

Extracts from Day Books of John Fennyhouse Green, 'Under Clerk' Staffs & Worcs Canal Company
[SRO MF79 Reels 6 & 7]

27th October 1768

Assisted Mr Dadford in setting out cutting for Culvert at the Broadwaters. Slope 1 to 1. Whilst setting the Culvert out Mr Baker came to us and directed me to go down to the Stours Mouth and observe where the Canal might be brought to the Severn.

31st October or 1st November 1768 [not dated]

"On coming to Mr Price's at Stour's Mouth...If Bason is made there the field above it is Mr Acton's of Mitton is of a large extent and quite high enough out of floods way. To appearance the Land from Lower side of lower Mitton lies equally well for cutting for the canal whether bro't below or above Mr Price's House.

2nd November 1768

Met Sir E Littleton and A other of the Committee and Mr Brindley who fixed on going thro' Mr Acton's Stubble field above Mr Price's House for making of a Bason and building warehouses et on it. And I was there ordered to measure it...

Same day was with Mr Brindley and Mr Baker at the falling sands when Mr Brindley directed the Lock to be built in the River where the Rock Corner unto the bottom of it. And that the Setting out of the Canal and new Water course on 17th October be altered.

5th November 1768

Memorandum of 5th November 1768 Mr Baker ordered me to take a plan of Mr Acton's field above and also of Mr Price's field adjoining on the East side of it also Mr Roberts's meadow on South side of it adjoining to the Severn which I was to transmit to Sir E Littleton or likewise to set out a 60 yards width down Mr Price's field for a five feet of banking in canal there.

29th December 1768

Pursuant to Mr Baker's directions on Saturday last I this morning begun the following levelling about Lower Mitton. Setting out from the benchmark by Mr Simcock on a stake near the Stone Slope leading to Mitton Chapel.

