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ON BEHALF OF THE

BILL for a CANAL from the Trent and Mersey Canal, commonly called the Grand Trunk, at SHARDLOW, to the Towns of DERBY and NOTTINGHAM.

THE proposed Canal from the *Grand Trunk* to *Derby* will be in Length only Six Miles and a Quarter; and that to *Nottingham* only Eight Miles and a Quarter.

By Means of these *short Extensions*, and the Canals with which they will unite, a *safe, certain, and easy* Intercourse will be opened between the above two *large and populous Towns* and the Counties of *Stafford, Leicester, Northampton, Warwick, Oxford, Worcester, Hereford, Chester and Lancaster*; and *London* also, if the Canal now proposed to be made thereto shall take place. Goods and Merchandizes may hereby be *uniformly* conveyed through the Whole of this large Extent of Country in the *same Vessels*, without *transshipping or changing Hands*.

By Means likewise of these Branches, and the *Erewash, Cromford, and Nottingham* Canals, which they are intended to adjoin, the valuable Mines of Coal and other natural Products in the Line of those Canals, may be carried to distant Markets, with perfect Ease and Facility.

This Design is attended with Circumstances peculiarly favourable—the Country through which it is to be carried being nearly level; and it fortunately will not in the least Degree affect any Gardens, Pleasure Grounds, or other Property usually protected by Parliament.

The Tonnage proposed to be taken is only One Penny per Ton per Mile on Merchandize, and One Halfpenny per Ton per Mile on Coal and other heavy Articles.—And the Undertakers agree to be limited to a Dividend of $\text{£} . 7$ per Cent. per Annum.

The Promoters of the present Work have not undertaken it from Motives of private Gain, or through a Spirit of mere Adventure and Speculation, but from a full Conviction of its Utility, and a sincere Desire to see it executed, and afterwards properly conducted. No Subscriptions have been sold, nor can any Sales be made till after the Bill has passed.

A Plan so useful and reasonable, it is hoped, will intitle itself to the Approbation of Parliament.

