

1696 Petitioners against Wye and Lugg Navigation Act signatures by name

Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Eccleswall, Weston, Linton, Walford and other Parishes in Hereford, to the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, against a Bill for making the Wye and Lugg navigable, Four large folio sheets, three of which are filled with the signatures of the Petitioners. About 1700.

'To the right honorable the Lords Spiritual &
Temporal in Parliament assembled

The humble Petition of the Free-holders and inhabitants in the praishes of
Eccleswall, Weston under Penyard Linton Walford and in severall other parishes
in the county of Hereford

Sheweth

That your petitioners hearing that a Bill has lately passed the House of Commons
for makeing the rivers of Wye and Lugg navigable at the County of Hereford's
charge and that thereby the Iron works, Mills, weares and Locks were to be bought in
at the County's charge

That your petitioners who live on the hither side of the county of Hereford carry most of
their corne to Gloucester citty and have noe occasion for the said River but on the contrary
our estates and prises of our Corne will be lessened by the navigation

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray that the Estates
in these severall parishes may be exempted from contributing
to the charge of makeing the said rivers navigable for
that they shall not have any advantage by the same and
that in case your Lordshipps shall determine us to bear our
proportion of the Charge That then the owners of Weares
may be obliged to build locks and to repair them at
their own charge That so the charge of the
navigating the said Rivers may bee much to ?ended and
easier made navigable.

And your petitioners as in duty
bound shall ever pray etc

Petitioners

Doubtful letters underlined. Mark in (*) is unreproducible symbol

William Collins		Thomas Buckley vicar of Linton		John Mann	John Rudge	Morus Haryes? (*)?	
Stephen Gamond		Roger Hyll		Richard Gwatkin	Phillip Palmer	Thomas ?	
William Bridge	Tho Rogers	Thomas Barrell		John Underwood	Will Winniatt	William ?	
John Bridge	Richard Fisher	John (+) Davies?		Sam. Meyrick	Tho: Mayo	Thomas Rudge	
William ?		William Teagie		John Penn	John Merricke	John Rug*?	obscured
Richd: Hooper		Richard Hall		Benjamin Dowl	Ri: Perkins	Thomas ?	
The mark of Richd (R) Brooks		Thomas Row		George Gibs?	Thomas Merrick	William Madock?	Christopher Tyrer?
Danl Fisher		James Teagie		Tho: Stock cler	John Shawe	William Little	
Henry Deacon		Walter Bonnor		William Morris	Jonathan Smith	Daniell Philpots	Georg Taylor by His (*) marke
William Heardwick	John Merricke	Thomas Bonnor		Thomas Morris	Jo: Collins	William Phillpots	
Henry Tomy	Phillip Osborne	George Bishell?		William Godson	Griffith Hughes	Philip Collier?	
Thomas Dew	Anthony ?	Jo: Sergeant		John Underwood	Ja: Merick	Anthony Davies	
Phillip Addis	William Skinner	John Barnes		Tho Perkins sen	Ri: Bridge	Jonathan Chapman	
	William Marham	John Ashmon		William Perkins	George Bonnor	John Millington	
	Danll Seymore Senr	William Phelps		William Bennet	Charles Bonnor	Henry Rudge	The Mark of John (*) ?
	John Hall	Richard Warre		Richard Collwell	John Bennett	Joseph Apparley	
The mark of John (JP) Perkins	John Jones	Wil: Parker (or Packer)		John Rudge	The mark of Walt: (*) Cuberly	Thomas Mills	
William Johnson	Walter Bennett	Luke Prise?		Anthony Baynam	John Gwinn	Benjamin Street	
Henry Price Senr	Richard Hyett?	John Hardwick			The mark of John (IM) Mathewes	Richard Terres?	
Henry Price Junr	??						
Richard Addis	Anthony Dew						
John Bridg:	Thomas Dew Junyr						
Sam Turner	John Jones						
The mark of Richd (R) Bridge	Thomas Reade						
Ye Mark of	Luke Pember						

Richd (R) Fisher							
Ye Mark of William (*) Elsinor?	Walter Dew						
John Brook	Thomas Grindele						
The Mark of Nicholas (*) Warr	Richard Taylor						
John Norris							
Robert Nourse?							
Ye Mark of Saml (*) Mathewes							
Ye Mark of Humphrey (+) Merrick							
The Mark of William (*) Bowen							
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