

TRANSCRIPT OF THE PETITION PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT

ON 25 FEBRUARY 1799

**TO BRING IN A PARLIAMENTARY BILL FOR A BRANCH CANAL FROM THE
STAFFORDSHIRE & WORCESTERSHIRE CANAL AT RADFORD TO STAFFORD**

Petition to amend the Staffordshire and Worcesterhire Canal Act.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the *Staffordshire* and *Worcesterhire* Canal Navigation, under their Common Seal, was presented to the House, and read; Setting forth, That the Petitioners have proceeded to execute Two Acts, passed in the Sixth and Tenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making and maintaining a navigable Cut or Canal from the River *Severn* between *Bewdley* and *Titon Brooke*, in the County of *Worcester*, to cross the River *Trent* at or near *Haywood Mill*, in the County of *Stafford*, and to communicate with a Canal intended to be made between the River *Trent* and the River *Mersey*; and that it appears, from Surveys since taken, that a Navigable Cut or Canal, for Boats and other Vessels, may be made and extended from the *Staffordshire* and *Worcesterhire* Canal Navigation, from or near a Place called *Radford Bridge*, in the County of *Stafford*, to or near the County Town of *Stafford*; and that, by Means of such Cut or Canal, the said Town of *Stafford* and its Neighbourhood will be more regularly, and on lower Terms, supplied with Coal and Merchandise than at present; and that it is found necessary to give a better Supply of Water to the said *Staffordshire* and *Worcesterhire* Canal Navigation, to make one or more Reservoirs, with Cuts to convey the said Water from the said Reservoirs into the said Canal Navigation, and it is necessary also to make Side Cuts and Railways for more conveniently using, maintaining, and extending, the said Canal Navigation, and also to amend the Powers of the said Acts: And therefore praying, That Leave may be given to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining a Navigable Cut or Canal communicating with the *Staffordshire* and *Worcesterhire* Canal Navigation, at or near *Radford Bridge*, to, or near to, the Town of *Stafford*, and for other the Purposes of this Petition, in such Manner as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House:

And it is referred to Mr. *John Pitt*, Mr. *Jodrell*, &c.: And they are to meet To-morrow Morning, at Nine of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber; and have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

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