

Canal - Navigation,

From LEEDS to LIVERPOOL.

At a General Meeting or Assembly of the Company of Proprietors held at Liverpool, the 21st of October, 1774,

The following Rules were agreed to, and directed to be added to, and made Part of the BYE LAWS of the said Company, and to be printed and made public.

O R D E R E D I.

THAT the Lock-keeper do keep the Paddles of the highest Locks, locked down, and suffer no Boatman to pass through, but when he the said Lock-keeper is present, upon Pain of forfeiting *Five Shillings* for the first Offence, and for the second Offence, to be discharged from the Service of the Company.

II.

That no Boat pass through a Lock 'till there is two Inches spare Water upon the Lock Sill of both the Top and Bottom Locks.

III.

That if any Boatman or other Person make Use of a Horse or Horses, or by force of Man or Instrument, open or attempt to open any Lock-gate, before the Water is upon a Level on both Sides, he shall be subject to the Penalty of not more than *Twenty Shillings*, and not less than *Ten Shillings*.

IV.

That every Person passing any Boat between *Wigan* and *Liverpool*, or any other Part of the Line, shall pay for every two Miles or under, *One Half-Penny*, each Passenger to be allowed Fourteen Pounds Weight of Luggage; and in Case any Boatman shall neglect to give a just Account of the Number of Passengers he shall at any Time carry in his Boat, with the Distance each Passenger shall have passed, he shall forfeit the Sum of *Ten Shillings*.