

THE WEY NAVIGATION CLAIMS OF 1671

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IN 1963, three hundred and ten years after its construction, the Guildford to Weybridge section of the Wey Navigation, the system of artificial waterways linked with the River Wey and stretching for about fifteen miles from Godalming to Weybridge, was handed over by the owner, Mr. H. W. Stevens of Guildford, to the National Trust. It is therefore perhaps a fitting occasion to present some hitherto unpublished material relating to the undertaking.

It is not the writer's intention to retell the troubled history of this project: it can be read in Manning and Bray's *History of Surrey*, Vol. III, page liv (Appendix—Navigable Canals). It is sufficient for the purpose of this article to say that although the main portion of the Navigation, from Guildford to Weybridge, was completed in the surprisingly short time of less than three years, the 'undertakers' found themselves in financial difficulties, and in 1671, by a statute of 23 Chas. II, trustees were appointed with power to settle claims for payment. It is these claims which are the subject of this article.

The Wey Navigation Claims (Public Record Office ref. E177/1) are eighty-seven in number, written on sheets of parchment or paper of various sizes, and all but one—No. 5, which has suffered considerable rubbing owing to its length—completely legible. They are sewn up in four batches and rolled into an untidy bundle. The claimants are of all social classes from lords to labourers; landowners and farmers claiming compensation for damage to their lands; shareholders claiming arrears of dividends; tradesmen claiming payment for work done or materials supplied. There are field-names for the topographer and material for the genealogist and family historian; in fact these documents constitute a useful source of seventeenth-century history for this part of the county.

Since much of each claim is inessential verbiage, only one—No. 21—has been transcribed in full, the rest being abstracts. These abstracts should be sufficient to indicate the nature of the claim, but since the editor has had no legal training some of them may not seem to make sense owing to a wrong interpretation of legal terms. In case of doubt, interested readers are advised to obtain a full transcript of the relevant claim. The original spelling of both personal and place-names has been retained and therefore variants, e.g. Purford, Pirford, Pyrford will be met.

For further unpublished material on the Navigation the reader is referred to:—

(a) a pencilled transcript of a law-suit between Sir Richard Weston, Kt., plaintiff, and Henry Wrothe, Esq., Jane his wife, and

Mary Wolley, defendants, dated 17 June 1631, in the Society's library (MS. 102);

(b) several deeds in the Guildford Muniment Room (some from the Loseley MSS.) ranging in date from 1618 to 1832 (see Subject Index under 'Transport—Wey Navigation');

(c) a series of wharf and lock diaries and account books, 1767–1926, at the offices of the Wey Navigation, Guildford Wharf (by the time this is printed they may have been deposited elsewhere);

(d) a map of the River Wey and Navigation drawn in 1914 by Mr. Harry W. Stevens, the donor to the National Trust. (G.25.)

1. RICHARD BLACKWALL Esq., deceased 'is Debitor to his Matie in a hundred thousand pounds for disbursements' in making the navigation. Claims £6,550. Signed: Dorsett, Craven (?), F. Osborne, John Kirke. 8 August 1671.

2. ARTHUR ONSLOW Esq. and GEORGE EVELYN Esq. are owners of land, part of the manor of Sutton, called Brewhouse Mead, the Twelve Oakes, Noemans Land and Paynes Meade. There is a towpath on Brewhouse Mead from Bower's Lock to New Bridge and the land is often flooded; they claim £150. They also claim £150 for land cut away from Noemans Land, Twelve Oakes and Paynes Meade. Signed Arthur Onslow.

3. JOHN WESTON Esq. claims £100 for land cut through in the manor of Sutton and £900 for trees cut down and used in the construction. Signed Jo: Weston.

4. RICHARD WESTON of Sutton, gent. Lands leased by him, Sir Robert Parkhurst, William Dickinson Esq. and others about 15 Chas. II to Richard Halford. Amount of claim to be determined.

5. Sir NICHOLAS STOUGHTON of Stoughton in the parish of Stoke-next-Guildford, Bart. Owns three corn mills, one fulling mill and two paper mills in Stoke on the River Wey between Woodbridge and Stoke Lock. Claims £800 for damage to land called Mill Mead, Garston Mead, Inner North Mead, Outer North Mead, Gardners Mead, Chagden Mead, Lady Mead, land along the river between Woodbridge and Stoke Lock, and from Gowens Osier Platt to his mills. Claims £60 for the dividing up of Coney Close in Stoke, in George Edmead's occupation; another Coney Close in Widow Flood's occupation; a close of three acres next to a bridge in Stoke formerly called the Drawe Bridge. Claims six shillings arrears of rent for a footway or passage leased to William Ball for 41 years from Michaelmas 1663 through land then in the occupation of John Staunton, Richard Flood, and Thomas Newton, gent. Claims £50 for damage to land from Stoke Lock to Burgham Bridge by Burgham Court, and High Eaves purchased from Sir John Wyrley and Dame Mary his wife. [*Rest of parchment nearly illegible.*]

6. ANNE FLOOD of Stoke-next-Guildford, widow and administratrix of her late husband Richard Flood, claims £500 for water taken away from Stoke corn mills, leased to her by Sir Nicholas Stoughton, and £250 for water to be taken away during the remaining seven years of the lease. Also claims £25 for water taken away from Stoke fulling mill, leased to her and Abraham Barnard by Sir Nicholas Stoughton, and £40 for water to be taken away during the remaining eighteen years of the lease. Also claims £10 per annum for the last fifteen years for water run to waste away from her mills for want of repairs to Stoke Lock. Anne Flood makes her mark.

7. ABRAHAM BARNARD of Stoke-next-Guildford, papermaker. Claims £200 for water taken away from his paper mills in Stoke, leased to him by Sir Nicholas Stoughton, and £100 for water to be taken away during the remaining seven years of the lease. Also claims £25 for water taken away from Stoke fulling mill, leased to him and Anne Flood, widow, by Sir Nicholas Stoughton, and £40 for water to be taken away during the remaining eighteen years of the lease. Also claims £5 per annum for the last fifteen years for water run to waste away from his mills for want of repairs to Stoke Lock. Abraham Barnard makes his mark.

8. THOMAS NASON, citizen and vintner of London, claims the profit on six shares in the Navigation conveyed to him by James Pitson of Stoke-next-Guildford, Esq., by deed dated 14 January 1657.

9. HENRY ELWES of Grove House, Fulham, Middlesex, Esq., holds one twenty-fourth share in the river. 'Hath paid and expended and is dampnified above Eight Hundred pounds.' Signed Hen: Elwes.

10. KATHARINE WESTON, widow, and JOHN WESTON son and heir of Henry Weston, Esq., deceased, and THOMAS VERNON of London, merchant, and WILLIAM INWOOD of Cobham, Surrey, gent., executors of the said Henry Weston who died in October 1666, claim £11 per annum since 2 May 1662 for damage by flooding to land owned by Henry Weston called Paper Court Wood, Paper Court Brooks, Speare Meade, Broademeade, Neights, in the parishes of Send, Ockham and Purford. Further damage to Neights meadow has cost £7.18.0 plus £2.10.0. Also claim five shillings per annum since 1650 for a towing path.

11. JOHN LAUNDER of Mortlake, gent., claims profits on two shares conveyed to him by James Pitson, Esq., by deed dated 4 August 1657.

12. JAMES PITSON of Stoke-next-Guildford, Esq., 'the first undertaker and maker of the River Wye in the County of Surrey Navigable,' claims to have spent over £14,000 in making the river navigable. Land purchased from Sir Robert Parkhurst. Claims arrears of profits on sixteen out of twenty-four shares. Claims the

manor of Sutton mortgaged to him by Sir Richard Weston, Kt., for 1,000 years as security for making the river navigable. Estates of James Pitson and Windsor Sandys, Esq., conveyed on 14 November 1670 to Thomas Cressey and Thomas Tyndall, Esqrs. Claims £50 per annum under an agreement with the two latter. Claims £60 disbursed by John Knight, surveyor of the river in 1659. Claims £40 residue of £820 to be paid by Thomas Cressey and Thomas Tyndall to John Impey, which should be paid to James Pitson or to his daughter Johanna Pitson. Claims £10.15.4 paid to John Bonner in 1659 for looking after the locks. Signed Ja: Pitson.

13. THOMAS CRESSEY and THOMAS TYNDALE, Esqrs., claim profits on sixteen shares out of twenty-four, conveyed to them by James Pitson, Esq., and Windsor Sandys, Esq. Also claim profits of a towing-path, three feet wide, on the banks of the river, on the land of Lord Viscount Mountague in the manors of Ripley and Send. Also claim £500 for damage to Viscount Mountague's land 'with a right of haveing satisfac'on for the same by the said Lord Mountague amongst other things for valueable considerac'ons Assigned over to the said Claymants.' They also claim a wharf called 'Dapdum Wharfe' leased to them in 1670/1 by Thomas Delmahoy, Esq., at a rent of £20 per annum and four-pence on every load carried. Signed Tho: Cressy, Tho: Tyndale.

14. THOMAS CRESSEY, Esq. on behalf of himself and the children of JOHN RATCLIFFE, Esq., claims the moiety of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Sandyfeild, Upper East Croft and Lower East Croft in Burgham [*Burpham*] in the parish of Worplesdon, through which the river now runs. These $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres were conveyed by Sir John Wirely, Kt., and Dame Mary his wife to Richard Forebench and John Impey, and the moiety thereof by Richard Forebench to Thomas Cressey. Also claims four-fifth parts of the river and navigable passage; one-fifth granted him by John Ratcliffe, Esq., deceased, in 1664, and three-fifths granted him by John Ratcliffe and Richard Scarvill in 1664. Claims £2,000 'and upwards' for expenses already paid in connexion with the river. Claims £300 per annum as a conservator of the river. Also claims the benefit of two judgments, one of £2,500 obtained by Richard Forbench against James Pitson in Trinity Term, 1659, in the Court of Common Pleas, and the other of £800 obtained by Richard Darnelli against James Pitson in Easter Term, 1657, in the same court. Also claims Bowers Lock which he bought from Sir John Wirley and Dame Mary his wife and Thomas Bower. Claims a wharf called 'Dapdam Wharfe.' Claims copyhold lands in the manors of Byfleet, Send, Ripley, Sutton and Purford through which the river runs. Owners or copyholders John Wheatley, William Mills 'and others.' Claims a rent of eight pounds per annum by lease to Richard Halford. Signed Tho: Cressy.

15. Doctor TIMOTHY CLARKE, Physician in Ordinary to the King's Majesty, and GEORGE WALSH of Clerkenwell, Middlesex, Esq., claim the profits and arrears on seven shares, six of them previously

belonging to Richard Blackwall, Esq., later 'extended into his Ma'ties hands' for a debt of £13,000, then granted to John, Earl of Crawford and Lyndsey, who assigned them to Dr. Timothy Clarke and George Walsh. 'And the benefit of the said Extent granted to Andrew Cole Esq. att the nomination of the said Earle.' The other one share was conveyed to them by John Impey, citizen and draper of London, who had it from Scotcher, one of the first undertakers of the river. Also claim the moiety of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Sandy Feild, Upper East Croft and Low East Croft in Burgham in the parish of Worplesdon, which were sold by Sir John Wirely and Dame Mary his wife to Richard Forebench and John Impey, and the moiety by John Impey to them. Signed George Walsh, Timothy Clarke.

16. THOMAS TYNDALL of Westminster, Esq., claims profits on two shares out of five previously belonging to John Ratcliffe, Esq., deceased. Also claims, jointly with Thomas Cressey, Esq., benefit of two judgments [*see No. 14.*] Signed Tho: Tyndale.

17. WILLIAM YOWELL of Chertsey, husbandman, claims £12 for work done on the construction. [*In one place called Henry Yowell.*]

18. JOHN SLIFEILD the younger, of Pirford, yeoman, claims £36, being two pounds per annum for the past eighteen years for damage to his land. Claims a further six pounds because the river had overflowed onto his land bringing 'dirt and filth upon the same.' Claims two pounds spent on materials for repairs.

19. JOHN BRISTOWE of Sutton, yeoman, claims £28 for the past fourteen years and £50 for the total spoiling of his meadowland in Broad Mead.

20. JOHN TRIGG of Sutton, yeoman, claims £5.13.0 for work done on the construction in 1655.

21. To the right hon^{ble} S^r Mathewe Hale Knight Lord Cheife Justice of his Ma^{ties} Court of Kings Bench S^r John Vaughan knight Lord Cheife Justice of his Ma^{ties} Court of Common Pleas and S^r Edward Turner Knight Lord Cheife Baron of his Ma^{ties} Court of Excheq'.

In p'sueance of an Act of Parliam^t lately made intituled an Act for the p'serveing and setting the navigation of the river Wey in the County of Surrey Wee S^r John Wyrley of Hampstead in the County of Stafford Knight and dame Mary my wife doe exhibit to yo^r Lordshipps our claymes concerning the same in manner as is hereafter mencioned And wee humbly pray satisfaction and recompence for the same in such manner as yo^r Lo^{pps} by vertue of the said Act shall be pleased to allot and appoint.

Whereas heretofore for the making the said river navigable a Cutt or passage was made through the Lands of us the said S^r John Wyrley and Dame Mary my said wife in the parish of Worplesdon in the said County of Surrey containing Nynety roddes in length or thereabouts and seaven roddes in bredth or thereabouts in the whole

Fower acres of Land or thereabouts which is nowe made vse of for the said navigation being of the value and to our damage of Eighty pounds or thereabouts of Lawfull money of England, whereupon wee the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary doe exhibitt to yo^r Lo^{pps} our claymes for the said Lands and grounds through which the said river is cutt and the water there running and to runne for ever and for the banckes of the said river near adioyning thereto within our said Lands and the ground and soyle thereof to us the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary and the heires and assigns of the said Dame Mary belonging and wee humbly pray satisfaction and recompence for the same in such manner as yo^r Lordships shall bee pleased to allott and appoint.

Whereas for the makinge the said river navigable a Tumbling Bay was heretofore made and sett vpp vpon the Lands and grounds of vs the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary my wife in Worplesdon and Stoke next Guldeford or one of them in the said County of Surrey By reason whereof the Lands of vs the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary are already dampnified Thirty pounds of Lawfull money of England and will be dampnified by reason thereof in the tyme to come the summe of Thirty pounds of Lawfull english money and by reason of the penning the water of the Tumbleing Bay belonging to the said river Wey the water overfloweth and hath spoyled one acre of meadowe ground of us the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary lyeing in a meadowe called Little Chagdon mead of the value and to our damage of Thirty pounds of Lawfull money of England and for the tyme to come is like to p'uidice much more of the said meadowe called Little Chagdon meadowe to a greate value whereupon wee the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary do exhibitt to yo^r Lordships our claymes for the said Tumbleing Bay with the appurtenances being within our said Lands as aforesaid and the ground and soyle thereof to us the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary and the heires of the said Dame Mary belonging And we humbly pray satisfaction and recompence for the same and for the damage and spoyle aforesaid in such manner as yo^r Lordships shall bee pleased to allott and appoint.

And whereas the bargemen and their horses by reason of the said river and the navigation thereof have passed and doe passe and repasse throughe part of the Lands of us the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary my wife in Hooke mead in Stoke aforesaid and in the meadow aforesaid called Little Chagden meade By reason whereof wee have sustained damage for the tyme past to the value of Threescore pounds of Lawfull money of England And our said Lands p'cell of Hooke mead and Chagden mead will continue for ever the worse by reason of the said bargemen and their horses and the said river and the navigation thereof the yearly summe of Fifty shillings of Lawfull money of England one yeare with another whereupon wee the said Sr John Wyrley and Dame Mary doe hereby exhibitt to your Lordships our Claymes for the said damages in manner as aforesaid And we humbly pray satisfaction and

recompence for the same in such manner as yo^r Lo^{pps} shall be pleased to allott and appoint.

Exhibited by John Childe entrusted by the said S^r John Wyrley and Dame Mary the xxxith day of October Anno d'm' 1671 coram me. Endorsed Jo: Vaughan.

22. JAMES READ of Stoke-next-Guildford, yeoman, claims 51s. for three loads of lime and 18s. for the carriage of two loads of timber, used in the construction of the navigation in 1654.

23. THOMAS ROKER of Woadham, husbandman, claims twelve pounds for work done.

24. JAMES ZOUCH of Woking, Esq., claims £400 for loss of water to his corn mills in Woking leased to James Collyer of Woking. Owns land in Send and Woking Broadmead and claims £300 for past damage and £20 per annum for future damage to his land by bargemen and horses passing and repassing.

25. ANNE LINTOTT of Guildford, widow and executrix of the will of her late husband Nicholas Lintott of Guildford, claims £90 for sixty loads of timber delivered by her late husband in 1656. Also claims repayment of a loan of £25.

26. HENRY ELLYOTT of Pirford, husbandman, claims £9.6.0 for work done and materials used.

27. JOHN BUTT and TIMOTHY BUTT the younger; JOHN HEATHER and MARGARET his wife; THOMAS BOXALL and SARAH his wife. John and Timothy Butt, Margaret Heather and Sarah Boxall are executors of the wills of Richard West, deceased, and of Nicholas West, deceased. They claim £8.15.4 for work done by Richard West in 1653, and £15.7.6 for work done by Nicholas West about the same time.

28. HENRY ROKER the elder of Witley, yeoman, claims £250 for 150 loads of timber and twenty loads of planks.

29. ARTHUR ONSLOW of West Clandon, Esq., claims £40 for damage to two acres of land in Woking Broadmeade now in the occupation of Thomas Mascall, gent. Claims 30s. per annum for damage done by bargemen and horses to three acres of land called Send Meade also in the occupation of Thomas Mascall. Also claims £5 per annum for the past twenty years for damage to Chagdon Meades.

30. JOHN PAYNE of Stoke-next-Guildford, timber merchant, claims £10 for several loads of timber delivered about twelve years ago.

31. THOMAS MASCALL of Send, gent., claims £20 for past damage and one pound per annum for future damage to two acres in Woking Broadmead which he has owned for the past twenty years. Also claims £30 for the past twenty years and 30s. per annum for future damage to three acres in Send Mead by bargemen and horses.

32. Dame MARGARET HERBERT of Weybridge, widow, claims £10 for past damage and £5 per annum for future damage to her land called Hones closes and Honesmead in Chertsey which she has owned for ten years. Also claims £120 for past damage and £12 per annum for future damage to her land called Milletts Mead and Gaston Mead in Weybridge, which she has owned for ten years.
33. JAMES COLLYER of Woking, miller, works corn mills leased to him by James Zouch, Esq., on 22 July 1663. Claims £400 for loss of water during past eight years and £50 per annum until the expiry of his lease in 13 years.
34. THOMAS DEVENS of Guildford, husbandman, claims 40s. for work done.
35. JOHN MARTER of Guildford, gent., claims £3,550 disbursed in buying and providing timber and materials, paying workmen, and collecting profits, for the last 4½ years; and £450 for his labour, expenses and care.
36. WILLIAM BOWELL of Send, yeoman, claims £100 for damage to his land called Prewes in Send, and Sendmead.
37. JOHN WARWICK of London, carpenter, claims £120 for work, materials and wages.
38. JOHN RUTLAND of Ripley, yeoman, claims £40 for damage to land in Newarke mead in Send by flooding.
39. RICHARD HALE of Send, yeoman, and JAMES ATFEILD of Send, yeoman, claim £25 for damage to their land by flooding.
40. JAMES ATFEILD of Send, yeoman, claims £10 for damage to meadow at Newark in Send by flooding.
41. GEORGE MANN of Send, husbandman, claims £20 for damage to meadow by flooding.
42. WILLIAM COLTON of Ripley, yeoman, and JANE WOOD of Ripley, widow, claim £7 for damage to land.
43. ROBERT COLTON of Send, husbandman, claims £10 for damage to meadows at Newarke in Send.
44. WILLIAM RYDE of Send, yeoman, claims £150 for damage to meadows.
45. FRANCIS PARMEFOY of Woking, husbandman, claims £2.6.10 for work and materials.
46. HENRY DENNYER of Worplesdon, husbandman, claims £65.14.0 for work done looking after part of the river.
47. HENRY ALLEN of Newarke in Send, miller, claims £33 for labour in taking care of the tumbling-bay called Walsham Bay.

48. THOMAS DALMAHOY of the Fryery near Guildford, Esq., owns that part of the river between Guildford Bridge and Woodbridge in Stoke; Dapdune Wharf, and Middleton Bridge. Has agreements with Wm. Dickenson, Esq., Thos. Cressey, gent., and Thos. Tyndall, Esq. [*see Nos. 13 & 14*]. Claims fourpence per load carried on the river; £20 per annum and arrears for Dapdune Wharf leased to Richard Forbench; £16 per annum rent for the New Wharf adjoining Dapdune Wharf, and £300 for damage to his property done by bargemen and others.
49. RICHARD LEE of Sutton next Woking, yeoman, claims £40 for damage to land in Sutton Broadmead in Woking.
50. THE MAYOR AND APPROVED MEN OF GUILDFORD claim as much of the river as is within the liberties of Guildford and within the manor of Poyle next Guildford; and also one penny for every load of goods carried upon it, according to agreement dated 7 March 1670/1 between Thos. Cressey, gent. and Thos. Tyndale, Esq. on the one part and Arthur Onslow, Esq., Thos. Dalmahoy, Esq., Sir Edward Thurland, Kt. and Roger Duncumb, Esq., trustees for the town, on the other part.
51. DANIEL RUTLAND of Ripley in the parish of Send, yeoman, claims £80 for damage to land in Broadmead in Send.
52. JOHN FREELAND of Woking, husbandman, claims 20s.1d. for labour in looking after part of the river.
53. JOHN MILLER of Ratcliffe, Middlesex, mariner, claims profits and arrears on two shares bought from Richard Scotcher of Guildford, gent., one of the principal undertakers and makers of the river, in 1654 for £600. Also claims £100 'by him expended in Partnership towards effecting the said Navigac'on.'
54. MARY WILDBORE, widow of Nicholas Wildbore of London, draper; MARY and ELIZABETH their daughters; NICHOLAS, JOHN, EDWARD and JOSEPH their sons. Mary Wildbore claims one share granted to Nicholas W. and his heirs by James Pitson of Stoke-next-Guildford, Esq., for £300 by indenture dated 31 August 1652. Daughters Mary and Elizabeth claim the share on their mother's death. The sons claim it in default of the daughters having issue. Mary W. also claims £75 'by hir^{sa} husband expended in p'tnership towards y^e effecting y^e sa^d navigac'on' and all the arrears.
55. JOHN WORSFOLD of Send, husbandman, claims £60 for work done in repairing the banks of the river, at the rate of five shillings per week. Makes his mark.
56. JAMES TICHBORNE of Send, vicar, claims £6 for damage to his glebe lands by wearing away of the soil by the towing of barges and other vessels. Part of the land is 5 acres of meadow in Scend meade in the parish of Send near Triggs Lock.

57. LIONELL RAWLINS of Woking, gent., owns seven rods of meadow in Broadmead, Send. Claims £20 for damage to his meadow by flooding, and about £400 advanced to James Pitson, gent., one of the proprietors of the river.
58. THOMAS CROSSE of Send, gent., claims £20 for carrying several loads of timber to make locks.
59. SARAH TICHBORNE in the county of Surrey [*sic*], widow, owns five rods in Broadmeade, Send, and two acres in the lower end of the Lower Broadmeade. Claims £30 for damage by flooding.
60. JOHN CATHRINGHAM of Send, yeoman, owns five rods in Broadmeade, Send. Claims £15 for damage by flooding.
61. THOMAS PARKHURST of Woking, yeoman, owns one acre in Broadmeade, Send. Claims £10 for damage by wearing away of the soil, flooding, and stopping up of a way.
62. ROBERT COOKE of Woking, labourer, claims £30 for work done in repairing banks and locks.
63. CHARLES DETHICKE, gent., owns a messuage in Weybridge, also a wharf and piece of ground there of the value of about £100 per annum. Claims 'reasonable satisfaction and recompense' for the loss of an ancient right of way between Chertsey and Weybridge because of flooding.
64. THOMAS BALDWINE of Guildford, gent., has owned since 12 September 1661 a meadow in Stoke-next-Guildford containing about two acres three rods adjoining the River Wey on the west and north, a meadow belonging to the manor of Poyle in the east, and a close of Richard Stoughton's used for a wharf on the south. Claims £100 for damage to his gates, stiles, hedges, trees and grass.
65. JOHN SKARVILL, citizen and distiller of London, claims one share of the profits made by one barge for nineteen years from 28 January 1664. The share was granted to him by John Ratcliffe, Esq., for £200 and a further £125. Signs.
66. GEORGE AYSCUE of Ham Court, Surrey, Kt., and his ancestors have been lessees to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor of the manor of Ham, and he was lessee in 1653. There is on his land, adjoining the Thames, an ancient wharf called Ham Hawe Wharfe, which was damaged by the new cutting of the river. Other land was damaged by having a lock and tumbling-bay built on it, causing flooding. Claims £3,000 for loss in the last eighteen years and at least £2,000 for future loss. Also claims one-fifth of the benefits of a lease made by the land proprietors of the river Wey to Richard Halford dated 18 February 1662 for which he paid and secured in January 1665 the sum of £450. Signs.
67. WILLIAM ROSS, Esq., claims one-third of two-fifths of a share conveyed to him by the Rt. Hon. Henry Earle of St. Albans. Signs.

68. WILLIAM WETTON of Cheswick, Middlesex, Esq., holds five shares conveyed to him by Richard Darnelly, Richard Scotchier, and James Pitson and for which he paid £1,580. Also holds another share conveyed to him by Wm. Mills, and another three shares in the wharves and wharfage assigned to him by Pitson. Claims, as administrator to Richard Scotchier and Alice his wife, deceased, £5,530 paid by Richard Scotchier in making the river navigable. Also claims £3,940 for charges incidental to the management of the work which were paid by him by virtue of a deed dated 10 August 1654 appointing him sole manager of the works. Also claims £1,000 paid for repairs and £400 for disbursements in law-suits about the river. Also claims an interest in leases made about February 1662 to Richard Halford and Wm. Ball. Signs.

69. WILLIAM DICKENSON of the Middle Temple, London, Esq., claims on behalf of himself and others an interest in many parcels of land along the River Wey from Guildford to the Thames. Names and places mentioned: Guildford Bridge, Woodbridge, Thomas Dalmahoy, Esq., Stoke Bridge, Sir Nicholas Stoughton, Sir John Wirley and Dame Mary his wife, Mr. Bower, Mr. Impey, Sutton Broad Mead, Lady Weston, Trigg's Lock, Richard Child, John Bullin, Mary Lee, Henry Trigge, John Bristow, Nicholas Wisdome, John Worsfeild's Lock, Mr. Zouch, Worsfeilds Bridge at Seans [*? Seand=Send*] Heath, John Jelly, Daniell Maybanke, Okeinge [*Woking*] Broad Mead, Jane Bagford, Mr. Weston of Ockham, Mr. John Bowell, Henry Stiles, Mr. Henry Weston, Ockham Mill, Lord Mountague, Mr. Forebench, Walsam Bay, Sir Robert Parkhurst, Purford Lock, Martin Bridge, Manor of Purford, John Sale, George Hoane, John Slyfeild, Stapeley Heath, Manor of Byfleet, Jeremy Mayland, Dr. Parker and his wife, Robert Sutton and his wife, Robert Roydon, Robert Smith, The Wreath, Lord St. Albans, Ham More Bridge, Hannah Gold, Sir George Ayscue at Weybridge, Mr. Luke Elmer. William Dickenson paid William Mills £1,493 for most of this land. Claims an interest in parcels of land and in money expended on making the river navigable by virtue of various deeds made by, among others, John Weston, Esq., eldest son of Sir Richard Weston, deceased; Richard Weston, gent., son and heir of the said John Weston; John Impey, William Mills and George Duke, bearing dates 10, 12 and 13 July 1662. Also claims an interest in wharves in Chertsey and Stoke Bridge, Guildford. Claims £80 for loss of profits of a wharf in Guildford. Also claims one-fifth part of the profits of a lease to Richard Halford, merchant, in Feb. 1662, being his share of an assignment thereof made 5 January 1665 by Henry Prescott to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of St. Albans, the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Turner, Kt., now Lord Chief Baron, Sir John Denham, Kt., since deceased, Sir George Ayscue, Kt., Sir Robert Parkhurst, Kt., for which they paid Henry Prescott £2,290 odd by way of a fine. Also claims £2,000 expended on the maintenance of the work and on law-suits. Also claims his share of the arrears since the 12 October 1666 'to the end hee may

bee answered the Rent of 300^{li} a yeare reserved payable to John Richmond Esq.,' also a rent of £40 a year payable to George Duke, Esq. Signs.

70. SIR ROBERT PARKHURST of Purford, Kt. A cut was made through his lands in the manors of Purford and Woodham; another cut from Walshambay to Purford Lock formerly disposed of to Richard Dornelli, Richard Scother and James Pitson. Sir Robert Parkhurst sold the same to William Dickenson, Esq., partly for money and partly for £100 per annum out of the profits of the river secured by a lease to Richard Halford dated 13 July 1662. Claims at least £100 for damage to his land. Also claims one-fifth of the benefits of Richard Halford's lease, being the share allotted to him by Henry Prescott, merchant, to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of St. Alban, the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Turner, Kt., now Lord Chief Baron, Sir John Denham, Kt., since deceased, Sir George Ayscue, Kt., William Dickenson, Esq., and himself, for which Sir Robt. Parkhurst paid £612.6.11. Also claims £400 paid to workmen for timber and other materials. Also claims arrears of profits since 12 October 1666. Signs.

71. HENRY HASLEN, an infant, claiming through his guardian Sir George Courthopp, Kt. John Johnson, Esq., Henry Haslen's father-in-law, received the rents, issues and profits of petitioner's estate to the value of £400. John Johnson has since died intestate, having no other estate than his interest in the river; Henry Haslen claims a share of the dividends.

72. ANNE RADCLIFFE, widow of Sir Alexander Radcliffe, Kt., of the honourable order of the Bath. Owned property in Manchester to the value of £140 per annum, and about nine years previously was induced by her son John Radcliffe, Esq., to sell so that he could buy shares in the River Wey, assuring her £1,000 out of his shares. In December 1664 John R. obtained a grant from the King of his title and interest in the river for 29 years from the previous Michaelmas at a rent of £5 per annum. John died about three years previously and Anne R. claims repayment of her £1,000 with interest. Anne R. and Thomas Cressye, Esq., were executors of John R.'s will but Thomas Cressye refused to join in the proving of the will, which Anne proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. By this will Anne is entitled to John's share in the river. Also claims 'several great sums of money' spent by John in repairing the locks, etc. Signs.

73. FRANCES WENTWORTH, widow of Michael Wentworth, gent., and sister of John Radcliffe late of Attlebury, Norfolk, Esq. Obtained a judgment for £1,000 debt and £12 costs in the Court of Common Pleas in Easter Term, 17 Chas. II, against John Radcliffe to whom the King had granted, by letters patent dated December 1664, his title and interest in the river for 29 years at a rent of £5 per annum. John Radcliffe having since died, F. W. claims her £1,000. Signs.

74. The Rt. Hon. THOMAS RICHARDSON, Baron of Craymond in the Kingdom of Scotland, is administrator of the unadministered goods and chattells of his father Sir Thomas Richardson, Kt., deceased. His father stood security for debts of William Sandys, Esq., by an obligation dated June 1638, to Edward Bradby and Arthur Ruddle of London, gent., and by an obligation dated December 1637 to Richard Blackeston of the City of London, gent. William Sandys was thus better enabled to obtain shares in the river. Sir Thomas afterwards paid these debts amounting to over £1,000 but received nothing from William Sandys, now dead. Claims repayment from the profits of the Navigation.

75. HENRY STOUGHTON of Stoke-next-Guildford, yeoman, owns meadow called Woodbridge Mead in Stoke of about 3 acres and land called Sandy Fields of about 3 acres now used as a wharf. Claims £132 for the past six years and £22 per annum for the future. And even if their use as a wharf be discontinued he claims £6 per annum for damage by bargemen and their horses and by flooding. Also claims £12 for damage to the orchard belonging to his dwelling-house 'by reason of the penninge the water there', and £2 per annum for future damage to it.

76. JOHN SAYLE of Pirford, gent. A cutting through his land in Pirford causes him to make a detour of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to reach part of his land until a promised bridge is built. Claims £180 damages for the past eighteen years and £10 per annum for the future. About 1660 the river broke its banks flooding his meadowland in Pirford called Brushetts and bringing with it two hundred loads of gravel, sand and mud. Claims £20 for past damage and £2 per annum for the future. Also claims £24 and £4 per annum for damage caused by another flooding in about 1664, and £2 for another flooding of Brushetts mead 'about one halfe year since.'

77. FRANCIS VISCOUNT MOUNTAGUE owns all that part of the river flowing through his manors of Ripley and Send, about four miles in length, and Newark Mill. Claims £1,000 for damage to his land, flooding, and taking away water from his mill. Also claims £500 paid to tenants in Ripley and Send for damages by bargemen and others. Also claims $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. for every 'Tunne, Chaldron or load' carried on the Navigation by virtue of an agreement dated 7 March 1670 with Thos. Cressey, gent., and Thos. Tyndall, Esq.

78. SAMUEL TOOLEY of Radcliffe, Middlesex, gent., was employed for over three years buying and providing timber and other materials and paying for maintenance work on the river, and defending law-suits brought against bargemen on the river. Has disbursed £44.3.4 for work and materials and £40.13.9 on law-suits, and there is £150 due for three years' salary. Total £234.17.1.

79. JOHN WILKINS of Stoke-next-Guildford, bargeman, was employed in buying timber, stone and other materials for building and repairing locks, bays, bridges, banks and Dapdune Wharf, and in paying workmen. Has disbursed £408.11.1.

80. NICHOLAS WALLYS of Guildford, tallow-chandler, was employed as wharfinger of Dapdune Wharf, Stoke, from 11 June 1655 until Michaelmas 1671. Claims £250.3.4 for salary and outpayments to workmen and for materials.

81. WILLIAM GREGORY, Esq. and JOHN HOSKINS, Esq. claim £535, the residue of a greater sum owing to them by Thos. Cressey and Thos. Tyndall, Esqrs., as the consideration for which Windsor Sandys, Esq., sold to T. C. and T. T. all his estate, right and title in the River Wey, which title was later assigned to the claimants as security for £535.

82. HENRY ELWES of Grovehouse, Middlesex, Esq., claims a share of the profits of Dabdon Wharf, Stoke, Bowers Cutt, Stoke Lock and lands in the manors of Sutton, Scean [*Send*], Purford, Byfleet and Woodham, conveyed to him by John Johnson, Esq. Also claims £1,000 for materials, digging, work and servants' wages paid out by him. Signs.

83. HENRY GOLDWYER of Guildford, bargeman, and WILLIAM BROMFEILD of Scean, Surrey, deceased, had entered into an agreement with the Lord Chamberlain that no barges were to work on the river other than theirs, but soon afterwards, by reason of an order of sequestration, many more barges were allowed in, to the damage of H. G. and W. B. of £800, which they claim. Henry Goldwyer also claims, for himself and the executors of Wm. Bromfeild, £200 disbursed on work, materials and wages. Also claims for himself, John Goby of Stoke-next-Guildford, and the executors of Wm. Bromfeild, that in 1664 they rented a piece of land at Woodbridge, formerly a wharf, and employed one John Crockford as wharfinger there, whereby were carried to London nearly 4,000 loads of timber. They paid £21 per annum plus tithes and taxes for the land and they claim £200 for this and the wharfinger's wages. H. G. and John Goby make their marks.

84. BENJAMIN WETTON of Cheswick, Middlesex, gent. In February 1662 Sir Robert Parkhurst, Kt., Sir George Ayscue, Kt., William Dickenson, Esq. and others conveyed the river to Richard Halford of the City of London, merchant, for the term of 1,000 years. By that lease, amongst other things, £80 per annum was payable to William Mills of Weybridge, gent. In 1664 Wm. Mills conveyed this to Benjamin Wetton for the remainder of the term, but it had not been received, so claims. Signs.

85. JOHN WHEATELY of Woodham in the parish of Chertsey, yeoman, claims for damage to four acres of land now used as a wharf, lying in Staplyheath in the parish of Chertsey and now in the occupation of Thomas Atfeild. Also claims £293.10.0 paid out by the order of William Wetton of Cheswick, Middlesex, Esq., for damages by flooding, to Richard White, Henry Staughton, Henry Lee, Thomas Bayley, John Harris, Thomas Mellis, John Sayle, John Trigge, George Slyfeild, Mr. Champian and Jane Cocke. Signs.

86. JOHN BROME, a minor, son and heir of Alexander Brome, claims profits on four shares sold to Alexander Brome by Wm. Wotton, Esq., on 23 July 1656 for over £550.
87. JOHN BROME, a minor, son and heir of Alexander Brome, claims profits on several shares sold to Alexander Brome by Richard Blackwell, Esq., on 1 June 1663 for over £1,100.