

TRANSCRIPTION OF LONGCOT ENCLOSURE DOCUMENT 1796

Henry Augustus Biedermann and John Davis were appointed Commissioners to carry out the allotting and inclosing of the open common land, fields, meadows and pastures of Longcot following an Act of Parliament in the Reign of King George 111. At this time the public roads were named, and the cost of repairing roads and fencing fields was charged to land owners.

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MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of the Commissioners named and appointed in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the thirty sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the third for deciding allotting and inclosing the Open Common Fields Common Meadows Common Pastures and other Commonable and Waste lands and Grounds within the Hamlet or Township of LONGCOT in the Parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks

At the first Meeting of Henry Augustus Biedermann and John Davis two of the Commissioners named and appointed in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the thirty sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty King George the third entitled "An Act for dividing allotting and inclosing the Open Common Fields Common Meadows Common Pastures and other Commonable and waste lands and grounds within the Hamlet or Township of Longcot in the Parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks" held at the House of William Lucas called or known by the name or sign of the Barrington Arms in Shrivenham aforesaid this eighteenth day of July 1796 Notice of such Meeting having been first given agreeable to the Directions of th said Act.

At this Meeting the said Henry Augustus Biedermann and John Davis took and subscribed the following oath before they proceeded in the execution of the said Act vizt.

I do swear that I will faithfully impartially and honestly according to the best of my skill and judgment execute the Trusts reposed in me as a Commissioner by virtue of an Act of Parliament made for inclosing the Open Common Fields Common Meadows Common Pastures and other Commonable and waste lands and grounds within the Hamlet or Township of Longcot in the Parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks

So help me God

Ordered that James Crowdy of Highworth in the County of Wilts and William Ward the younger of Great Faringdon in the County of Berks gentlemen be and they are hereby appointed our Joint Clerk and Treasurer to attend us at our Meetings and to prepare engross and inrole our Award and to do and execute all other Acts belonging to the Office of Clerk and Treasurer to us the said commissioners in the Execution of the said Act in cases of the like Nature

Ordered that William Church of Lewknor in the County of Oxford Gentleman be and he is hereby appointed our Surveyor for making a perfect Survey and admeasurement of the Lands and Grounds by the said Act directed to be divided allotted and inclosed and of the old inclosed lands lying within the said Hamlet or Township to be exonerated from Tythes and to do and transact such other business as shall be necessary for him to do and shall be ordered by us the said commissioners And we do hereby ratify allow of and confirm what the said William Church has already done towards such survey and admeasurement

Ordered also That our said Clerk do cause a copy of the following Notice to be affixed on the Principal Door of the Church of Longcot aforesaid on Sunday next and to be advertized in the Oxford Journal and Reading Mercury twice in each

LONGCOT INCLOSURE

Noptice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for putting in execution an Act of Parliament passed in the last session entitled An Act for dividing allotting and inclosing the open common Fields Common Meadows Common Pastures and other Commonable and waste lands and grounds within the Hamlet or Township of Longcot in the Parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks will be holden at the House of William Lucas being an Inn called The Barrington Arms situated in Shrivenham aforesaid on Monday the fifth day of September next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon: and that all persons claiming any right property or interest whatsoever in or upon the lands or grounds by the said Act intended to be divided allotted and inclosed or any part thereof are hereby required pursuant to the said Act to deliver in and lay before the said Commissioners at the said Meeting their said respective claims in writing together with FEETERS specifying the number of yard land acres and common rights claimed by them respectively and that immediately after said claims shall be so delivered in the same will be open for inspection of the Proprietors at large of the said common fields and that any objections which may arise to any of such claims the said Commissioners will on Saturday the 10th day of the same Month at the House aforesaid proceed to hear and determine. Dated the 27th day of July 1796

Ordered that this Meeting be and the same is hereby adjourned to Monday the 5th day of September next at this place.

H A Biedermann
J Davis

Barrington Arms Shrivenham 5th September 1796

At a Meeting of the Commissioners named in and appointed by the foregoing Act of Parliament holden on Monday the fifth day of September 1796 at the Barrington Arms in Shrivenham in the County of Berks pursuant to the adjournment of the Commissioners at their last Meeting.

John Stone of Pull Court in the County of Worcester gentleman a Commissioner Appointed for putting in execution the said Act of Parliament before he proceeded to put the said Act in execution took and subscribed the oath specified in and appointed by the said Act to be taken by every person acting as such a Commissioner.

The Commissioners agreeable to Notice affixed on the Principal Door of the Church of Longcot and advertised in the Oxford Journal and Reading Mercury received many claims and Terriers of Lands and Commons within the said Hamlet and adjourned their Meeting until the next Morning the sixth instant then to be held at the same place.

J Stone
H. A. Biedermann

The Commissioners met this Morning pursuant to their adjournment of yesterday and incured and qualited the whole of the lands and commons this and the two following days and continued their Meeting till the ninth day of this instant September in which time they also adjusted and abstracted the claims delivered and incured the lands in order to ascertain the different private and public roads necessary to be set out in and over the lands and grounds by this Act directed to be divided and inclosed and ordered the same to be staked out by the surveyor accordingly and transacted other matters incident to and attending the said Inclosure.

Ordered that our Clerks do advance the Surveyor the sum of sixty pounds towards defraying the expense he has already put to

Ordered that the Clerks do cause a copy of the following notice to be advertized in the Oxford Journal twice and Reading Mercury once viz

LONGCOT INCLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners appointed by the Act of Parliament made and passed in the thirtysixth year of the reign of his present Majesty intituled 'An Act for dividing allotting and inclosing the open Common fields Common Meadows Common Pastures and other commonable and waste lands and grounds within the Hamlet or Township of Longcot in the parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks have set out ascertained and appointed such public roads and ways in through and over the lands and grounds by the said Act directed to be divided and inclosed as to their seem necessary and proper And further that the said roads and ways are described by a writing affixed on the door of the Church of Longcot aforesaid and a Copy of such writing so describing the same is also left for the inspection of all persons interested therein at the Public House called The Barrington Arms in Shrivenham aforesaid And in case any person or persons shall think him her ~~or~~ themselves aggrieved or the public injured by the appointment of any of the said roads or ways so described as aforesaid or by the omission of any road or way he she or they may apply to the said Commissioners for redress at their next Meeting to be held by adjournment at the Barrington Arms aforesaid on Monday the 31st day of October instant at eleven o'clock in the forenoon

Ordered further that the Clerks do cause a Copy of the following description of the roads to be affixed on the door of the Church of Longcot on or before the twenty second day of October next and also another Copy to be left at this House for the inspection of all persons interested therein.

Public Roads set out by the Commisioners named and appointed in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the thirty sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty for dividing allotting and inclosing the Open Common fields Common Meadows Common Pastures and other Commonable and waste lands and grounds in the Hamlet or Townships of Longcot in the parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks.

No.1 One Public Carriage Road or Driftway of the breadth of forty feet as the same is now marked and set out leading out of the Hamlet of Watchfield and extending in an Eastward direction across the open Fields of Longcot into the Hamlet of Little Coxwell being part of the Public Road leading from Shrivenham to Faringdon

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No. 2 One other Public Carriage Road or Driftway of the like breadth of forty feet beginning near the church in the village og Longcot and extending through the said village and along the open fields ia an Northward direction and entering the first described public road at the Division between Great and Little Knapps being part of the public road leading from Longcot to Faringdon and hither to called Kings Lane Way

Kings Lane

No.3 One other public Road or Driftway of the breadth of forty feet beginning near the said church in Longcot aforesaid and extending Westward in its present direction along the ~~WEST~~ and Green and taking a Southwards direction over the ~~WEST END~~ Cow Common to a Gate at the bottom of the said Common in the Liberty of Knighton being part of the road leading from Longcot to Knighton

old Wharfe Road.

No.4 One other public Road or Driftway of the like breadth of forty feet beginning near the Church in Longcot aforesaid and extending in an Eastward Direction along the East and Green and across the East and Cow Common in its present Tract to a Lane in the Liberty of Fernham being part of the Public Road leading from Longcot to Fernham.

*Fernham
Rd.*

No.5 One other public Bridle and Private Carriage Road of the breadth of thirty feet branching out of the third described public carriage road near the West Corner of Hill Meadow and extending in a Westward direction under the hedge of the said Hill Meadow to a Gate in the Liberty of Beckett being part of the Public bridle and private Carriage road leading from Longcot to Shrivenham.

*Shrivenham
Rd.*

Ordered that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the thirty first day of October next at the Barrington Arms at Shrivenham.

J Stone
H A Biedermann
Jno Davis

The Commissioners named in and appointed by the foregoing Act of Parliament met at the Barrington Arms at Shrivenham in the County of Berks on Monday the thirty first day of October 1796 pursuant to their adjournment at their last Meeting and proceeded in the Execution of the said Act

At this Meeting the Commissioners received requests in writing from the several Proprietors and their Agents for the situation of their allotments and proceeded in calculating the different properties of the Proprietors and received consents in writing for exchanging several Messuages buildings and old inclosures and schemed out the allotments to the several proprietors subject to such alterations as may be necessary hereafter to make therein on account of the claims made by the proprietors of the great tithes of one ninth part of the commonable land which they conceive themselves intituled to under the said Act of Parliament but such claim not appearing satisfactory to the said Commissioners they stated the following Case for the opinions of Francis Burton Esq a counsellor and ordered the same to be laid before him in order to procure his opinion thereupon by the next Meeting of the said Commissioners and that a printed copy of the said Act shall be laid before the said Francis Burton with the said Case

CASE

Within the Hamlet of Longcot there are two Commons containing about 400 acres which time immemorially have been solely appropriated to the depasturing of Horses cows and sheep. Under the clause in for 12 of the Act the Improropriators of the Great Tithes claim an allotment of one ninth part of the said Commons beside the claim which the Vicar has in the said Commons for his Vicarial Tithes. It is to be observed that about one twentieth part of the lands to be inclosed under the Act are free of corn and hay tithes. ??? Whether the Commissioners are bound by the Act to allot to the Improropriators of the Great Tithes any share of the Commons or Waste Lands.

The Commisioners made and signed the following order for vacating leases vizt.

We the Commissioners named in and appointed by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the thirtysixth year reign of his present Majesty King George the third intituled an Act for dividing allotting and inclosing the open common fields common meadows common pastures and other commonable and waste lands and grounds within the Hamlet or Township of Longcot in the parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks do hereby in pursuance of the power given to and vested in us by the said Act Order and appoint that all leases and other agreements at rack rent of all and every or any part of the lands grounds and premises by the said Act intended to be divided allotted and inclosed and of all messuages buildings homesteads pardens orchards and old inclosed lands held with the same or which may be exchanged by virtue of the said Act shall cease determine and be utterly void at the respective times following that is to say As to and concerning the said lands grounds and premises by the said Act intended to be divided allotted and inclosed on and from the twentyfourth day of December next: And as to and concerning the messuages buildings homesteads gardens orchards and old inclosed lands held with any of the said lands grounds premises by the said Act intended to be divided allotted and inclosed And as to and concerning the messuages buildings homesteads gardens orchards and old inclosed lands which shall be exchanged by virtue of the said Act on and from the thirteenth day of February next. Given under our hands the fifth day of November one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

J STONE
H A BIEDERMANN
JNO DAVIS

At the Meeting it is also ordered that the Surveyor do forthwith attend and show to the several Proprietors their respective allotments as schemed out by the said Commissioners in order that they may enter thereon to plough and cultivate the same subject to such alterations or diminutions as the said Commissioners may find it necessary to make in or to the said allotments or any of them; And in case the said allotments shall not be confirmed to the respective Proprietors to whom the same are set according to the scheme proceeded upon at this Meeting or shall be altered in extenor situation then the person or persons by whom or at whose expense such allotments shall be ploughed or cultivated shall have and receive such recompense and satisfaction for the said ploughing and cultivation as the said Commissioners shall judge an equivalent for the same.

The Commissioners ordered that at their next Meeting to be holden on the twelfth day of December next the lessors or owners or lesseesor tenants who shall consider themselves intituled to any satisfaction for or on account of their leases or agreements at rack rent of all or any of the lands by the said Act intended to be inclosed and of any mess uages buildings homestead gardens orchards and old inclosed lands held with the same or which may be exchanged by virtue of the same Act being vacated by the order or appointment for that purpose made by the same Commissioners at this Meeting do have notice to deliver in an account of the satisfaction required by them respectively for vacating such leases or agreements as aforesaid in order that the same may be taken by the said Commissioners into consideration.

Ordered that the Clerks do collect and bring in at the next Meeting of the said Commissioners all bills of expenses and charges incurred in the execution of the said Act of Parliament and of obtaining and passing the said Act

This Meeting which was continued from the first day of October last till the fifth day of November following inclusive is hereby ordered by the said Commissioners to be adjourned to Monday the twelfth day of December next at the Barrington Arms aforesaid.

J STONE
H A BIEDERMANN
~~JOHN~~ DAVIS

On the twelfth day of December 1796 at the Barrington Arms at Shrivenham in the county of Berks to which time and place the last Meeting of the Commissioners for carrying into execution the Act of Parliament passed in the 36th year of the reign of his present Majesty intituled "An Act for dividing allotting and inclosing the open common fields common meadows common pastures and other commonable and waste lands and grounds within the Hamlet or Township of Longcot in the Parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks" was and stands adjourned.

Henry Augustus Biedermann on of the ~~said~~ Commissioners appeared to execute the powers of the said Act; and he being the only Commissioners then and there attending did by virtue and in persuance of the authority in him vested by the said Act of Parliament adjourn the said Meeting of the said Commissioners so appointed by the said former adjournment to be held this day as aforesaid to the next day being Tuesday the thirteenth day of December instant at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Barrington Arms in Shrivenham aforesaid then and there to be holden for carrying into execution of the said Act.

H A BIEDERMANN

At the Barrington Arms in Shrivenham
on Tuesday the thirteenth of December 1796

Henry Augustus Biedermann and John Davis two of the Commissioners for carrying into execution the before mentioned Act of Parliament met pursuant to the last adjournment for the purpose of executing the powers of the said Act.

The following Opinion has been received
on the Case Ordered at a former Meeting
to be laid before Counsel vizt

The Clause respecting the Impropriators allotments is very obscurely penned but in my opinion the Commissioners according to the construction which ought to be put upon it are bound to allot to the impropriators of the Great Tithes of corn grain and hay a share equal in value to one ninth of so much of the commons and waste lands as are not exempt from corn and hay tithe notwithstanding the use to which they have been applied in their state of pasturage; But in order to judge whether the twentieth part of the commons and waste lands which is appendant or appear tenant to the exempt twentieth of the arable ought or ought not to yield its ninth to the Impropriators allotment I think it will be necessary to inquire into the nature and grounds of the exemption. For if it be an exemption from all tithes as well great as small in consideration of a modus, I think the exemption will extend to the commons and one twentieth part of them will consequently be exempt from yielding to the Impropriator any allotment.

The direct contrary to this will be the case/according to the doctrine in Doncaster vs Watson/if the exemption be only from corn and hay in consideration of a modus. If the exemption be absolute and not in consideration of any modus whatever I think the question is more disputable but my opinion is that such an exemption even though it should be included no more than the corn and hay tithes would, nevertheless extend to the commons and privilege a twentieth part of them from yielding any allotment to the Impropiator.

F Burton
Lincolns Inn 28 Nov 1796

In conformity to the foregoing opinion of Counsel directions were given to the Surveyor to make calculations and adjust the lines of the allotments accordingly and to produce the same to the Commissioners at their next meeting.

At this Meeting an objection having been made by Mr James Morrell in the behalf of Edward Cooper Clerk to the Allotmenters scheme out for him the same taken into consideration and the allotment ordered to be adjusted accordingly-

Ordered that this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the twenty second day of December instant to the Kings Arms in Oxford

H.A. Biedermann
John Davis.

At the Kings Arms in Oxford on Thursday the 22nd of December 1796 Henry Augustus Biedermann and John Davis two of the Commissioners met pursuant to the last adjournment when the Surveyor agreeably to the directions given him at the last Meeting produced his calculations and the lines of the allotments as altered which were examined and approved of by the Commissioners and directions given to him to stake out the allotments accordingly.

The Commissioners received further instructions as to exchanges which are to be adjusted at the next Meeting, they also allotted the Boundary fences on each persons Estate and having continued their Meeting to Saturday the 24th day of December instd, they adjourned the same until Thursday the fifth day of January next then to be holden at the Barrington Arm in Shrivenham.

H.A. Biedermann
John Davis.

Barrington Arms Shrivenham
Thursday the fifth of January 1797

Mr John Stone one of the commissioners appeared to execute the powers of the said act in pursuance of the last adjournment and he being the only commissioner then present did by virtue and in pursuance of the authority in him vested by the said Act adjourn the said Meeting of the Commissioners to the next day being Friday the sixth day of January instant at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the place above mentioned then and there to be holden for carrying the said Act into execution.

J Stone

Barrington Arms Shrivenham
Friday the sixth of January 1797

John Stone and John Davis two of the Commissioners met pursuant to the last adjournment and received the lands and premises agreed to be exchanged and estimated the value thereof and also viewed such alterations to be made therein as appeared to them necessary. Also inspected and correct the calculations made by the Surveyor under the orders of the last Meeting; likewise made a rate which is hereafter set forth and proceed otherwise in the execution of the Act. And having continued this Meeting till Saturday, the seventh of January adjourned the same to Monday the twentieth of February next at the Crown Inn at Faringdon in Berks.

The above mentioned rate is ordered to be collected and paid before the next Meeting of the Commissioners.

Ordered that the Surveyor do make out the respective quantities of each occupied lands in the fallow field sown. Also of the High Ground mown and of the Commons Homesteads and old inclosures occupied from May day 1796.

J Stone
John Davis

At the Crown Inn at Faringdon
Books on Monday the twentieth day of February 1797

I Henry Augustus Biedermann, one of the Commissioners named in and appointed by the foregoing Act of parliament, attending at the place, and at this time above mentioned, to execute the purposes of the said act, pursuant to the adjournment last made by the said Commissioners; and being the only Commissioner then and there attending, do adjourn this Meeting of the said Commissioners which was appointed to be held here this day to Friday the twenty fourth day of February instant then to be holden at the Kings Arms inn at Oxford.

H A Biedermann

At the Crown inn at Faringdon Berks
On Monday the third day of April 1797

The Commissioners appointed for putting the foregoing Act of Parliament into execution met by adjournment at the place and time above mentioned and ordered the sums of money hereunder specified to be paid on or before the thirteenth day of April instant to William Ward and James Crowdy the Clerks to the said Commissioners by the several persons hereunder named being owners of lands by the said Act intended to be inclosed according to the rates made by the said Commissioners and hereafter set forth for and towards defraying the charges and expenses of obtaining and passing the said Act and incidental to putting the same into execution and of making and putting in repair the roads set out by the said Commissioners under the said Act and of making the fences directed by the said Commissioners to be made for inclosing and ring fencing the allotments to the Impropriators of The Great Tithes and the tithes of Wool and Lamb and to the vicar for his Glebe and vicarial tithes.

	Expenses of the Act £. s d	Tithes, Roads & publick fencing £. s d
Samuel Barrington Esq	170.0.1	134.2.6
Trustees of the late Lord Barrington	51.4.2	43.9.9
D ^o for late Bowles	94.13.5	90.19.-
John Blagrave Esq	87.10.10	69.9.-
John Hughes King	188.18.8	166.-.-
Thomas Mayow	116.6.1	139.11.3
Revd. Edward Cooper	116.6.1	101.10.3
Benjamin Baldwin	79.11.7	68.12.-
Sarah Bowles	63.11.1	53.2.6
John Williams	64.4.7	46.10.6
John Bowles	48.4.7	38.10.3
Mary Townsend	45.3.8	35.3.-
Elizabeth Rudman	40.16.10	34.0.-
Mary Coffin	39.13.3	32.5.6
Jane Povey	30.13.10	29.11.6
Robert Harding	26.13.5	25.14.3
Edward Stratton	27.4.-	17.8.6
Charles Rickards	19.14.8	10.15
William ??	16.3.7	16.1.9
Catherine Wake	13.12.2	9.17.9
Mary Smith	11.5.5	8.4.6
Charles Morgan	9.9.4	9.2.6
William Fereman	9.19.1	9.5.3
Thomas Cox	9.6.1	8.15.9
Edward Langham	7.18.10	6.2.6
William Nobes	7.2.8	5.15.9
Thomas Nobes	1.14.4	1.13.-
	£1445.6.7	1200.-.-

The said Commissioners appointed James Crowdy to be Surveyor of the Public Carriage Roads by the said Commissioners set out and directed to be fenced under the Act with the salary of ten pounds per annum for his trouble in forming completing and putting into repair the said roads.

Ordered that William Doulton and Michael Messer who have agreed to make the boundary fences of the Tithe and vicar's allotment be paid at the rate of eleven shillings and six pence per perch each perch containing twenty four feet for digging and making the ditches planking quicksets, and erecting substantial posts and rails on both sides of the said quicksets, for inclosing and ring fencing the said allotments which payments the Clerks to the said commissioners are ordered to make out of the monies to be received by them from the Proprietors of lands intended by the Act to be inclosed in pursuance of the foregoing order of the said Commissioners made at this Meeting.

Ordered that the clerks do out of the said monies receivable by them under the said order forthwith advance and pay to William Church as the Surveyor the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds and to the said William Poulton and Michael Messer the sum of one hundred and forty pounds upon account.

The said Commissioners having taken into consideration what rents or sums of Money ought to be paid by the Tenants or occupiers of lands and Estates inclosed and exchanged respectively by virtue of the said Act for the life and occupation of such of the said lands and Estates as they have quitted the profession of in pursuance of the order of the said Commissioners made for vacating their respective Leases thereof have ascertained and fixed that the rents received or payable by such Leases or agreements shall cease and determine on and from the fourteenth day of November last up to which time the said rents are to be paid.

The Commissioners fixed and ascertained that the following sums of money should be paid to their respective impropiators of the great Tithes as a compensation for the Tithes of the lands within the said Hamlet which in course should have lain fallow but were planted with corn viz to the sum of fourteen pounds and fourteen shillings to William Hemeys and his wife for the Great tithes arising within the East end tithing and the sum of seventeen pounds to Ann Farupe(?) for the great tithes arising within the West end tithing.

The Commissioners read over and examined the Draught of their award.

William Church the Surveyor was sworn to the truth of his Survey and Admeasurement laid before the Commissioners for the purposes of the Act.

This meeting which was continued to the ninth day of April and then adjourned to Monday the twenty ninth day of May next then to be holden at the Kings Head Inn at Gloucester.

J. Stone & H. A Biedermann
John Davis

At the Kings head Inn in Gloucester the 28 May 1797

The Commissioners appointed by the foregoing Act of Parliament met the Day and year at the place above mentioned pursuant to their last adjournment, and proceeded in examining the ingrossment of their award and settled the Schedule of the Rents – payable to the Vicar in lieu of small tythes of several cottages, or tenaments gardens and orchards the owners whereof have not other lands sufficient to compensate for the same. The said Commissioners also took into consideration what allowance should be made for Blagrove Esq. Towards the expence of making the private road set out and awarded to be made to his allotment and ordered that he be paid the sum of forty pounds by their Clerks as compensation for the same.

The said commissioners also took into consideration several other matters relative to the Inclosure previous to the Execution of their Award. The Commissioners executed their award on the 3rd Day of June 1797 to which day they continued this meeting.

Ordered that the Clerks pay to William Church the Surveyor the sum of ninety one pounds eight shillings in discharge of the balance of his bill of charges.

J. Stone & H. A Biedermann
John Davis

At the Bull Inn in Fairford in the County of Gloucester on Thursday the seventeenth day of April 1800.

John Stone and John Davis two of the Commissioners appointed by the foregoing Act of parliament met at the place and on the day above mentioned, pursuant to their notice for that purpose publickly given in the Church or Chapel of the hamlet of Longcot agreeably to the said Act and of which Meeting Notice in writing was given signed by the Clerk to the said Commissioners and affixed to the door of the said church or chapel for upwards of eight days previous to the said Meeting.

It appearing to the Commissioners that the sum of twelve hundred and twenty pounds which they ordered to be raised and paid by the several proprietors towards the expenses of making and putting in repair the roads by them set out and of the surveyors salary for his trouble about the same will not be sufficient to answer and discharge such charges and expenses they have made a rate for defraying those charges and expenses; which is as follows (viz.)

We the Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution an Act of Parliament passed in the thirty sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the third for dividing allotting and inclosing the open common fields common meadows common pastures and other commonable and waste lands and grounds within the hamlet or township of Longcot in the parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks do hereby order and direct that the several persons hereunder named being proprietors and owners of lands by the said Act intended to be enclosed do on or before the nineteenth day of May next pay or cause to be paid the several sums of money hereunder specified as set against their respective Names unto William Ward the younger of Faringdon in the County of Berks and James Crowdy of Highworth in the County of Wilts for or towards bearing and defraying the Charges and expenses of forming and making and putting in repair the roads and ways by us set out by virtue of the said act and of the surveyors salary for his trouble in and about such roads and ways it appearing to us that the sum of twelve hundred and twenty pounds which we the said Commissioners by writing under our hands bearing date the third day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven ordered and directed to be paid by the said several proprietors and owners for or towards the said charges and expenses will not be sufficient to answer and discharge such charges and expenses. Witness our hands this seventeenth day of April one thousand and eight hundred.

The Honourable Samuel Barrington	53	13	-
The Honourable Samuel Barrington and The Lord Bishop of Durham	17	7	10
John Blagrove esquire	27	15	6
John Bowles	36	7	8
John Hughes King	66	8	-
Thomas Mayow	55	16	8
Edward Cooper clerk	40	12	-
Benjamin Baldwin	27	8	10
Sarah Bowles	21	5	-
Proprietors of the Allotment to John Williams	18	12	2
John Bowles	15	8	-
Mary Townsend widow	14	1	2
Elizabeth Rudman, widow	13	14	4
Mary Coffin	12	18	2
Jane Povey, widow	11	16	6
Robert Harding	10	5	8
Edward Stratton	6	19	4
Charles Rickards	7	10	-
William Ward	6	8	8
William Wake	3	19	-
Mary Smith	3	5	8
Charles Morgan	3	13	-
William Fereman	3	14	-
Thomas Cox	3	10	2
Edward Langham	2	9	-
Proprietors of the Allotment to William Nobes	2	6	2
Proprietors of the Allotment to Thomas Nobes	-	13	2
	487	10	8

Receipts

By Rate for defraying the expenses attending the obtaining, and execution of this Act.	2345.6.7
By Rate for defraying the Expenses of making Roads and Publick fences	1200.-.-
1800 April 17	
By subsequent rate made at this meeting for defraying the expenses of making and completing Roads. This amount of which when paid will be	487.10.8
	<u>£3153.5.3</u>

Disbursements

Act of parliament

Messrs Winter's bill for parliamentary fees	239.16	
Messrs Crowdy & Wards bill as solicitors	286.10	
		525.16.10

Commissioners

Mr Stone	93.9.-	
Mr Biedermann	94.10.-	
Mr Davis	96.12.-	
		284.11

Surveyor

As of bills and accounts		286.9.11
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Clerks

Messrs Crowdy & Wards	293.14.1	
Bills	17.13.10	
		311.7.11

Publick Fences

Allotment for Vicars glebes	101.11.6	
D ^o Vicars Tithes	122.11	
D ^o for wool and lamb	34.5	
D ^o for East End Tithes	152.11.8	
D ^o for West End Tithes	108.3.8	
		519.5.10

1927.11.6

Publick Roads

As of Bills & Accounts	553.12.1	
Estimate of Roads to be completed	540.-. —	
		<u>1093.13.2</u>

Private Roads

Allowance towards expenses of making road to Mr Blagrave Allotment		40. -. —
Interest of monies advanced by the solicitors before any money was received from the proprietors		13.18.6
Cash paid by them to Mr Fisher for his attendances on parliament		5.5.—
D ^o for sundry public expenses & as per account		10.3.9
Extra Allowances to Mr Kemoys for repair of old fences on the Common as per account		15.4.2
D ^o to Messr. J ?? for D ^o next to Watchfield Parish		16.17.9
Expenses of two ?? attending Commissioners Meeting 17 April 1800		1.1.-
Allowances to William Fereman and William Wake for Extra fences		12.12.-
		<u>3144.6.10</u>
	Balance	8.10.5
		<u>£3153.5.3</u>

At this meeting which was continued till the nineteenth day of April, the Commissioners present stated the foregoing account of the charges and expenses of obtaining and passing the Act of Parliament and incidental to putting the same in execution and of making and putting in repair, the roads by them set out, and of making the fences directed by them to be made for inclosing and ringfencing the Allotments to the impropiators of the great tithes and for the tithes of wool and lamb, and to the Vicar for his tithes and glebes; and of the monies received by the Commissioners, or their Clerks by virtue of the said Act; and of the monies payable in pursuance of the rate made at this meeting

J. Stone
John Davis