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The Pitmen.

We are happy to announce that the pitmen of the collieries of the Wear have arranged with their masters for the next year's services on the most amicable terms. The Earl of Durham, the Marquis of Londonderry, and the Hetton and Belmont Coal Companies have all advanced their wages.

Sunderland Herald

Letter: - Estimated Quantity of Coal in the Derbyshire and Yorkshire Coal-Field.

Sir, - Your correspondent, "Omega", questions the accuracy of my statement relative to the thickness of workable coal in this district, and says that "south of Chesterfield there certainly are not more than six, or, at most, seven workable seams." I beg leave, through the medium of your Journal, to correct "Omega's" statement, which will, perhaps, be best done by describing the various seams of coal, and where they are, or have been worked.

The highest coals in the Yorkshire series are overlapped by the magnesian limestone, in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, and have not yet been explored or sought after; but there is no reason to infer that they do not exist. The coal worked at Clown is synonymous with one of these, but as it is soon overlapped, and does not again emerge, I cannot include it in the number of coals worked south of Chesterfield, although it will be found -

No.	Local Distinguishing Name of Coal	Where Wrought
1.	Yard Coal	Barlborough, Parish of Annesley, &c.
2.	Main Hard	Throughout the District
3.	Dunsill Coal	Dunsill, Hucknall, Swanwick, &c.
4.	Normanton Common Coal	Wingerworth, Normanton, Pinxton, Battersley, &c
5.	Ell, or Yard Coal	Denby, Smalley, &c.
6.	Main Soft	Throughout the District
7.	Lower Hard	Throughout the District
8.	Piper Coal	Near Hallam and near Chesterfield (not extensively)
9.	Tupton Coal	Tupton, Morley Park, Codnor Park, Riddings, &c.
10.	Kernal Mine Coal	Near Chesterfield, and with the mine (not extensively)
11.	Clod, or Eleven Feet Coal	Near the end of the Clay Cross Tunnel, Morley Park, &c.
12.	Kilburn Coal	Kilburn, Buckland Hollow, Morley Park, &c.
13.	Alton Coal	Alton, Wessington, Belper Lawn, Coxbench, &c.

There are several other workable seams, but the above are sufficient to show that "Omega" is in error, and that you, Mr. Editor, were rather premature in thanking him for correcting misrepresentations. It is true, that in the original estimate I did not mention the coal already worked; upon endeavouring to approximate the quantity, the proportion was found so comparatively inconsiderable, that it was left out altogether. I have no doubt that the estimate is considerably within the quantity remaining unworked.

In reference to the railway question, I allow that there are "other considerations in laying out a railroad, besides passing through a coalfield;" but I believe that there are none more important, as wherever coal is cheap and abundant, manufactories will be established, and, consequently, the population must become numerous.

It is true, that the Midland Counties branch was not intended to pass through any town or considerable village, but the line was laid out to pass through the parish of South Normanton, within half a mile of the market and post town of Alfreton, and within a mile of the populous villages of Tibshelf, Pinxton, Birchwood, Somercotes, Riddings, Codnor Park, Heanor, Ilkeston, Eastwood, Trowell, Stapleford, Sandiacre, and Long Eaton. It would have been connected with

Mansfield by a railroad, which now terminates at Pinxton, and would have afforded to that town, and a populous district connected therewith, a railroad communication with the south, north, and west of England: it would also have formed a nearly direct communication between Nottingham, Yorkshire, and Lancashire.

If I was a resident in the valley of Erewash, I should be disposed to retort upon the courteous observations of "Omega," where he says that it is almost exclusively inhabited by "working colliers and Boatmen." There are, I believe, very few of the latter resident, the boats principally coming from a distance; and I believe that the other part of the population is quite as respectable as in any mining district in England. Surely, Mr. Editor, a miner is quite as capable of intellectual and moral cultivation as a cotton spinner.

Your correspondent says there are "two iron foundries in the valley." The truth is, that there are three extensive iron works, which, probably, do not ship less than 10,000 tons annually, and employ not less than 2000 workmen.

I allow the value and importance of canal navigation, and fully appreciate the immense advantage which this country has derived from it, but canals are no more adapted to the wants of the present community than the peruke, powder, and shoe-buckles of the tradesman "langsyne," are adapted to the "Yankee store-keeper" of the present generation. The gradients of the Long Eaton and Tupton line are allowed to be good; the length of tunnelling is much shorter, and the expense of construction will be much less than down the other valley. In short, I do not see any object there could be in passing down the other valley, except for the accommodation of Belper, which is principally dependant upon the cotton mills of Messrs. Strutt, and so far from these gentlemen considering the road an advantage, I am informed that they were decidedly opposed to its passing through their property.

Whenever I am in error I shall be much obliged to "Omega" to set me right, for although we may not sport the "same bunting," I trust that we shall sail in concert after comparing logs.

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant.

March 31

Alpha.

[Our correspondent has, we think, brought the point in dispute with "Omega" fairly forward, and we shall look forward to the reply with some interest. We offered no opinion of our own on the correctness of the statements of either of our correspondents, but merely expressed our thanks to "Omega," "as we do at all times to correspondents, who either correct representations put forward, or give their opinions." Surely this was not premature. We will leave "Alpha" and "Omega" to settle it without intruding our opinions on a subject which bids fair to furnish much interesting matters of inquiry. - Ed. M.J.]

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Letter: - The Tin Trade.

Sir, - The consistency of your remarks, relative to the formation of a "Smelting Company," must go far to convince your readers of your pure wishes for the welfare of capital in tin mines, as well as your knowledge of the advantages to be gained, and the obstacles that even a prudently and well-organised company would have to overcome.

Your correspondent, "Marbubble," directed my attention to a contemporary. The company advertised may have the best intentions, but the unfortunate mistake committed in the outset, and into which all will be led who would be connected, is clearly shown by the mention of £50,000 as sufficient to unmask a competition, whose security is, and has been a store of wealth, amassed in the scientific practice and continued pursuit of as complicated a piece of mercantile machinery as any in the three kingdoms.

Our smelters laugh at the proposed morsel; and your remarks of the 18th, have, perhaps, saved a mistaken few from losing their mite in a contest with monopoly, whose strength is the very inducement held out to capitalists - enormous profits.

Your observations show that you are aware of the danger to be encountered ere the golden harvest is reaped. Your arguments will convince all here, who are favourable to the formation of such a company, that it is better to go slowly and smoothly under your guidance, to connect London, Birmingham, and Cornish capital, secure local knowledge, and thus scotch the snake with an energetic blow, than taking the field in a forlorn hope, with a solitary £50,000, hardly a bite for the great Leviathan of the smelting-pot of the county.

Well wishers, here, I assure you, Sir, will be happy to find you following your remarks, as tending to two objects, viz., the preventing a foolish sacrifice of the capital alluded to, and forwarding the grand object - that of directing the capitalists in tin mines, to (if properly brought forward), a safe and excellent investment of capital, and the greatest means of improvement to their present property.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

A Miner

[Some observations will be found in another column on the tin smelting monopoly, which renders any remark here unnecessary, except that of thanking our correspondent for the estimation in which he holds our labours, while we court the communications of practical men, on a subject in which the mining adventurer is so much interested. - Ed. M.J.]

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Clarence Railway - Byer's Green Branch.

This branch line of railway which connects the Clarence with the coal-fields of south and west Durham, was opened on Friday, the 31st March, for the transit of coals and merchandise, and is expected to prove a valuable source of income to the Clarence Railway.

A party of gentlemen from London, Stockton, and the contiguous districts, met at the terminus of the line near Byer's Green, where railway carriages and cars were provided for their accommodation, and preceded by a train of waggons laden with coals from the Cold Knot and Old Roddymoor Pits, were conveyed down the line to its junction with the Clarence, amidst the acclamations of an immense concourse of spectators. About 150 of the workmen followed the procession down the whole line, drawn in the railway waggons of the company.

The committee of management and their friends then proceeded by the Clarence Railway to Stockton where a dinner was provided for the occasion, and the coals brought down, were liberally given by the colliery owners to the poor of Stockton.

The Byer's Green Branch Railway is a locomotive line, five miles in length, and was commenced in October last. Taking into consideration the heavy cuttings and embankments required, combined with the past unfavourable season, its early completion may be regarded as an extra-ordinary instance of dispatch in railway making.

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The Coal Trade.

A public meeting of the coal-masters and others interested in the coal trade, was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in the Black Bull Hall, to consider the clause in the Statute Labour Bill for the city of Glasgow, now in Parliament, which imposes a tax of 1d. per waggon on all coal passing through the royalty of the city. Before the chair was taken, Mr. Colin Dunlop alluded to the advertisement of Mr. David Bell, stating that gentleman's intention of moving a resolution in favour of the proposed tax, and that as the advertisement only called together those who were opposed to the impost of 1d. per waggon, he would propose that those gentlemen who were of a similar opinion with himself should adjourn with him to another room. Mr. Bell, after expressing his surprise at the line of procedure adopted by Mr. Dunlop, moved that Mr. C.D. Donald take the chair; on which Mr. C. Dunlop and a number of other gentlemen left the room, those remaining saluting them with a cheer. Bailie Fleming, in the absence of Mr. C.D. Donald, who had also left the meeting, was unanimously called to the chair. Mr. Bell then went into an explanation of the subject in dispute, and concluded by moving a resolution in favour of the contemplated impost of 1d. per waggon on all coal passing through the royalty, which was seconded by Mr. Craig, and carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr. Gilmour, it was agreed that a petition, founded on the resolution, be forwarded to both Houses of Parliament. A vote of thanks to Mr. Bell was then passed, and the meeting broke up.

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Bute Ship Canal and Wet Docks, Cardiff.

On the 16th ult., the first stone of this important undertaking was laid in the foundation of the western quay wall, amidst the plaudits of a great many persons who had assembled to witness the ceremony. A glass bottle, hermetically sealed, containing a record, on parchment, of the day's transaction, was deposited in the stone, along with the coins of the realm.

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Wheal Sisters Mining Company.

A special general meeting of the script-holders in this company was held on Monday, the 3rd instant, at the White Hart Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, to receive a communication from the directors on the subject of the renewal of the lease from the Duchy, and to take the opinion of the proprietors thereon.

Henry Hales, Esq., in the chair.

The advertisement convening the meeting having been read, Mr. Aston, the solicitor of the company, proceeded to read the report of the directors, which was simply to the effect, that they had put themselves in communication with the law officers of the Duchy, and that the result of the interviews with those gentlemen had been highly satisfactory. That previous to any extension of the lease, or determining on the terms, the Duchy officers required the sanction and approval of the body of proprietors, as a general course adopted by them, so that grants might not be improperly acquired by parties representing themselves as acting for others.

The report having been read, a discussion ensued, in which the chairman and several of the directors and proprietors took part; from which it appeared that the terms on which the lease would be granted had not been strictly defined, while it was deemed impolitic to enter into any further particulars at the present moment, the proprietors reposing full confidence in the directors.

A Proprietor, however, who stated himself to be a "young holder," was very importunate, appearing to be very innocent of the state of the affairs of the company, upon which he was desirous of being informed. As the matter was however foreign to the objects of the meeting, they were not entered into, the gentleman being referred to the office for information.

It was stated, that the calls on nearly 2000 shares had been already paid upon, and that the call had been cheerfully responded to, there being no doubt in the minds of the directors but that the whole would be paid upon antecedent to the period named as the last day previous to forfeiture.

It was observed by one of the directors that the day having just expired for the payment of the call, the board of directors had determined on issuing the notice of fourteen days antecedent to the forfeiture of those shares on which the call should not be duly paid; and that for such purpose a meeting of the board would be held in the course of the week, of the resolution come to, notice would be given by advertisement through the daily papers.

Thanks having been voted to the chairman and directors, the meeting adjourned.

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Advert: Shares in Cornish Mines.

For Sale by Private Contract, Shares in the undermentioned Mines, viz: - Carn Brea, Tresavean, Wheal Kitty, Budnick Marazion, North Roskear, Copper Bottom, Wheal Providence, Wheal Seton, Hallenbeagle, Holmbush, Relistian, Wheal Brothers, East Wheal Kitty, Redruth United, Treleigh Consols, Wheal Gilbert, Hayle Consols, Harmony and Montague, West Tresavean, Trevorgus, Tregollan, Wherry Mine, Wheal Sisters, West Wheal Brothers, Cornubian, Wheal Richmond, Duffield, Wheal Harrison, Wheal Brewer, Dainscomb, Albion Copper, West Cornwall, Mines Investment Company. By William Trenery, Jun., Mine Agent, and Share Broker, 50, Threadneedle Street. (All Letters to be Post-Paid).

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Advert: Reversionary Interests, Shares in British Mines, &c.

Mr. C. Warton's next Periodical Sale of the above description of property will take place at the Auction Mart (opposite the Bank of England) on Wednesday, the 10th of May, at Twelve o'clock, and will include several valuable Reversions of Money, Annuities, &c; also Important Interests in Valuable Lead and Copper Mines, Shares in some of the most popular British Mines, including

Two in Wheal Kitty

Twenty in the Blaenavon Iron and Coal Company

Ten in Holmbush

Ten in Tincroft, and

Thirty in the Harmony and Montague Mines, &c.

Particulars are preparing, and may be had Eight days prior to the sale, at the Mart, and of Mr. C. Warton, Auctioneer and Estate Agent, 38 Threadneedle Street, where sales may be speedily effected of all Mining Property, &c.

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Advert: Derbyshire Lead Mine, Six Shares (24ths), Producing £100 per Annum each, with Prospects of much Greater Income.

Mr. C. Warton is directed to include in his next Periodical Sale, by Auction, at the Mart, London, on Wednesday, 10th of May, at Twelve o'clock, in Lots, Six Twenty-Fourth Parts or Shares, in a valuable Private Lead Mines, known as Lathkiln Dale, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, which is clearing One Hundred Pounds per Share per Annum, and which has prospects of much greater success. Ten Thousand Pounds have been expended on the Mine; ore is raised at an expense of £4 per ton, which is sold for £11 per ton.

Particulars may be shortly had, at the George Inn, Bakewell; at the New Inn, Derby; at the Mart, London; and of Mr. C. Warton, Auctioneer and Estate Agent, 36, Threadneedle Street.

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Advert: Tregollan Copper Mining Company.

In answer to an Advertisement which appeared in the Mining Journal of Saturday last, the Directors of the above-named Company give Notice, that they have, in every respect, a Legal, Valid, and Undisputable Title, as well to the Tregollan as the Tretoil Set of the Wheal Change Mine, and that their Title to the Tregollan set (which has hitherto been held under a grant, dated the 10th December, 1829), has lately been fully confirmed by a new Grant from the Lords, for a term of Twenty-one years from the present time.

14, Bishopsgate Street, April 28.

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Advert: Vale of Tawy, Breconshire.

To Be Let - All the Veins of Iron Ore, Anthracite or Stone-Coal, Fire-Clay, &c, lying under all that farm of tenement of lands, called Wayngurlais, containing upwards of 100 acres, situate in the Parish of Ystradgunlais, and within half a mile of the Swansea Canal, power to communicate with which is reserved by the said Canal Act. On the upper part of this property are two five-feet veins of Stone-coal, which may be worked by levels, so as to unwater and win about fifty acres of each. These veins are about thirty yards apart, and as well between them as in the stratification; on the Upper Five-Foot Vein lie numerous veins of Iron Ore of the best quality. Under the above lie the Nine-Foot, or Big Vein, and the celebrated Brass Vein of four and a half feet thick. This may be won by sinking a pit of moderate depth, so as to command seventy acres of coal; or by driving a level, from near the edge of the river, under the adjoining estate; and the same remark applies to the Brass Vein. The intervening stratification between these Veins also contains Iron Ore. This property would be highly desirable to any parties wishing to embark in the making of Iron, as it has now been clearly demonstrated that the best Iron can be made with Stone-coal as a fuel per se - for within a mile of the property, "the Ynyscedwin Iron Company" are now making the best Iron with coal that is worked from the same veins as those above described, and at a consumption of it, as compared with bituminous coal, of at least one-third.

The tenant will show the premises; and for further particulars apply (postage paid) to William Brough and Son, Engineers and Mineral Surveyors, Lantwit Cottage, near Neath; and to treat to Mr. William Morgan, Solicitor, Bridgend.

Neath, April 10.

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Advert: To Assay Masters -

Wanted, by the Directors of the "Mining Company of Ireland", an Assay Master for Copper and Lead Ores if conversant with Mining Accounts the more eligible. Apply (if by letter, post paid) stating terms, with references, or certificates of qualification, to Mr. Richard Purdy, Dublin.

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Advert: Situations for Extensive Iron Works

To Be Let, for such a number of years as can be agreed on, in one or two lots, extensive, valuable, and rich Veins of Ironstone, Coal and Limestone, in the Estate of Blair, belonging to Colonel William Blair, of Blair, lying in the parish of Dalry and shire of Ayr, Scotland: -

1. The Field on the Estate of Hourat, about two miles west of the Village of Dalry, is intersected by the turnpike road, from Kilwinning Dalry to Large, where there is a harbour, distant about six miles. There is abundance of limestone of the finest quality wrought open cast upon the spot, and coal of excellent quality within a mile and a quarter.
2. The Field on the east of the village of Dalry, and distant from it about two miles, is intersected by the turnpike road from Kilwinning to Glasgow, and distant from the harbours of Irvine, Saltcoats, and Ardrossan from five miles and a half, all of which are situate on the Firth of Clyde, near Glasgow. The proposed line of the Glasgow, Paisley, and Ayr Railway passes through the Estate, and touches the bottom of the field. Coal and Limestone are on the spot, of the best quality, and in great abundance.

Offers will be received by Robert Patrick, factor on the Estate, who will point out to intending offerers the fields. For further particulars apply to David Smith, Esq., civil engineer, 37 Virginia Street, Glasgow, who surveyed the fields, and is in possession of specimens from the different seams.

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Advert: Glamorganshire - Highly Important and very valuable Freehold Estates for Sale

Mr. Adam Murray has the honour of announcing to the Public, that he is instructed to Sell by Auction, at the Mackworth Arms Inn, in the seaport, market and borough town of Swansea, on Thursday next, the 4th of May, and following day, in Lots, the first portion of the very valuable and highly improvable Estates, exonerated from land tax, and rates and taxes moderate, containing 4000 acres of arable, meadow, pasture, and woodland, together with houses and premises in the Borough, situate in the several parishes of Lansamlet, Swansea, Langefelach, Oystermouth, Bishopstone, Pennard, Ilstone, Penmain, Lanrhidian, Longhor, and Landilo Tallybontl; in a fine, picturesque, and healthy country, surrounded with excellent roads and good markets, close to lime and coal, and every capability at hand for the better improvement of the property; affording the finest marine situations for building upon, and plenty of good stone quarries, and land well stocked with game.

Particulars of sale will be ready to deliver on the 20th of March next, on application to Messrs. Watkins and Hooper, solicitors, Sackville Street, London; Thomas Thomas, Esq., solicitor, Swansea; and to Mr. Adam Murray, 47 Parliament Street, London. Letters to be post-paid.

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Advert: Anglo-Mexican Mint Company

The Annual General Meeting of Proprietors of Shares in this Company will be held at the Office as under, on Tuesday, the 2nd of May next. The chair will be taken at One o'clock punctually. At this Meeting one Director will be elected in the place of Edward Hurry, Esq., who retires, but who is eligible to be re-elected.

9, New Broad Street, London, April 8

G.B. Lonsdale, Secretary

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Advert: Boringdon Park Mining Company

The Directors of this Company give notice, that a call of Ten Shillings per share is hereby made, payable at the banking-house of Messrs. Williams, Deacon, Labouchere, and Co., No. 20 Birchin Lane, on or before the 26th of May next. The bankers' receipt, together with the script certificate, to be brought to the office of the Company, that the payment may be duly certified.

2, White Lion Court, Cornhill, April 21

S. Clarke, Secretary

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Advert: British Copper Mining Company

The shareholders are hereby reminded, that the last day for the payment of the Eighth Instalment of Five Shillings per share will expire on the 8th of May next; and that, at the last meeting of the proprietors it was unanimously resolved, that the Directors be restricted in future from receiving any monies after the final day on which a call becomes due.

By Order of the Board

31, Lombard Street Chambers, April 28

Nath. Midwinter, Secretary

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Advert: Bolivar Mining Association.

Notice is hereby given, that the General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Bolivar Mining Association, which was adjourned at the Annual General Meeting held on the 31st day of March last, to Friday, the 21st day of April instant, is Further Adjourned to Thursday, the 4th day of May now next, at one o'clock in the afternoon precisely, when the same will be held at the office of the Association, No. 9, Austinfriars, in the City of London, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee appointed at such said Annual Meeting.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1837

Alexander Allen, Secretary

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Advert: Cornwall United Mining Association.

Notice is hereby given, that all shares upon which the call of Five Shillings per share shall not have been paid on or before the 15th day of May next, will be FORFEITED for the benefit of the Company.

1, Green Street, Truro, April 24

John Brown, Secretary

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Advert: Combmartin and North Devon Silver, Lead, and Copper Mine.

At a Meeting of the Directors, held this 13th day of April, at the Mine, it was resolved, "That a further CALL be made on the Adventurers on One Pound per share, to be paid into the West of England and South Wales District Bank, at Barnstaple, on or before the 15th day of MAY next."

Combmartin, near Ilfracombe

William Newton, Secretary

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Advert: Cornwall Great United Mines.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at the Annual and Special General Meeting of shareholders, duly convened by public advertisement, held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at the City of London Tavern, the Directors give notice that Thirty-one shares in the Company, upon which the Second Instalment has not been paid, are ABSOLUTELY FORFEITED, for the benefit of the Company. And, further, that all shares upon which the Third Instalment, already made, on the 21st December last past, shall not be paid, with interest, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, from the time when such calls became due, on or before the 1st day of May next ensuing, shall be absolutely Forfeited, for the benefit of the Company. Notice is also given, that in future all shares upon which any calls hereafter to be made, shall not be paid within the time prescribed for payment thereof, shall be at once absolutely forfeited.

By Order of the Board,

37, Old Broad Street, April 13

J. Sparke, Secretary

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Advert: Cornwall Great United Mines.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a recommendation of a large body of shareholders, conveyed to the Directors on the 11th instant, that the CALLS lately advertised to be paid at the stated periods during the present year, are hereby REVOKED.

By order of the Board

37, Old Broad Street, April 13

J. Sparke, Secretary

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Advert: East Wheal Gilbert and Merry-Meeting Tin and Copper Mining Company, Blisland and St. Mabyn, Cornwall. -

Notice is hereby given, that the First Annual General Meeting of the shareholders in this Company will be held at Merry-Meeting, in Blisland, on the 15th day of May, at Twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to the regulations endorsed on the scrip.

W. Longmaid, Secretary

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Advert: Marke Valley Tin and Copper Consolidated Mines, Cornwall.

Capital £40,000, in shares of £2 each. Deposit £1; the remainder in July, and no further Liability.

Application for the remaining shares may be made to C.F. Kirkman, Esq., Mining Office, 12 Pancras Lane, where prospectuses may be had, specimens of ore seen, and all information obtained.

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Advert: Mexican Company.

The Directors hereby give notice, that, in pursuance of the Deed of Constitution of this Company, the Annual General Meeting of proprietors will be held at this office, on Thursday, the 4th of May next, at One O'clock precisely.

32, Great Winchester Street, April 22

J.E. Maude, Secretary

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Advert: New Granada Mining Company.

Notice is hereby given, that the Second General Meeting of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on Wednesday, the 17th day of May next, at Two O'clock precisely. At this Meeting two Auditors will be elected.

By Order of the Board of Directors, John Chapman, Secretary.

Office - 3 Freeman's Court, Cornhill, London, April 28

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Advert: Polbreen Tin and Copper Mining Company.

Notice is hereby given, that the First General Meeting of the shareholders will be held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, on Tuesday, the 9th of May next, at One O'clock precisely.

By Order of the Directors.

1, Cushion Court, Old Broad Street, April 26

Henry Thomas, Secretary

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Advert: South Australian Company.

The Directors of the South Australian Company being induced, from the very favourable intelligence just received from South Australia, and the increasing disposition manifested by their friends to take a further interest in their undertaking, have resolved upon making another Issue of Shares of Twenty-Five Pounds, at a premium of £1-10-0d per share to be paid on application; the first instalment £2-10-0d, to be paid on or before the 1st of May; the second instalment, £2-10-0d, to be paid on or before the 1st of August. No further call will be made until after the 1st January, 1838, and the holders will be entitled to the dividend at the rate of four per cent. per annum. As the number of shares to be issued will be limited, an early application should be made to

Edmund J. Wheeler, Manager

19, Bushopsgate Street Within, London, April 18

The Supplement to the first Report of the Directors, containing extracts from the letters from South Australia, is now published, and ready for delivery to the proprietors.

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Advert: St. Hilary Copper Mining Company.

The Directors hereby give notice, that in justice to the shareholders who have paid up the call, due so long back as the 8th of August last, they have come to the resolution of absolutely Forfeiting all shares on which the said call remains unpaid after Monday, the 8th May next.

15, Great St. Helens, April 25

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Advert: Treleigh Consolidated Mines.

Notice is hereby given, that the Second Call of Five Shillings per share, ordered at the General Meeting of the shareholders, held the 7th day of February last, will become payable the 11th day of May next; and that all shares upon which such call shall remain unpaid for one month after that date, will be absolutely Forfeited, in conformity with the conditions endorsed upon the script certificates.

23, Threadneedle Street, April 28

J. Bawden, Secretary

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Advert: Royal Polberou Consols Mining Company

At a Special Meeting of shareholders on the 14th inst., it was resolve, "that 3000 new shares of £10 each should be issued, upon which £5 per share and no more should be paid, and that the proprietors of shares should have the option of taking such new shares, equal to the number of shares held by each, upon the payment of £1 per share on or before the 10th of May next, the second instalment of £1 per share, was fixed on the 10th of June, and no future call to be more than £1 per share; and should not the whole £5 per share be required, that the holders of the new shares shall participate in the capital stock and dividends of the Company in the proportion of one-fifth of a £10 share for every £1 paid, and that such of the new shares as shall not have been taken by the 10th of May next, shall be held at the option of the holders of new shares, pro rata, upon the same terms, at such time as the Board of Management may determine". The shareholders who intend to avail themselves of claiming new shares in conformity to the above resolutions, are requested, on the payment of the deposit of £1, to present their shares at the office of the Company, between the hours of Twelve and Two, on or before the 10th of May next, in order that the numbers may be registered.

27, Old Broad Street, April 26

T.V. Williams, Secretary

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The Committee of Shareholders appointed at the Meeting of the 19th of November last, deem it their duty to CAUTION the Public against TAKING, for the present, any SHARES in the NEW CAPITAL of this Company, inasmuch as the suit instituted in the High Court of Chancery by William Revell Vigers and John Fam Timins, Esquires, against Lord Audley and Joseph Pike, and others, Directors of this Company, operates as a lis pendens to affect with notice all persons taking such new shares.

On behalf of the Committee

London, December 10

(Signed) H. Patrick

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Letter: Estimated Quantity of Coal in the Derbyshire and Yorkshire Coal-Field.

Sir, - I am not a constant reader of your valuable Journal, a friend of mine, living at a few miles distance, sends me four or five numbers together, as opportunity serves - this will explain why I have not replied to your correspondent "Alpha," sooner.

I am sorry to find "Alpha" a little testy with both you and me; he is testy with me for venturing to presume that he has fallen into a little error in estimating the thickness of "good workable" coal seams in Derbyshire and Yorkshire; and he is testy with you because you were kind enough to thank me for endeavouring to correct that estimate - but doubt not that a little further acquaintance will make us all good friends.

"Alpha" gives the names of thirteen different seams of coal south of Chesterfield, and places where each seam is, or has been in work, commencing with the uppermost in the series, and proceeding with them in rotation downwards. I will follow him in the same order, and make a few comments upon each as I come at them.

1. Yard Coal, wrought at Barlborough, in the parish of Annesley, &c. - This coal has not, that I am aware of, been worked anywhere south of Knitam Farm, one mile north of Barlborough, the bassit is there overlapped by the yellow limestone, but it has been got from under the limestone in that farm to a considerable extent; as to its having been got at Annesley, I cannot speak to it of my own knowledge; I have rode my horse through Annesley parish at various times, and in various directions, for the last forty years, and I never saw any coal pits there; and if there are any, I am inclined to think it must be one of the poor seams lower in the series than the Barlborough, probably the one now in work on Barlborough common.

2. Main Hard, wrought throughout the district. - This coal is, in general, about four feet in thickness, but, owing to its bassit running nearly parallel to the yellow lime rock, and at no great distance from it, added to the circumstance of its having been very much wrought in its whole range from Bilborough to Beighton, I am inclined to think that "Alpha" has over-rated the width of it in his estimate. I am aware that this coal seam runs under the yellow lime rock, but to what extent is not known.

3. Dunshill Coal, wrought at Dunshill, Hucknall, Swanwick, &c. - This seam is from three to three feet and a half in thickness, and is, in general, found of good quality, as a soft coal.

4. Normanton Common Coal, wrought at Wingerworth, Normanton, Pinxton, Battersley, &c. - There are two Normanton Commons in Derbyshire, south of Chesterfield, and both on the coal measures, viz., Temple Normanton and South Normanton, and which of the two it is that "Alpha" speaks of, I cannot well determine; but will venture to say, that no coal ever worked at Wingerworth was ever in work upon either of the Normanton Commons. The coal seams wrought in Wingerworth are under beds to the lower hard bed ("Alpha's" No. 7). The coals wrought on both Normanton Commons lie above that bed.

5. Ell, or Yard Coal, wrought at Denby, Smalley, &c. - I have nothing material to observe on this bed.

6. Main Soft, got throughout the district. - This coal is, in general, about four feet and a half in thickness; and all I have here further to remark is, that "Alpha" gives three "good workable seams," as lying between the upper and lower hard beds (Nos. 2 and 7). I admit of two only; but the best way of settling this point, is to examine the Shipley Pits, some of these pits are sunk through the upper hard bed, and down to the lower hard one, and consequently, if there are three "good workable seams" lying between, they must be found in these pits.

8. Piper Coal, got near Hallam, and near Chesterfield, not extensively. - Certainly not extensively, for although I have been intimately acquainted with both Wingerworth and Hallam, for more than half a century, I really know nothing of such a coal ever having been got at either of those places.

9. Pupton (Tupton) Coal got at Tupton, Morley Park, Codnor Park, Riddings, &c. - This coal runs from four and a half to five feet in thickness, to the south of Chesterfield; to the north of this place it is not more than two and a half or three feet in thickness, as may be seen at Newbould and other places.

10. Kernell Mine Coal, got at Chesterfield, and with the mine, not extensively. - Certainly not, for I do not know what seam he here speaks of, unless it be a coal twenty-six inches in thickness, which lies about six yards under the Tupton Coal. I never knew it got near Chesterfield, but I have known it tried in two or three places, but owing to its thinness and inferior quality it was given up as not being worth working.

11. Clod or Eleven Feet Coal, got near the end of the Clay Cross Tunnel, Morley Park, &c. - I am tolerably well acquainted with the clod coal near the end of the Clay Cross Tunnel, and can assure "Alpha," that it is not half of eleven feet in thickness; if he is at all disposed to dispute this statement, I hereby invite him to come and dine with me, on Whit Sunday next, at half-past one o'clock, and I will set before him as fine a dish of trout from the little river or brook at the end of Clay Cross Tunnel as ever he sat down to; it will be only ten minutes walk to the Clod Coal pits there, and "Alpha" shall measure for himself, and after dinner we can talk over the thicknesses and merits of the other coal seams.

12. Kilbourn Coal, got at Kilbourn, Buckland Hollow, Morley Park, &c. - This coal is the most extensively worked in the neighbourhood of Chesterfield, viz., at Brampton Moor, Townsley (Loundsley?) Green, Ashgate, Walton, &c. - it is about twenty-one inches in thickness, and of good quality, but owing to its thinness it is troublesome and expensive to work; no colliers, but such as have been accustomed to it from boys, can work it; at Kilbourn I believe it is thicker. We have now arrived at "Alpha's" last coal.

13. Alton Coal, got at Alton, Wessington, Belper Lawn, Coxbench, &c. - Ah! Poor Alton Coal, it is so long since I before heard thy name mentioned, that I had almost forgotten thee; all that thou ever didst, was to empty the pockets of two or three coal masters, who had the hardihood to disturb thy repose, and to fill the fire-places of a few cottagers in thy immediate vicinity with stones and ashes; as to burning their bread, or roasting their meat to a cinder, these are sins which were never laid to thy charge, though thou never aspired to a higher degree of merit in the culinary line than roasting a potatoe; but as thy face has not been seen above ground for now more than thirty years, we will let thee slumber in peace till "rolling years shall cease to move." I am rather surprised that "Alpha" has not pressed into his service the Holymoorside Coal, the Baslow Coal, the Alderwasley Coal, and some others of like importance, they certainly deserved a place in his list, in preference to the Alton

As to the railway question, if "Alpha" will be so good as to refer back to my former letter, he will find that I have not there said any thing against the commercial importance of the market

and post town of Alfreton; nor have I said any thing against the morals, or high intellectual attainments of the working colliers and boatmen along the vale of the River Erewash, I know them to be a highly useful and important class of society, and I respect them as such.

"Alpha" says that there are three iron foundries in the vale of the Erewash, I know the Codnor Park and the Riddings works, but am at a loss for a third. The Butterley Works, may I think, be said to be in the Vale of the Amber, rather than that of the Erewash; it is nearer to the Amber at Buckland Hollow, than it is to any part of the Erewash; the waters too, at Butterley, naturally fall to the Amber. "Alpha" says, the gradients on the Midland Counties line are "good," so says Mr. Vignoles, Mr. Jessop, and some others; Mr. Stephenson says, the gradients on the North Midland line are better, and this question has already been fully discussed in the parliamentary committees of the last and present sessions, the result of which is already before the public.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

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Monmouthshire Iron and Coal Company

The first half-yearly general meeting of this Company, was held on Monday last, the 24th of April, at Bath. The reports of the directors, engineers, and manager of the works, were laid before the meeting, when great satisfaction was expressed at their contents. We understand that great progress has already been made in the works, and that in about six weeks, the coal trade will be carried on to a very great extent. P. Jones, Esq., the chairman of the Monmouth and Glamorgan Bank, Newport, and Sheriff of Monmouthshire, was appointed treasurer, and Stuckey's Banking Company, bankers. In the evening several of the shareholders dined together at the Lamb Inn, Bath, the newly appointed treasurer being present on the occasion.

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Melancholy Accident.

On Tuesday Mr. Parson's colliery, at Neath Abbey, in which ten men were known to be at work on the level, was suddenly flooded. The distress of the wives and families of the pitmen was most pitiable, which was much increased by the body of one man being floated to the pit's mouth. In the course of a short time the other nine men were washed up, all of whom were alive, and are now recovering. The accident was occasioned by the workmen breaking into an old shaft that had been abandoned for upwards of eighty years, which was unknown.

Merthyr Guardian