

RULES, ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS, TO BE OBSERVED BY
BARGEMEN, WATERMEN, BOATMEN, AND OTHER PERSONS,
USING THE STROUDWATER NAVIGATION.

Penalties enacted by Acts of Parliament, for regulating the passing of Vessels on the Stroudwater Navigation.

All Vessels passing on this Navigation, shall have the Owner's name, with that of the Steersman or Master on some conspicuous part of the Vessel, or forfeit Five Pounds.

No Vessel shall pass through any of the Locks on this Navigation of a less burthen than Twenty Tons, without the consent of the Chief Clerk, or pay for that weight.

If any Boat or Vessel shall be so placed that it obstructs the free passage of the Navigation, it shall forfeit Ten Shillings, and for every hour afterwards it shall continue so to be placed. Two Shillings.

Any Vessel loaded with Timber or other Goods over the sides of the said Vessel, or more than eight feet high from the surface of the water, shall pay Ten Pounds.

Any Person or Persons throwing any Ballast, Gravel, Clay, Stones, or other Rubbish, into any part of the Canal, or any Trunk or Watercourse having a communication with the Canal, shall forfeit Five Pounds.

If any Mill Owner or occupier of any Mill, or any other Person or Persons, shall wilfully, maliciously, or wantonly draw down, or by any other means waste any Water to the prejudice of the Navigation, he, she, or they, shall forfeit Five Pounds.

If any Lockmen, Boatmen, or other Persons, shall wilfully, maliciously, or wantonly, draw down, or waste any Water to the prejudice of the Mills, they shall forfeit Five Pounds.

Any Person or Persons who shall break, throw down, damage, or destroy, any Banks or other Works belonging to this Navigation, or shall obstruct, hinder, or prevent, the carrying on of any Works belonging thereto, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings.

All Persons navigating this Canal, to give a just account of their Cargoes, from whence brought, and where intended to be landed, to the Clerk at the nearest place where they shall enter the said Canal, or who shall give a false account thereof, shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings for every Ton of such Goods as may be in such Vessel.

BYE LAWS

Enacted by the Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation, for Regulating the passing of Vessels thereon.

I. That any Barge Master or other Persons selling, or causing to be sold, any Coals from any Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, until the Account of such Cargo of Coals is taken, and the Tonnage paid for the same, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Twenty Shillings, at the discretion of the Committee for the time being. That no Shaft shod with Iron shall be used on any part of the Canal, under the penalty of Ten Shillings for every such offence.

II. That no Vessel be permitted to pass any of the Locks on Sundays, nor on any other day before sunrise, nor after sunset; and not exceeding half an hour after sunset on any emergency whatsoever, under a penalty of Five Pounds.

III. That all Bargemen or others passing the Locks, who shall at any time drop the Cloughs of the said Locks, without gradually lowering the same, or shall draw the said Cloughs at any time before the Gates are shut together, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

IV. That no Person or Persons shall be permitted to discharge, or take in their Cargo or Cargoes of any Vessel or Vessels whatsoever, or any part thereof whilst remaining in any of the Locks, under the penalty of Forty Shillings.

V. That no Barge or Boat shall be navigated in or upon the Canal, or any part thereof, unless there shall be at the least three able and sufficient Persons belonging to and attending upon such Barge or Boat so navigated, under the penalty of Five Pounds.

VI. That any Person or Persons who shall wilfully or negligently leave open any Swivel, Bridge or Bridges, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds.

VII. That no Person or Persons shall be allowed to navigate any Barge or Boat, with a Sail or Sails hoisted, within the distance of one hundred yards from any Bridge or Lock, under the penalty of Five Pounds.

VIII. That Masters, Owners, and Managers, of every Boat and other Vessel who shall land upon any of the Wharfs belonging to or adjoining the Stroudwater Canal any Goods, Coal, Corn, Bricks, Stone, Sand, Slate, Pantile, or any other Merchandise, or who shall load or take into any Boat or other Vessel any Goods, Timber, Stone, Hay, or other Merchandise, from any of the said Wharfs, shall give to the Wharfinger of the Wharfs whereon the same shall be landed, or from whence the same shall be loaded or taken away, a just account in writing, signed by the Master, Owner, or other Person having the rule or command of every such Boat or other Vessel of what quantity of such Goods, Coal, Timber, Stone, Hay, or other Merchandise, shall be so landed or discharged from or taken into such Boat or other Vessel; and in case of neglect or refusal to give such an account, or shall give a false account, every such Master, Owner, or Manager of such Boat or other Vessel, shall forfeit and pay to the said Proprietors the Sum of Five Pounds.

IX. That the Agent or Wharfinger at any of the Wharfs shall direct and point out to any Person who shall bring any Coal, Goods, Stone, Timber, or other Merchandise, into or upon such Wharf, where and upon what part of such Wharf the same shall be landed and placed; and in case any such Person shall refuse or neglect to obey the directions of such Agent or Wharfinger in that respect, or shall place and lay the same in any other place on the said Wharf, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds to the said Company.

X. That the Master, Owner, and Manager, of every Boat or other Vessel which shall enter the Stroudwater Navigation, from the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal, or shall pass from the Stroudwater Navigation into the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal, shall previously give a just account in writing, signed by the Master, Owner, or Person having the rule or command of every such Boat or other Vessel, to the Collector appointed by the Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation to receive the Rates or Duties for Navigating the same, at Framilode, of what quantities of Coals and Goods shall be in or belong to such Boat or other Vessel; and in case of neglect or refusal to give such an account, or shall give a false account, every such Master, Owner, or Manager, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds to the said Company of Proprietors.

XI. That if any Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman, or other person, shall haul any Boat or other Vessel with more than one Horse or other Beast, or in case such Horse or other Beast shall be lower than the height of Thirteen Hands, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings.

XII. That if any Horse or other Beast used in drawing Vessels shall be found trespassing upon, grazing, or feeding upon, any of the Lands or Grounds near or adjoining the Towing Path of the said Navigation, without permission of the Owner of such Lands or Grounds, the Bargeman, Waterman, Boatman, or any other Person belonging to, going with, or attending such Vessel, shall, for every such offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

XIII. That if any Person passing through any Gate on the Line of the Towing Path, shall leave the same Gate open by having propped open the same or otherwise, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

XIV. That if any Boat or other Vessel be passed into any Lock upon the said Navigation, without both of the entrance Gates of such Lock having been first opened, and

being continued open during the passing of such Boat or other Vessel into such Lock; or if any Boat or other Vessel shall be passed out of any Lock upon the said Navigation, without both the Gates of exit of such Lock having been first opened, and being continued open during the passing of such Boat or other Vessel out of such Lock, every Person offending in any of these particulars shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings.

XV. That the Master, Owner, or Manager, of every Boat, Barge, or other Vessel, coming into the Navigation out of, or from any other Canal, shall, on entering into the said Navigation, produce and shew to the Clerk of the said Navigation nearest to the place of such entry, and shall permit a copy or copies to be made of the Ticket containing an account of the Cargo carried by such Boat, Barge, or other Vessel, given to such Master or Owner by the Clerk or Lock-Keeper of the Canal through, or from which such Boat, Barge, or other Vessel, shall have come into the Stroudwater Navigation and that if such Master or Owner shall neglect or refuse so to do, or shall produce and shew to the said Clerk any forged, false, or deceitful Ticket, such Master or Owner shall forfeit and pay the sum of Forty Shillings for every Ton of Goods and other things (and also in proportion for any less quantity of a Ton) which shall be in such Boat, Barge, or Vessel, of which such Ticket shall be refused or neglected to be shewn, or to be copied as aforesaid over and above the Toll or Tonnage directed to be paid for the Carriage of Goods, Coals, and other things.

XVI. That no Barge, Boat, or Vessel, using the said Navigation, shall pass through any Lock on the said Navigation without having a Guard or Fender attached to the Stem in order to prevent injury to the Locks, and that the Master or Owner of such Vessel, shall, for every neglect herein, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every offence.

XVII. That if the Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having the rule or command of any Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel, passing upon the said Navigation or any part thereof, shall, at any time demand, ask for, or receive of or from the Clerk or other Officer of the said Navigation, without being entitled to the same, any drawback which shall be allowed by the Rules or Regulations of the said Navigation, such Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having such rule or command as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, as and for a penalty for every such offence.

XVIII. That the Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having the rule or command of any Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel, passing upon the said Navigation, or any part thereof, shall produce and shew forth to the Surveyor and to every Wharfinger or other Officer or Servant for the time being of the said Company when requested so to do by such Surveyor or any such Wharfinger or other Officer or Servant, the Let-pass Ticket or Document containing an account of the number of Tons carried in or conveyed by any such Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel; and in case such Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having such rule or command as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to produce such Let-pass Ticket or Document, such Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having such rule or command as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds as and for a penalty for every such offence.

XIX. That in all cases where from want of Water or any other cause whatsoever, two or more Boats, Barges, Keels, or other Vessels, shall stop or be detained at or near the same spot or place in the said Navigation, it shall be imperative on the Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having the rule or command of any such Boats, Barges, Keels, or other Vessels, to moor every such Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel (other than and except the first or forward one in advance of such Boats, Barges, Keels, or other Vessels), in a successive line astern in case there be room one of the other, and not abreast of each other. And it is hereby further ordered that in case any such Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having such rule or command as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse so to do, or shall moor any such Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel abreast of any such other Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel, such Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having such

rule or command as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds as and for a penalty for every such offence.

XX. That all and every Persons or Person, who shall without any lawful cause or reason, open any Swivel Bridge upon or over the said Navigation, or who shall unnecessarily swing any such Bridge, or do any damage whatever to the same, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds as and for a penalty for every such offence.

XXI. That in all cases where for want of Water or any other cause or reason whatsoever, any Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel, shall stop or be detained at any spot or place in the said Navigation, it shall be imperative on the Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having the rule or command of any such Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel, to moor such Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel, on that side of the said Navigation which is or may be opposite the Towing Path of the said Navigation, and not in the middle or centre thereof; and in case any Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having such rule or command as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect so to do, and shall moor any such Boat, Barge, Keel, or other Vessel, in the middle or centre of such Navigation or on that side which shall be next to or adjoin the Towing Path thereof, such Master, Manager, Captain, Owner, or other Person having such rule or command as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds as a penalty for every such offence.

XXII. That no Line or Rope be fastened to any Hand Rail, Paddle Start, or any part of a Lock Gate, under the penalty of Two Pounds, nor less than One Pound.

XXIII. That any Person obstructing, opposing, or hindering any Agent, Lock Keeper, or other Servants belonging to the Company, in the execution of their duty, or in fully and completely carrying out these Bye Laws and Regulations into effect, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

XXIV. That if any Goods whatever, whether carried or intended to be carried on this Navigation, or not, shall remain upon any Wharf or Wharves or Landing Places belonging to the said Navigation for the space of three clear days (Sundays excepted), the Owner or reputed Owner of such Goods, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two shillings and sixpence per day, for every day such Goods shall so remain after notice in writing shall have been given by the said Company of Proprietors, or their Agent, to the Owner or reputed Owner of such Goods to remove the same, or shall have been left on some conspicuous part of the spot where such Goods are lying.

