

Transcript of a draft Letter dated 13 February 1799

Stafford February 13th 1799

Gentlemen Sir

At a very respectable Meeting of the Inhabitants of this town held at the Swan Inn the (*blank*) day of (*blank*) last for the purpose of taking into consideration a proposed Plan of making a Collateral Branch from the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal at Radford to the town of Stafford.

It was unanimously Agreed that such an undertaking will be of General Public Utility & will particularly benefit the town & Trade of Stafford – Which Resolutions have been since signed by upwards of 200 of the Principal Inhabitants.

Convinced of the expediency of the Measure We beg leave to solicit your assistance in obtaining powers from Parliament to make & maintain such collateral Branch & earnestly request your Interest and support of a Bill to be introduced into the House of Commons this Session for that purpose which we shall consider as favor conferred on.

Gentlemen Sir
Your very humble servants

To
The Hon'ble Edward Monckton
& Richard Brinsley Sheridan Esq^{re}

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