per ton. Coals and goods carried up and down canal: three pence per ton on coals and goods weighed and do not pass on canal; 3 pence per ton on all coals landed at Stonehouse Wharf or at Messrs. Davis mills; 6 pence per ton not carried beyond mills, not passing into double locks; 9 pence per ton into double locks and landed westward of lock at Dudbridge; 1 shilling per ton on coals carried into lock at Dudbridge and landed between there and culvert at Lodgemore. Mr Taunton explained necessity for reduction of tonnages on coals carried into Thames and Severn Canal and landed between bridge at Brimscombe and Brimscombe Wharf. Object to secure reduction to meet railway competition. Committee expected Thames and Severn Canal Company to bear whole of deduction,
17 December 1856 pp. 232-234.

Proposals for reduction in charges by Mr Nathaniel Cosham, Mr Cole of Cirencester,
21 January 1857 p.235.

John Scandrett Harford and William Henry Harford – shares nos. 23,24,25,95, will of Charles Gray Harford. Mr Markham claimed reduction on tonnage from 4d to 3d on iron ore carried from newly discovered mines near Seend, Wiltshire, down canal from Wallbridge to the junction with Gloucester and Berkeley Canal with Severn at Framilode. Reduction made – new trade, system of back carriage on coals carried up Navigation and others brought from Staffordshire,
18 February 1857 p.238.

Mr Knee - £2 for locking and unlocking doors of Wallbridge Wharf at proper hours. Mr Croome to enforce a settlement of account on Mr Nurse, 18 March 1857 p.239.

New grate to be fixed in house of George Williams. Rights of Company in respect of bridge between mills and other premises at Ebley occupied by Mr Samuel Marling & Co. now used in conveyance of coals not carried by the Canal,
22 April pp.240,242.

Uniform rate of 6p ton to be charged on all stone carried from Framilode to Junction to or beyond Eastington,
17 June 1857 p.244.

Mr Phipson's opinion as to Company's rights in relation to bridge at Ebley read and considered. Proceedings to be taken. Rates of tonnage: Committee to consider if a mileage rate, subject to exceptions, needful,
1 July 1857 p.245-246.

Mr Driver to call on owner of timber forming pen at Stonehouse Wharf, belonging to late Jos. Blick, and see that it is removed in a fortnight,
5 August 1857 p.247.

Subscription of £5 per annum for lighting lamps at Dudbridge Wharf to be renewed. Mr Holmes applied for reduction on tonnage on merchandise carried from railway at Stonehouse,
16 September 1857 p.248.

Exact mileage rate cannot be practically worked. Tonnage scale near approximation of mileage,
23 October 1857 pp.250-252.

Mr George Nurse omitted to account for cargo of timber carried from Mr Webb's wharf in the 'Ellen'. Mr Geo Williams gave false account of cargo of road stone carried in the 'Ann',
18 November 1857 p.253.

Mr Nurse and Mr Williams paid additional tonnages. Mr Lane complained he sustained loss because of waste water from canal running through circular wear(sic) at Ebley past his mill. Suggested that new wear be constructed above house at the Oil Mills, six feet in length. Company to put in wear under the towing path. Mr Lane to bear expense of taking away the water. Mr Lane asked for reduction 1 penny per ton in tonnage on corn carried to Oil Mills. Mr Ford should be allowed to carry converted timber down canal free of tonnage,
16 December 1857 pp.254-255.

Proposed new weir: Mr S.S. Marling, Mr Lane, Mr Lewis of opinion that a sill of cast iron 3 inches deep put on present circular weir with opening of 18 inches required by Messrs. Lewis. Works similar to those now existing, to be constructed at a spot above bridge and near Mr Lane's house, with sufficient passage to carry off water would effect object. Resolved that Committee consent to proposal. Works on towing path at their expense. Mr Lane to construct at his own expense on his own land a circular weir and works of same diameter and at same level as existing weir with sufficient passage to take away water. In case he or successors alter weir or works so as to waste water of canal or allow weir to get out of repair, agreement with Company shall become void. Company may wall up or close intended new waterway and remove iron sill from old weir. Agreement at Mr Lane's expense. Timber carried up canal to any sawing mill or works to incur one half of tonnage on similar number of tons of converted timber carried from same mill or works in same half year,
23 December 1857 pp.255.

Agreement on the new weir at the Oil Mills,
20 January 1858 p.256.

Edward Carruthers Little, Antony Holbrow - share no. 89, will of Peter Drew,
17 March 1858 p.258-259.

Mr Clutterbuck permitted to launch new vessel built near Bristol Road across towing path and to take out one of gates at Whitminster Lock to allow vessel to pass into Gloucester and Berkeley Canal,
23 April 1858 p.259,261.

Repairs to pens at Ryeford used for landing coals for Stanley Mill. Gas Company to repair damage to towing path towards Nailsworth. Drawback of 2 pence per ton allowed to Mr Cole and traders to Cirencester carrying 5000 tons of coal in any year,
19 May 1858 pp.262-263.

Customs Officers to give permission to unload foreign laden vessels (corn) at a particular wharf. Committee cannot suggest any better than Junction now used. Messrs. Ford Brothers renewed application to have lock at Eastington widened and enlarged to admit their steam vessel, the 'Queen Esther',
20 July 1858 p.265.

Isaac Allan Cooke, Charles Frederick Philips - share no. 156, will of Sara Wathen. Proposed lieby near bridge near Gas Works. Mr George Day given permission for pen at back of Dudbridge Wharf. Fence at his own expense. Three months notice of removal,
3 August 1858 pp.266-267.

Estimate from Stephen Harrison for building wall near Gas Works. Use of Company's workmen. Wherry 'Captain George Clark' belonging to Mr Lane had accidentally injured one of the locks at double locks in passing at night. Summons against Clark for drawing water at Foundry Locks on 31 August when upper gates were open,
21 September 1858 pp.268-269.

Isabella Stanton, Charles Holbrow Stanton - shares nos. 76, 86, will of Joseph Stanton,
21 October 1858 pp.270-271.

Notice given to Mr George to quit wharf and premises at Stonehouse at Michaelmas next. William Daniels absent one month from work owing to illness while in Company's service. Allowed half his wages,
16 November 1858 pp.271-272.

Messrs. Ford's application to carry without tonnage as much flour as represents tons of Welsh coal carried up Navigation for their mill rejected. In future 1s per ton in excess of flour carried over wheat. 1s per ton to be charged on coke carried from Gasworks to Brimscombe. Thos. Laurence, captain of the 'Maiden Oak,' of Lydney, Trotter and Ridley Martin fined 10 shillings for having bridge unfastened on 18 December 1858, p. 273. Subscription of £2 2s to be given to Fund for distribution of coal for the poor,
18 January 1859 p.274.

Eliza Beale - share no. 158, will of John Evans Beale. Mr G Ford proposed inspection of alterations to his steamer the 'Queen Esther' to see whether she could pass the locks of the canal,
15 February 1859 pp.275-276.

Charles Thomas Edwards - share no.197, will of Frances Edwards,
15 March 1859 p.277.

Rebecca Capel - shares nos. 62, 63, 64, 120, 146, will of George Capel. Mr Ford stated that if Committee allowed excavations and mason's works at

Eastington Pike Lock and the Blunder to be done by his servants, he would bear the expense and undertake that the canal should not be stopped for more than three days, under penalty of £5 for every day stopped. Work to start at neap tide,
26 April 1859 pp.278-279.

Mr Jones of Minchinhampton - £3 for putting up a proper fence at Dudbridge Wharf, £3 for use of Company at termination of his occupation,
21 June 1859 p.281.

Samuel Phipps, Joseph Bellamy - share no.87, will of William Fryer. Messrs. Ford's 'Queen Esther' jammed in Framilode Lock, was obstructing the Navigation. Ford's to remove obstruction and be responsible for consequences of stoppage,
19 July 1859 pp.282-283.

Dangerous state of Mr George Ford's millpond. Wooden paling at same spot encroached on towing path. He replied that the erection was temporary and would shortly be removed. Old iron and timber left by him on towing path to be removed. Committee ordered quoin of mill next the towing path to be cut away 6 inches according to understanding when lieby was made. Committee inspected wharf at Stonehouse to improve trade and regulations as to space allotted to traders. No offer yet made for Mr George's tenancy. Thomas Marling proposed to take house and garden with use of wharf with others under control and regulations of Committee. Yearly rent £10. Complaints about flushing locks, particularly at Eastington, to allow boats too heavily laden to pass up to the injury of millowners. Piece of vacant land just below Westfield Bridge at Eastington to be let. Notice boards along canal to be painted,
23 August 1859 pp.284-285.

Mr Charles Hawker - shares no. 90,104, will of Sophia Halliday. Fence on western side of wharf at Stonehouse to be replaced by brick wall to ensure safety of wharf and property of traders,
20 September 1859 pp.286-287.

Mary Anne Croome - shares nos. 46, 81, will of Thomas Clutterbuck Croome. Mr Henry Harris appointed Solicitor to Company,
25 October 1859 pp.288-290.

Mr Joseph Timbrell Fisher - shares nos.129, 163, will of Revd. John Colborne Fisher,
15 November 1859 p.292.

Special General Meeting. Additions to Byelaws of Navigation, namely: if any goods remain upon any wharf or wharfs, in landing places belonging to Navigation, for three clear days, Sundays excepted, the owner or reported owner of goods shall forfeit and pay sum of 2s 6d per day for every day goods remain after notice in writing given to remove goods,
20 December 1859 pp.293-294.

Mr Sharp given notice to remove his timber on Stonehouse Wharf on expiry of three days under new byelaw,
21 February 1860 p.296.

Mr Ford's proposal that his firm be allowed in their account of excess of flour carried down over wheat brought up: also for wheat brought down through Thames and Severn Canal against account of flour in same day as for wheat brought up Canal from Junction. Proposal not entertained. Mr Sharp served notice of charge of 2s 6d a day on timber not removed, 20 March 1860 p.297.

Mr Aaron Ford proposed to bring wheat down Canal from any place beyond Chalford to Framilode at 4 pence per ton - none brought first by railway, and 4 pence per ton on excess of flour exported to amount of wheat brought down. Accepted. Mr Hunt's application to put a feed pipe to boiler of his steam engine at Lodgemore Mills accepted. Written memorandum as acknowledgement for use. Company to withdraw at any time, 26 April 1860 pp.298-300.

Letter from Mr Ford stating misrepresentation of Messrs. Ford's position. Proposition to pay full price of 4 pence per ton on wheat brought from Chalford down Thames and Severn Canal and number of tons paid for to be deducted 'wholly and without further charge' from excess of flour exported. Unless proposition accepted Messrs. Ford could not extend business at Ryeford but would put up mill in another locality. Messrs. Ford agreed to ask for no reduction if account did not reach £500 a year, a considerable reduction on amount of account. Resolved that they be allowed to bring wheat throughout whole length of canal at four pence per ton, none to be brought there at first by railway, and allowed in account against excess of flour exported, provided account amounts to £500 a year. Letter from Mr Wheeler, a trader on the canal for many years, soliciting help in consequence of losses sustained, 8 May 1860 pp.301 - 302.

William Phipp had run his boat against one of gates of Lower Dudbridge Lock and broken the swing pole, since repaired, and was required to pay for repair, 19 June 1860 p.303.

Letter from Mr Nurse. Cargoes of vitriol charged at 8 pence per ton, entered by him as manure, did not consist of vitriol for trade purposes but only refuse of it to be used for manure. Material in bottles not manure. Allowing charge at lower rate would open door to fraud. Charge at goods rate, 17 July 1860 p.304.

Committee commenced annual inspection on board Company's boat at Wallbridge and proceeded down canal. Lower gates ordered at Double Locks. House and portion of wharf at Stonehouse let to Mr Samuel Critchley. Stable to be built on wharf and a pump placed there. Clerk had received from Mr Kearsley on behalf of County of Gloucester Bank at Stroud notice that share no.173 was deposited with Company, 25 September 1860 p.305.

Contract for building stable on wharf at Stonehouse by Mr Thomas Spire of Eastington accepted,

25 October 1860 pp.306-308.

Margaret Mullings of Eastcourt House, Crudwell, Wilts - share no. 154, will of Joseph Randolph Mullings. Letter from Clerk of Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company proposing to exchange a piece of land on north side of Stroudwater Navigation near the junction of two canals containing 3R 8P, for two pieces of land belonging to the Stroudwater Navigation also on north side, containing 2R 20P, accompanied by a plan. Resolved that a draft of proposed deed of exchange be forwarded. Gloucester and Berkeley Canal to bear expense of exchange,
20 November 1860 pp.309-310.

Elizabeth Clutterbuck - shares nos. 36, 106, 126, will of Samuel Clutterbuck. Mr Augustus Matthews and Mr G. Nurse made representation with regard to charge made for vitriol brought up canal for use in manufacture of artificial manure. Resolved that no alternation be made in charge. Clerk to write letter to Captain Clegram requesting that mud be removed from Whitminster Feeder. Complaint made by traders of obstruction,
18 December 1860 pp.311-312.

Mr George Nurse asked for a reduction of 4 pence a ton on timber taken by him down canal from Dudbridge with view to getting back some of the trade from Nailsworth which had left canal for last two years on account of tonnage rate. In future uniform rate of 1 shilling on timber of all kinds from Dudbridge, Ebley and the Ryeford to Framilode. Subscription of £2 20s to be given to Stroud Coal Fund for the Poor,
15 January 1861 p.313.

Revd. Robert Wedgewood, Clerk of Dumbleton - shares nos. 41, 121, will of Thomas Josiah Wedgewood, late of Tenby, Lieutenant Colonel in Her Majesty's Service. Deed of exchange with Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company of lands at Junction,
19 February 1861 p.314.

Thomas Marling of Berryfield Cottage, Stonehouse, Samuel Stephens Marling of Stanley Park, Kings Stanley, William Henry Marling of Stanley House, Kings Stanley - shares nos, 47, 112, will of Nathaniel Samuel Marling of Stonehouse Court, Stonehouse. Stoppage of Canal, 1-8 May, for new pair of gates to be put in at Chippenham Plat. Mr Thomas Webb of Ebley to repair lead roof of house at Wallbridge,
19 March 1861 pp.315-316.

Richard Charles Mellish of Eaton Place, Belgrave Square, Middlesex, Revd. George Rolleston of Maltby, Thomas Edward Newton Lefroy, no. 5 Pump Court. Temple, London - shares nos. 133,160,161,164,165, will of Lancelot Chambers of Morden, Surrey. Meeting of creditors of Mr James Nurse. Portion of wall abutting on the Severn at Framilode on north side of entrance to the canal had given way, requiring immediate attention. Mr Oliver Cam to do work at cost of £52,
25 April 1861 pp.317-319.

Emma Bowles Tripp of Sion Row, Clifton, Bristol - shares nos. 54,55, will of James Tripp. Mr Taunton stated that the coal trade to Cirencester was

seriously reduced. The Committee of The Thames and Severn Canal Company would reduce tonnage on all coals carried by canal to Cirencester by 3 pence a ton. This Company should reduce by 3 pence as well. Reference to minutes of 23 March 1853 and 17 December 1856 and reduction of about one half in trade. Resolved on reduction of 3 pence on coals carried to Cirencester alone. To avoid possibility of fraud, voucher to be handed to clerk of their Company before reduced rate is allowed. Mr Samuel Stephens of Ebley to be allowed to carry a pipe through the canal to convey water for his house from opposite side,
21 May 1861 p.320.

Mr James Nurse - terms arranged for his retaking the houses and garden at Dudbridge,
18 June 1861 p.321.

Joseph Timbrell Fisher - shares nos. 75, 116, will of Samuel Fisher. Agreement with Mr James Nurse for letting his house and garden at Dudbridge. He claimed to be allowed to remove the shed at Dudbridge Wharf put up by him. Claim not allowed. Mr Nurse agreed not to remove shed,
16 July 1861 pp.322-323.

After annual inspection works of canal generally appeared to be in good order,
14 August 1861 p.324.

Mr Whiting of Nailsworth - loss of two casks of butter in transmission from Bristol through Dudbridge Wharf. He wished to have assurance on behalf of himself and other traders as to responsibility of Company for goods left in warehouse at Dudbridge Wharf. Mr Warman and Mr Harris to see wharfinger and devise a plan for safekeeping of goods for the future. Mr Robert Gardiner, steerer for Messrs. Webb of the Bourne of the barge 'Conway', to be summoned for swinging against the lock gates at Dudbridge by navigating the barge without a fender contrary to the byelaws and having only two hands with the barge,
24 October 1861 pp.325-326.

Mr Warman and Mr Harris Suggested that the wharfinger at Dudbridge shall regularly enter in a book at the time all goods deposited in the warehouse and when and to whom they are delivered. No receipt to traders to implicate Company in responsibility. Mr Daniels very ill and laid aside from his work. Allowed half his wages as a gratuity from 9th inst. until further orders,
19 November 1861 p.327.

Messrs. Evans Bishop of Brimscombe Mill proposed a reduction of tonnage on coal, higher than that charged to mills above. Referred to Thames and Severn Canal Company. Mr Andrews, Manager of United Kingdom Electric Telegraph Company proposed to erect line of telegraph along canal to junction with Gloucester and Berkeley Canal. Company happy to lend any facility,
17 December 1861 p.328.

Tickets for all coal and goods landed at any of the wharfs to be shown to wharfingers before discharge of cargo. Also every boat passing wharfs and other places with cargo to be discharged beyond. Penalty to be imposed. Thomas Hyde, captain of the 'Mary Ann', owned by Samuel Rowles and laden with roadstone, to be proceeded against for not producing his ticket. Mr James Nurse gave information about coal entered on ticket not landed. Messrs. Ford required to give statement of coal delivered and reshipped from Ryeford to Dudbridge Wharf without additional tonnage paid for it, 11 February 1862 p.330.

Mr Felix Nurse attended on place of his father, unable to attend from illness. He admitted knowledge of the fraud. Mr Jas. Nurse willing to pay £5 15s 11d owing on tonnage and give up possession of house and premises at Dudbridge to Mr Cottle by 25th inst, 18 February 1862 p.331.

Application of Mr Richard Williams of Framilode for tenancy of premises at Dudbridge accepted. £20 rent per year, 27 February 1862 p.332.

Mr Thomas Hyde paid fine of 10 shillings, reduced from £5, and 13s 6d for expenses. Mr Driver to make out tickets for all excess loading downwards from Messrs. Ford's mill at Ryeford, 18 March 1862 p.333.

Sundry coals, wheat and flour carried from Ryeford Mills to Dudbridge without account rendered by Messrs. Ford. Clerk to apply for return of all coals, wheat, flour carried since 7 May 1860 to present time. Mr Partridge paid £32 16s 3d for a quarter income tax. Payment sanctioned, 24 April 1862 pp.334-336.

Messrs. Ford required to pay tonnage on 701 tons of coals and wheat sent by them from Ryeford to Dudbridge since 7 May 1860, 20 May 1862 p.337.

Mr Partridge reported that the 'Surprise' belonging to Mr James Nurse passed down canal during present month without showing cleared ticket. A lock to be put on gates at Framilode. No vessel to pass without ticket signed at Junction and countersigned at Framilode. Owners of all vessels discharging cargoes above Westfield Bridge at Eastington to pay tonnages and clear tickets at Company's Head Office at Wallbridge, 17 June 1862 p.338.

Walter John Coney of Braywick Grove, Maidenhead, Berks., Douglas William Parish Sabalmondriere - shares nos. 168,169,170 will of John Jeane Coney. No reduction on rates of tonnage on iron and timber allowed to Mr G Clark, 15 July 1862 pp.339-340.

Joseph Cottle, lock keeper at Dudbridge to be paid eighteen shillings a week for additional work in attending to weighbridge and otherwise, 19 August 1862 p.341.

Mr Lane of Stratford Mills complained of inconvenience and damage caused by surveyor drawing off water for repairs on Saturday 22nd inst. without giving notice. The surveyor had informed one of Mr Lane's captains of intended stoppage. Clerk to express Committee's regret to Mr Lane. Wall adjoining bridge over brook at Wallbridge forming boundary of their land to be repaired at Company's expense, 30 September 1862 p.342.

George Henry Augustus Beard of Leonard Stanley, Henry Harris of Downfield – shares nos. 42,66,162, will of Eliza Beard. Mr Sims of Framilode had removed valve at mouth of culvert under the canal, had lengthened culvert and not replaced valve. Required to reinstate valve in original position, 28 October 1862 pp. 343-344.

Mr Eycott, Mr Beard, Mr Fisher reported on Mr Sim's encroachments. Valve to be restored. Fence erected by Mr Sims removed. Culvert to be restored to original position, manhole to be made at spot to admit access to valve and culvert at all times. Fence to be replaced, 18 November 1862 p. 345.

Proposed railway from Midland Railway at Stonehouse to Nailsworth was discussed. Resolved that Company be returned as dissenting. Solicitor to watch proceedings of the proposed Company and report if needful, 16 December 1862 p. 346.

Mr Eycott, Mr Beard and Mr Fisher at Framilode had met Mr Sims and his solicitor who produced a conveyance from the Company to Mr Joseph Gazebrook about 1797, about land on which valve referred to as having been removed by Mr Sims, Minute 18 November 1862, was placed. As land was claimed and used by Mr Sims for upwards of 20 years, there was no substantial ground for insisting on restoration of culvert to the original state, especially as Mr Sims intended to resist to the uttermost the Company's claim to have it done. The Committee approved the variation of the fence, giving greater breadth to towing path of the canal and allowed the culvert to remain as erected by Mr Sims on an agreement to allow the Company to have access to it at all times for the purpose of repairing it as with the old valve and culvert. Subscription of £2 to Stroud Coal Fund for the Poor, 20 January 1863 pp. 347-348.

Proposed railway from Nailsworth to Stonehouse. Resolved that a petition be presented to Parliament, praying to be heard by Counsel against the Bill. Gratuity of £3 to be given to J. Clark, an old servant of Company for 30 years, as he is now disabled from much exertion from recent illness, 10 February 1863 p. 349.

Special General Meeting to consider proposed line of railway from Stonehouse to Nailsworth and general business. Adjourned to 9 March. Notice of meeting advertised in Gloucester Journal and Chronicle and Stroud Journal and circular sent to shareholders, 3 March 1863 p. 350.

Adjourned Special General Meeting. Resolved that considering serious injury likely to arise to Canal Proprietors from passing of proposed Bill for a railway from Nailsworth to Stonehouse, it is desirable to oppose same. General injury to canal, particular injury to Stonehouse Wharf. Great Western Railway already opposed,
9 March 1863 p.350.

Maria Franklin of Coopers Hill, Painswick – shares nos. 161,165, will of Benjamin Franklin. Mr Harris, Mr Hawker and Mr Fisher in London attended discussion of Nailsworth and Stonehouse Railway Bill. Mr Lock, their Counsel, put case of Canal before Committee but preamble of Bill was proved. Parliamentary Agents' bill £168 5s 7d and £54 to Mr Harris. £240 approved for Mr Harris, on account of expenses involved. Mr Withey, Stroud Gas Company, claimed facility for exporting surplus coke would cause increased consumption of coal locally but the probable amount exported inconsiderable. In future allowed to send coke from works down canal free of tonnage,
24 March 1863 pp. 351-352.

Adjourned General Meeting. Arrangements to avoid further opposition in Parliament to Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway. Railway Company to construct and give Canal Company a liebye of not less than 200 feet and a siding in connection to proposed railway, and to maintain it; to give Canal Company at least double quantity of land taken from present wharf, on south side of siding. Works to be done at expense of Railway Company, as compensation for passing through the Wharf. Canal Company to afford Railway Company facilities for constructing lieby and wharf,
25 April 1863 pp.355-356.

Dorothea Margaret Beale, 55 Englefield Road, West Islington, London, Edward Thomas Complin, Charterhouse Square, London, surgeon, - share no. 159, will of Miles Beale, surgeon. Agreement between Canal Company and Railway Company. Mr George Ford proposed that Company should grant them in perpetuity or long lease, ground adjoining premises at Ryeford occupied by Messrs. S S Marling & Co. as coal wharf, and land from wharf to Ryeford Bridge. They agreed to continue wall to support towing path for 150 feet. Request to Gloucester and Berkeley Canal to confer on facilities for vessels entering and returning along Stroud Canal,
19 May 1863 pp.357-358.

Messrs. S S Marling & Co. could not dispense with coal wharf at Ryeford. Agreement with Mr Sims (20 January) re valve and culvert at Framilode approved. House at Newtown, Eastington, lately occupied by John Clark, to be taken by company of Mr Charles Hooper at rent of £5 5s 0d per year for residence of lock keeper,
16 June 1863 p.359.

Officers of Company to stop all fishing on Canal and to seize nets and tackle when practicable and when not, to lay information against the parties. The new bridge at the Gas Works to be put in at first opportunity,
21 July 1863 p.359.

Cottage and garden adjoining Josh Cottle's to be let to Mrs Nurse at £6 6s per annum. Small triangular piece of ground adjoining Mr Hooper's

premises on Canal bank at Eastington to be let to him at 1 shilling a year and he be allowed to fence it off by a fence or wall to belong to the Company. Next Committee to decide whether house on wharf at Bristol Road be in future occupied as a Beer House,
25 August 1863 p.360.

Mr W B Clegram requested permission to make a temporary cut out from Canal to the brook at or near Whitminster Lock to take materials for repairs about to be done there by Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company. Permission granted. Mrs Nurse informed that Canal Company would let cottage adjoining Josh Cottle's at Dudbridge to her from Michaelmas next at yearly rent of £6 6s payable quarterly,
15 September 1863 p.361.

Permission given to Messrs. Hunt & Co. to insert a small pipe into Canal bank adjoining their land at Lodgemore for supply of water for cattle in the field,
27 October 1863 pp.362-363.

Mr Felix Nurse on or about 18 September had placed on board the 'Atlas' boat a cargo of coal at Framilode 3 tons of which he had given the account. Penalty of £2 per ton. Mr Nurse attended meeting, stated it was done under misapprehension and expressed regret. Mitigated penalty of 10 shillings only this time. Thomas Hillman, captain of one of Mr Lane's barges, before Committee for having damaged masonry of Roving Bridge with his barge. 15 shillings to repair. Reprimanded but passed over on his agreeing to pay half expense and promising to be more careful in future. Letter from Mr S L W Winterbotham seeking on behalf of Stroud Gas Company conversion into fee simple of the leasehold rights and privileges they hold for term of 1000 years under the Company. Counterpart lease dated 19 December 1833 produced and examined. Certain rents reserved and covenants entered into by Gas Company, including covenant to pay one half of expenses in repairing and rebuilding of Gas Works Bridge. It did not appear that such rents had been paid or covenants fulfilled. No objection to granting application but attention of Gas Company called to performance of conditions and reservations of lease,
17 November 1863 pp.364-365.

Arrear of rent due from Stroud Gas Company and repairs of bridge at the Gas Works again considered. Gas Company to be charged twenty pounds for arrears of rent and £44 7s 1d for half cost of erecting new bridge completed in August last. Draft of grant from Company to the Stroud Gas Company of rights at present exercised under lease of 19 December 1833 in perpetuity, in lieu of 1000 years granted by that lease was gone through and approved, subject to corrections. Public seal of Company to be affixed to grant and exchanged for similar one under seal of Gas Company. Present lease to be surrendered. Messrs. Hunt & Co. agreed to pay yearly acknowledgement for use of water from canal,
15 December 1863 p.366.

Mr An. Ford attended and renewed application to have wharf at Ryeford now occupied by Messrs. S S Marling & Co. for purpose of erecting warehouse on same terms named in verbal application of Mr G Ford (19 May 1863). Requested to send in written application. Gas Company had

paid £64 7s 0d demanded by Committee. £2 to be given to Stroud Coal Fund,
19 January 1864 p.367.

Special Meeting. Written application from Messrs. Ford. Death of Mr Harris, late solicitor to Company
3 February 1864 p.368.

Special General Meeting to elect a solicitor to the Company. Mr J H Warman proposed by Mr G H A Beard, seconded by Mr T Sedgwick Thornton. Mr Josh. Timbrell Jnr. proposed as member of Committee by Mr G H A Beard, seconded by Mr Josh. Timbrell Fisher Senior. Mr William Woodruffe Kearsley proposed as member of Committee by Mr T S Thornton, seconded by Mr Sam'l Phipps. All unanimously elected,
16 February 1864 p.369.

Mr C H Fisher and late Mr Harris had had interview with Mr S S Marling as to pen at the Ryeford of which Messrs. Ford wished to obtain lease. He consented to give up possession on condition of Canal Company erecting for him another pen on their own land below the bridge and making a good road and diverting the present road into his land beyond that point. Messrs. Ford agreed to 60 years granted at nominal rent of 10 shillings per annum on condition they put in dock wall in continuation of present one up to the bridge, pay part of expense making new pen and road for Mr Marling. Messrs. Warman, Beard, Eycott and Hooper to form sub-committee. Messrs. Knee, Ward, McWilliams and Alderson, traders on canal, stated that the Bullo coals were now being sold at GWR railway station at 1 shilling per ton, less than cost price to traders on canal. They applied for reduction of rates on canal, a very important question,
24 February 1864 pp.370-371.

Adjourned Committee Meeting. Subcommittee still negotiating with Messrs. Ford and Mr S S Marling. No alteration made in tonnage at Wallbridge but considering competition caused by Great Western Railway Company tonnage on Bullo Pill house coal reduced to 6 pence per ton at Dudbridge and Downfield,
27 February 1864 p.371.

Company solicitor to communicate with solicitors of proposed railway companies viz. Wilts and Gloucestershire and Stonehouse and Nailsworth extension to Stroud, and arrange all proper clauses for protection of Canal interests be inserted in those bills now before Parliament. Competition on Bullo household coal, reduction of tonnage at Downfield and impossibility, under existing Act of Parliament, of reducing tonnage at Wallbridge. Very desirable to open a public wharf. Mr Knee offered small property opposite Gas Works at Downfield, with all erections, for £280. Offer accepted,
8 March 1864 p.372.

Mr Taunton stated that resolution of May 21 1861 should be put into operation from 25th inst. and reduction named extended to wharf at Thames Head. Agreed. Same checks against fraud to be enforced. Messrs. Marling & Co.'s estimate for pen at Ryeford £143 1s 5d, excluding cost of road to it and floor of it,
26 March 1864 p.373.

Sophia Mary Harris – share no.21, will of Henry Harris. Messrs. Ford, 30 March 1864, offered to pay half amount of Mr Drew's estimate for Mr Marling's new coal yard on condition that when their account with the Canal Co. exceeded £2600 per annum, the surplus, if any, of one or more years to the amount of one half of money paid by them to be given back. Offer to make road and yard according to Mr Marling's specification for sum of twenty pounds and pay half the money and have one fourth returned, as above, or offer to complete whole for £160 or find independent contractor and pay half the money without condition. Ford Brothers accepted terms of former letter. Lease to Messrs. Ford of land at the Ryeford, partly used as coal pen by Messrs. Marling & Co., produced. No vessel to be tarred on canal above Whitminster Level. Stroud Gas company requested to prevent gas tar from being dropped or spilt into canal at their works. Owing to continued ill health Mr Driver was unable to inspect banks of canal,
26 April 1864 pp. 374-375.

General Half Yearly Meeting. Proposal by Mr Taunton of immediate reduction of tonnage by both companies. 1 shilling per ton rate on all coal landed at Wallbridge, or passing into the Thames and Severn Canal to any point short of Brimscombe, equally divided between both companies. Also reduction of 3 pence per ton by Stroudwater of all coal carried beyond Brimscombe Port. Proposal adopted,
26 April 1864 p.376.

Thames and Severn Canal Co. had confirmed Mr Taunton's proposal to reduce rates of tonnage from 18th inst. Proposed railway bridge crossing at Stonehouse. Mr G B Smith and Mr G Ford requested Committee to meet Mr Bruce, their engineer, to arrange width of towing path and erection of bridge. Subcommittee appointed to attend, also Mr Baker, the Surveyor. Advertisement for assistant surveyor to Superintendent of Stroudwater Navigation in Gloucester Journal, Gloucester Chronicle and Midland Counties Herald,
17 May 1864 p.377.

Special Meeting. Subcommittee Eycott, Beard, Warman, Hooper report. Canal twenty two feet, towing path six feet, provided bottom of canal uniform depth of six feet under the bridge and for seventy feet on each side of the same. Tonnages fixed,
25 May 1864 p.378.

Mr Edward Peyton of Frocester assistant surveyor at salary of £65 per annum. Three calendar months' notice on either side. Mr Ward complained of charge of weighing his coal. Drawback of six months of amount paid, 21 June 1864 p.379.

Emily Hannah Duberly, William Duberly, William Fowler – shares nos.16,17,51,82,83, will of James Duberly of Gaynes Hall, County of Huntingdon. Piling on south side of the Wallbridge Wharf adjoining brook to be repaired where necessary. New paddle and frame to be put in at Fromehall and gate repaired. Mud on each side of canal opposite Gas Works to be cleared out. Piling on north side of Dudbridge Wharf adjoining canal to be repaired where necessary and garden fence repaired. Swing

poles provided by late surveyor for one pair of gates at the Double Lock to be put in. Footbridge at Ryeford repaired. Committee inspected alterations made near Messrs. Ford's mill by widening canal and throwing back towing path. Ground given up for this by Messrs. Ford in exchange for ground belonging to Company and retaining wall built by Messrs. Ford at their own expense. Surveyor to require Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company to continue wall between towing path and canal at bridge being erected over canal at Stonehouse. Bond's Mill Bridge to be repaired. New gates for erection in lieu of bottom gates of top lock of the five locks. Surveyors to stop the leakages in the gates of the bottom lock of the five till new gates put in. Lock gates at Bristol Road to be faced and leakages stopped. Paper Mills' locks and bridge to be repaired. Mr Ball's, coroner, letter read. Surveyor ordered to make necessary fence at place referred to prevent future accidents. Mr Edward Peyton's salary to be increased to £80 a year with house and garden at Eastington occupied by Mr Driver deceased. Land retained by Company. Thos. Coates fined 2s 6d for working Mr Knee's vessel the 'Lewis' without a fender or full penalty of 20 shillings to be enforced. Chas. Watts of boat 'Ann' fined 10 shillings or full penalty of £5 for refusing to show Mr Peyton his ticket and further £5 for navigating with only two hands. Clerk to write to T. Wakeman and require him to pay 2s 6d for entering the Blunder Lock by his vessel pushing the gates of said lock open,
25 August 1864 pp.381-382.

Messrs. Marling to be allowed right of road for horses and carts and carriages over towing path from Turnpike road to their new pen on west side of bridge over canal and to piece of land on west side of pen at east corner. Rent of one shilling. Path to be kept in good repair. New coal pen shall not be used as place of deposit or landing for boat or merchandise carried on canal. Land at Chippenham Plat lately occupied by Mr Driver let to Samuel Critchley. Rent £2 per annum. Mr Peyton stated he was prepared to find a surety of £150 for performance of his duty as surveyor,
20 September 1864 pp.382-383.

Charles Jacomb - share no.135, will of Charles Jacomb no.2 Upper Clayton, Middlesex. Mr Charles Halliwell, Stroud, Isaac Allen Cooke, Clifton, Bristol, William Brittan, Bristol - shares nos.190,26, 136,144, 99,164, will of Elizabeth George, Mythe Villas, Kingsdown, Bristol. General Half Yearly Meeting. Mr Knee to pay rent of £5 per annum for house at Wallbridge. 2 new houses at Downfield to be advertised to be let,
27 October 1864 pp.384-387.

Mr E Cooper resigned as Auditor in consequence of declining health, 14 November 1864 p.388. Notices received from Severn Junction, Monmouth, Forest of Dean and Standish Junction Railway Companies of intention to apply to Parliament for Bills to affect Canal and property belonging to Proprietors. Special General Meeting. Mr William Coley elected as Auditor to Company. A A Wilton elected member of Committee. Mr J Burbridge to be notified that services not required after 25 March next and to give up possession of house and premises he now occupies,
13 December 1864 p.391.

Mr Ward allowed to weigh his coal on weighing machine at Dudbridge Wharf for another six months, free of charge. Mr Hunt's application

respecting sluice at Lodgemore and inconvenience arising from overflow of water from Mr Lane's brook near his mill. £2 to be given to Stroud Coal Fund,
17 January 1865 p.392.

Mr Matthew Nathl. Peyton of Haresfield appointed Clerk at Framilode. Salary £60 per annum and use of house and garden. Mr Peyton to fill spare time as carpenter and on any other duties required of him. Surety of £50. He is not to keep a shop or engage in any other business. Mr Daniel Heaven of Coldthrop Farm, Standish to be surety. Mr James Webb paid fine of £2 for his captain William Meeham having run his vessel into Hilly Orchard swing bridge before bridge was properly open. £5 gratuity to Mr Burbridge. Clerk to give Mrs Bolton notice to quit her house at end of year. Mr Walkley fined £5 for drawing water before lock gates were shut on 16 February,
21 February 1865 pp.393-394.

Stroud Gas Company applied for reduction of rent of £5 per mile for use of towing path. Resolved that Proprietors take no step to prejudice legal right to full rent. Clerk instructed to give receipt for full rent on payment of £1 per mile per annum. Captain Hunt attended meeting to complain of water coming past Stratford Mills passed on to his pond at Lodgemore Mills in sudden flushes. Mr Lane, tenant of mills, used Painswick Stream as a canal with locks. Statement of Mr Hawker, late Clerk to Company. Stroudwater Canal opened for traffic of vessels about 1776 or 1777. Account given in Gloucester Journal. By the Act of Parliament granted for making this canal, full power, without payment given to Company to take water running from Stratford Mill to Lodgemoor (sic) to supply the two upper levels of canal. Culvert cut under canal to admit stream to flow into mill pond as before. Floodgates placed by Company above culvert to allow water to pass into canal. Person employed by Company, generally lock keeper at Dudbridge, to open and shut floodgates when requisite, without interference of mill owner at Lodgemoor. No payment made, or ever demanded. The weir was made to allow water to pass under the culvert into the mill pond to prevent its overflowing. Mr Henry Cooke, who came into possession of the property at Lodgemoor after opening of canal, never obstructed canal's right to take water in way they were doing. Mr Hawker's brother George about 1801 took mill and premises at Lodgemoor. Mr Hawker lived with him till 1811 and assisted him in his business. He knew perfectly well that Canal Co. took water and never obstructed it. The same system continued when George Hawker was Clerk to the Company and continued to this day. Mr Hunt's millman knocked the lock off the paddles of the flood gates at the works at Lodgemoor. Mr Hunt declared it was done without his knowledge and dismissed the man. This took place after Mr Hunt bought the premises. The gates were locked at that time. If the flood gates were kept up at all times no water would pass through the feeder into the Canal - a serious loss to the Canal. Now a very large number of vessels was passing up and down these two levels requiring a good supply of water. Captain Hunt's claim must be resisted and Company's right to use of water maintained. Flood gates do not stand on any of his property. Land outside his garden wall belongs to the Company. The Company pay Mr Withey 2s 6d annually for small plot of land belonging to Gannicox property. In case of shortage of water Act of Parliament gives Company power to shut down the mills and apply whole of water for Canal by giving

proper notice. 2s 6d paid for each hour of stoppage. Proprietors to confer with Mr Lane to see if grounds of complaint can be removed, retaining rights of Proprietors,
21 March 1865 pp. 395-397.

Frederica Frances George - share no. 144, will of Emily Mary George,
25 April 1865 p.398.

Mr Marston of Eastington in the habit of taking water from Canal for irrigating his land. On 1 May he had opened a channel from the canal through his land about 1 foot deep. Large quantity of water taken. Compensation required for illegal proceeding. Mr Peyton reported he could not pass newly erected Stonehouse Railway Bridge. Width not in accordance with arrangement with Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company. The surveyor complained that the raising of water above the weir at Ryeford Mills seriously damaged the towing path,
16 May 1865 p.401.

Mr Warman and Mr Kearsley reported the result of their attendance in London on the opposition of the Canal Company to the Severn Junction Railway Company's Bill. They read the clauses inserted in the Bill and the agreement obtained from the Railway Company for the protection of the Canal Company's interests and for the interchange of traffic between railway and canal at Framilode, where the railway crosses the canal. Letter on compromise from Mr J Thornhill Harrison, engineer. Clauses inserted and agreement for purchase and demise by lease for 999 years at peppercorn rent of land required by Canal Company for accommodation of traffic between railway and canal very favourable to canal. Letter from Messrs. Martin and Leslie, Parliamentary Agents, enclosing principal Agreement with comment on favourable terms,
1 July 1865 pp.405-406.

Necessity of preventing flow of sewage or impure water into canal and abstraction of water from canal. Surveyor to make survey and full report to Committee,
18 July 1865 p.407.

Meeting on board Company's boat. Walls of Dudbridge Lock gradually getting worse. Should be repaired. New footbridge should be made immediately in place of present one at Hilly Orchard. Retaining walls running from railway Ocean Bridge should be repaired. New gates ordered for lower end of top lock of the five should be put in not later than next summer. Samuel Critchley applied to give up house and premises at Eastington and proposed James Godsell King as successor from 29 September next. Surveyor's report on sewers and drains. New liebye at Stonehouse not completed in depth. Should not be forgotten when railway siding is made by Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company,
17 August 1865 p.408.

Surveyor's report on drains and sewage read. Surveyor instructed to put on vaults to all privies on Company's property now emptying into canal. All other parties named in report to be requested to put in vaults forthwith. All parties now taking water from canal to discontinue same or enter into special agreement as to quantity to be taken. Yearly rent for use. New foot

bridge to be put in at Hilly Orchard. Liability for repair of railway Ocean Bridge to be sought. James Godsell King accepted as tenant of Chippenham Plat Wharf premises. Messrs. Ford to be requested to put towing path between their mill and the bridge into good and sufficient repair. Parties taking water from the canal: Mr J D Hunt, Lodgemore - one pipe to supply steam engine, one to supply cattle with water, Gas Company - pipe to supply their works, Mr Thos. Webb, Ebley - pipe to supply steam engine, Mr Gardner, Saul - pipe taking water for general use. Sewers and drains running into canal: Downfield New House, belonging to Company, - drain, Dudbridge Wharf - drain from Company's house and privy for use of wharf, Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Co. Dudbridge - drain from stables and buildings, Mrs Argent's house, Dudbridge - water closet, Mr Warman's house, Ebley - ditch running from road and drain from house, Mr Jefferies, Ebley - privy and sewage from stables, Mr Webb, Ebley - drain from yard and ditch from road, Mr T Eycott at Oakfields - drain from road, Miss Brown's house, Ryeford - drain from road, Messrs. Ford Brothers, new house, Ryeford - drain bringing all sewage, Mr Lewis, Ryeford - drain from house and privy, Mr Blick, Stonehouse - ditch from road, Company's wharf, Stonehouse - privy and drain from house, Mr Marling's house, Stonehouse - privy empties into Stonehouse Ocean, Company's property, Eastington, Sam Critchley's house - drain from privy, drain from buildings, Bristol Road, Mrs Bolton's house - privy, Mr Cam's house, Saul - privy and other sewers,
31 August 1865 pp.409-410.

Warehouse, stable and oak coal pen at wharf at Bristol Road purchased by Mr King from Mr Critchley removeable. No vessel allowed to pass through any lock in canal after sunset and before sunrise without a special pass, and without having a good light at head of vessel and being attended by lock keeper. Clerk to ascertain penalty incurred by H. Nurse in entering canal at Framilode, departing against order of lock keeper, having no ticket and paying no tonnage. No person allowed to take vessel to their land or yard from canal for repair or any other purpose without payment of 2s and 6d. Stratford Flour Mills Company Ltd. allowed to use warehouse at wharf at Wallbridge used by late Mr Biddell for deposit of flour, corn and other things. Mr Knee and Mr Nurse not allowed to use Wallbridge and Dudbridge wharfs for depositing coal brought by railway. 4d per ton on household Bullo coal at Downfield Wharf. Other coal allowed,
19 September 1865 pp.411-412.

Resolution of 19 September for landing Bullo household coal at 4 pence per ton rescinded. Salary of surveyor, Mr Peyton, raised from £80 to £99 19s per annum,
24 October 1865 p.415.

Towing path dangerous near Messrs. Ford Brothers' mill and they had trespassed on property of Canal Company. Subcommittee to investigate this and other complaints. Insurance of Company property with Norwich Union,
29 November 1865 p.418.

Action against Mr Marston of The Leaze, Eastington, for compensation for taking water from canal for his house and land. Withdrawn on payment of costs and 10 shillings for compensation. Mr G. Ford promised to repair injury to towing path (29 November) as early as possible,

19 December 1865 1865.

Draft petition against Thames and Severn Railway Bill. Josh. Warren, master of the boat 'Gratitude', S. Knight owner, broke lock and chain off swing bridge at Framilode on 3 January last. Fined £1 or full penalty of £5 to be enforced. £2 to Stroud Coal fund, 16 January 1866 p.419.

Revd. William Eycott Martin of Rochester, Kent – shares nos. 114, 115, will of Richard Martin of Rochester. Draft petition of 16 January read and signed, 7 February 1866 p.420.

Mr James King of Chippenham allowed to transfer lease of his house and premises belonging to Company to Mr Richard Williams. Petition against Thames and Severn Canal Junction Bill presented to House of Commons. In Company's interest for Bill to be prosecuted. Solicitor and subcommittee given power to act as they deem expedient, 27 February 1866 p.421.

On 3 March J Tanner, captain of the 'Sarah', passed out of dock at Westfield without properly opening gates with only 2 hands. Fine of 5 shillings. Clerk to inform Mr Sims, owner of vessel. Towing path between Messrs. Ford's mill and bridge at Ryeford to be properly remade. Clerk to inform G Williams that master of his boat the 'Ann', placed road stone on part of Dudbridge Wharf. Fine for repeat. J Butt to be fined if he again places his stones contrary to directions, 20 March 1866 p.422.

Thames and Severn Navigation Railway Bill passed Committee of House of Commons. Company to oppose bill in House of Lords. Messrs. Kearsy, Croome and C H Fisher to deal with means of opposition. Revd. N M J Bowles of Framilode offered to sell to Company a blacksmith's shop adjoining Ship Inn. Purchase not desirable. C Cox, master of vessel 'Trader', owner Mr G Hazle, passed through Pike Lock without opening both gates and towed vessel with two donkeys abreast on 10 April. Fine of 5 shillings or full penalties enforced. Gas Co. required to lower gas pipes on towing path near Ryeford Mill for repair of path. Raising of road at Ryeford to be left to Messrs. Hooper and Beard without injury to Company's wharf, 26 April 1866 pp.423-424.

The Clerk to write to Members for the Borough of Stroud and County of Gloucester asking them to oppose Worcester and Birmingham Canal Bill on second reading. Reasons in Mr Waddy's circular, 26 April 1866 p.425.

Mr S Biddell asked permission to erect a stable and cart house against garden wall of Company's house at Wallbridge. Granted, 15 May 1866 p.426.

Mr Harrison of Frocester Court, or another engineer, to inspect railway bridge at Stonehouse to report on how far the bridge has prevented boats with their usual and accustomed loads from passing freely. Notice to

Railway Company. Full claim insisted on for past and future impediment. Claims for compensation on account of detention of vessels at railway bridge to be referred to Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company. Inspection of liebye at Stonehouse, 19 June 1866 pp. 427-428.

Mr Gorton's premises at Downfield – paper for 2 rooms, door at top of staircase, 12 loads of gravel. Repair of G Nurse's stable at Dudbridge, small vault for drainage of stable. Hilly Orchard Bridge erected in June, inspected and approved. Flooding of towing path on eastern side of Ryeford Mills. Brook kept higher than formerly. Messrs. Ford must lower boards on their weirs or raise and make good by piles the towing path, at their expense. Mr Harrison to report on sufficiency of retaining wall of liebye at Stonehouse. Gates and posts erected by Railway Company on road leading to wharf to be removed. Permission granted to Messrs. Jas Apperley and Co. to take water from canal at drawbridge near Ebley Mills for watering roads at Ebley and Cainscross. Payment of 1 shilling annually. Mr C Griffin, Superintendent of Gloucester Police complained of pigs, dogs etc. being thrown into River Frome near where it passes into canal at Whitminster. £200 to be paid to Mr J H Warman for expenses incurred on opposition to Thames and Severn Navigation Railway Bill. Mr Peyton, the Surveyor, allowed to remove fencing to pen near dock at Eastington and erect a fence to enclose yard, remove privy outside yard and to alter shed to sawpit with opening on opposite side. Mrs Critchley to quit house near Bristol Road lock occupied as a beer house. Mr Peyton allowed salary increase and piece of garden ground, tenant Mr Williams, to keep a pony, 24 July 1866 pp.429-430.

Amos Cook, master of vessel 'Henry' drew one of top paddles of Blunder Lock before closing lower gates. Fine of 5 shillings. Barge 'Emily' belonging to Messrs. Ford, on 30 July carried bricks from railway bridge to Ryeford, without giving account of them. The 'Jane', E Webb owner, Amos Workman master, navigated through the Dock lock without first opening the top gates on 15 August. A Workman fined 5 shillings. J Cottle reported that Wm Walkley, captain of barge 'Alma', on 13 August neglected to shut lower gates of Dudbridge Lock before drawing paddles of Foundry Lock and caused waste of water. Fined 2s 6d. J Cottle reported C Chandler for fishing in Stroud Pound with casting net. Summons to be taken and enforced against him, 21 August 1866 pp.431-432.

Plan for land at Stonehouse Wharf between Company, Mr Harrison, and Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company, Mr Bruce, approved and signed. Request from Mr G B Smith, solicitor to Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company, to let off water to enable the Company to do works in connection with bridge over canal at Stonehouse. Water to be drawn off at 12 o'clock on 14 October on terms of payment agreed in Railway Act. Bridge and all relating to it to be made in accordance with the Act. Settlement requested of large claim which already exists. S S Marling's proposal to raise road at exit from Ryeford Wharf and raise wharf not accepted. G Hathaway, H Hawkins, S Leighton, W Powell, J Andrews, J Clark – acts against Company's Act and the Byelaws in last month. Penalties to be enforced against them unless they pay 5 shillings respectively within a fortnight,

18 September 1866 pp.433-434.

Messrs. Strachan's proposal that land rented from late Messrs. Hunt & Co. from canal bridge at Lodgemore to gate at 2s 6d pence per annum and rent of canal water supplied by pipes to boiler of the mill at 1 shilling per annum to be continued accepted. Notice to quit to be withdrawn from Mrs Critchley on condition that she gives up beer selling at Lady Day next and attends to her duties as lock keeper and night passer. Mr Deane removed quantity of stone from railway bridge on canal to Ryeford and Stonehouse liebye. Messrs. Ford removed quantity of dirt from Stonehouse liebye to their wharf at Ryeford - no account given. Robt. Gardner drew top paddle of the Pike Lock, Eastington, before two bottom gates were shut. 5 shillings payment to Clerk. Mr Warman, having left neighbourhood, was requested to resign office of Solicitor to Stroudwater Navigation, 25 October 1866 pp.435-437.

Sydney Clutterbuck defrauded Company of tonnage - wrong account of delivery at Bonds Mills. Mitigated fine of 10 shillings. Boat 'Mary', G Hazle owner, C Cox captain, navigated through canal at Whitminster, leaving towing path gates propped open. Penalty 2s 6d. Resignation of Mr Warman, the solicitor, accepted. Resolution of 25 October in no way reflected censure on him. In future Solicitor to be paid salary of £15 per annum. Mr W W Kearsy appointed Solicitor on 26 October, 5 November 1866 pp.438-439.

Mr Warman brought duplicate exchange deeds of land at Stonehouse Wharf between Company and Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company. Approved. Messrs. Fielding and Platt's estimate for a pump with brass bung and brass piston rod - £16 10s. Pump to be lent to traders at moderate charge. Annual subscription of £500 to Cainscross Gas Inspectors, 20 November 1866 p.440.

Deputation from Wheatenhurst Highway Board to discuss alteration at Stonehouse Wharf and raising road at Ryeford. Annual subscription of £200 to Stroud Coal Fund. On 27 November J Clark, master of the barge 'Effort', belonging to Stratford Flour Mill Company, wasted water and drew top paddle before lower gates of Westfield Lock were shut. 5 shillings penalty, 18 December 1866 p.441.

Mr Horne tumbled into canal when swing bridge at Lodgemore was blown open on 3 December. Damage of £4 16s 0d. Company no liability to make compensation. Counsel, Mr Macnamara, contended that Wheatenhurst Highway Board had no right to make alteration (18 December 1866) at Stonehouse Wharf and raise road at Ryeford. Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Company given notice to remove a shed erected against boundary wall, roof of which overhangs the wall and pay for bricks and coping stones of old stable belonging to Company. Complaints that Stroud Gas Company allow their gas tar to run into canal and foul the water. Solicitor to write to them, 8 January 1867 p.442.

Company willing to adopt opinion of Mr Huddleston to save unnecessary expenses on litigation with Highway Board. Repair of weighing machine at

Dudbridge. Mr Ford requested that company would reduce rate of tonnage for coal to Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway at Stonehouse and Ryeford, reduce ordinary rate on coal to Ryeford Mills, allow his firm drawback on all grain brought by canal to Ryeford and sent off by railway. Freight and tonnage on coal from Lydney and Bullo Pill to Stonehouse and Ryeford now less than railway carriage and truck hire. No reason for reduction. Company to allow Messrs. Ford a drawback of half tonnage on grain bona fide brought by canal and Ryeford and sent off by railway through Stonehouse and Ryeford to Nailsworth. Subcommittee to be appointed to consider question of coal trade by railway through Stonehouse and Ryeford to Nailsworth, with authority to make arrangements with Midland, Stonehouse and Nailsworth Railway Companies and with traders. Stable at Stonehouse Wharf to be built to plans produced by surveyor and signed by Chairman,
14 February 1867 pp.443-444.

Coal trade from Stonehouse Wharf - Counsel Mr J L Lloyd consulted Mr Kearsey to press Mr Allport, manager of Midland Railway, for definite communication on subject to reduce tonnage to proper amount provided for by Act viz. 1 penny per annum. Ryeford Wharf to be raised estimate of 24s 3d. Messrs. C Hooper & Co. asked for loan of Company's pump. Charge of £2 20s and men's wages,
20 March 1867 pp.445-446.

Stroud Gas Light and Coke Company's application to carry pipe on sufferance under canal at Gas Works Bridge approved. 2 shillings per annum payment. Seal of Company to be affixed to demise of house near Gas Works to Mr J Cox. 2 shillings per annum payment. Correspondence between Mr Kearsey and Mr Allport re toll charges by Midland Railway Company on Stroud and Nailsworth Railway Company between liebye at Stonehouse and Nailsworth. Mr Kearsey to take necessary legal steps to procure reduction of rates,
25 April 1867 p.447-449.

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