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Advert: Combmartin Mines

Important and Valuable Mine Materials, Counting-House Furniture, Land, &c., near Ilfracombe, North Devon.

To be sold, by Auction, by Mr. G. Hearson, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 24th and 25th days of May next (if not previously disposed of by private contract, of which due notice will be given), all the

Steam-Engines, Machinery, Mining Materials, and other Stores, together with the Landed Property,

Belonging to the Combmartin Lead and Silver Mining Company – consisting of One excellent 50in cylinder Pumping-Engine, 9 feet stroke in cylinder, and 8 feet stroke in shaft, with two boilers, together about 24 tons.

One excellent double-acting Steam-Whim, 14in cylinder and boiler, about 5 tons, with crushing apparatus, stamps, cast-iron axle, heads, and lifters, complete.

One 26 and 50 inch Sims's combined cylinder Pumping-Engine, with one boiler, about 10 tons, 9 feet stroke in cylinder, and 8 feet stroke in shaft.

Several hundred fathoms of 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14 inch Pumps, flat-rods and capstan-ropes, of various sizes, steam-whim and horse-whim chains, and a general assortment of mining materials and machinery

For particulars of which, see handbills, which may be had of the auctioneer, Barnstaple.

Dated April 25, 1848.

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Advert: Valuable Freehold Estate – Waingrove’s Hall, Derbyshire,

Will be offered for Public competition, by Mr. Brearey, on Wednesday, the 31st day of May inst., at the Royal Hotel, in Derby, at Five o’clock in the afternoon (subject to such conditions as will be there exhibited), all that modern mansion, known as Waingrove’s Hall, with requisite Offices, Coach-House, Stabling for 10 horses, Barn and other Buildings and Conveniences, Cottages for Labourers, Gardens, Orchards, Pleasure Grounds, and Fish-Ponds – suitable for the residence of a gentleman’s family; together with the undermentioned Parcels of excellent enclosed arable meadow, and pasture Land and Plantations, adjoining and contiguous to the said mansion-house, situated in the several parishes of Pentrich and Heanor, in the County of Derby – viz:

	Cultivation	A – R – P
Great Wood Close	Arable	7-1-33
Plantation		0-3-1
Little Wood Close	Arable	1-3-23
Plantation		0-1-11
Far Court Close	Arable	3-1-15
Plantation		3-0-12
The Pasture	Pasture	13-2-37
Limekiln Close	Pasture	6-0-3
Round Meadow	Arable	11-0-34
Plantation		0-0-22
Plantation		0-2-37
Plantation		1-0-15
Over Willow Close	Arable	3-0-2
Plantation		0-0-22
Nether Willow Close	Arable	2-0-22
Joshua’s Meadow	Arable	4-3-25
Bracken Close	Pasture	11-3-21
Barn Croft	Pasture	3-0-17
The Hall, Outbuildings, Garden, Orchard, Pleasure Grounds, Lawn and Entrance Road		23-2-34
The Wilderness		0-2-33
Broom Close	Arable	2-1-38
Common Piece	Arable	0-3-33
Total		102-3-10

The house is situated on a gentle acclivity, nearly in the centre of the estate, in the immediate neighbourhood of the Donnington Hunt, within 9 miles of Derby, 12 from Nottingham, and 5 from Alfreton; Ambergate and South Wingfield Stations, on the Midland railway, and Codnor Park, on the Erewash railway, are at easy distances.

The estate lies in a ring fence – is about equally in the parishes of Pentrich and Heanor – that in the latter parish being tithe free.

The land is of excellent quality, well timbered with oak, ash, larch, &c., of mature growth; and together with the fish-ponds, pleasure grounds, and plantations, give a park-like appearance, and well-watered by never-failing springs.

The whole estate abounds with several beds of hard and soft coal, of the quality of the far-famed old Denby and Kilbourne Fields, as also with superior ironstone, valuable stone for building purposes, and excellent brick-clay, the situation and qualities whereof will always command a market.

A bill now before Parliament (read a second time) to obtain an Act for making a branch from the Midland Railway to Ripley, and provision is therein made to construct a branch on a self-acting plane, about 12 chains in length, purposely to connect the estate therewith.

A person resident at the house is appointed to show the estate; and further particulars and information may be obtained at the offices of Messrs. J.W. Bromley and Aldridge, solicitors, 1, South Square, Gray's Inn, London; of the auctioneer, in Derby; or of Messrs Rickards and Son, solicitors, Alfreton, Derbyshire, where maps and surveys of the estate are deposited for inspection.

Alfreton, May 1, 1848

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Advert: Ventilation of Coal Mines – Biram's Patent Anemometer.

This instrument has now been successfully employed by many eminent engineers, to whom references can be given.

For particulars, apply either to the inventor, B. Biram, Esq., Wentworth, near Rotherham; or to the maker, John Davis, Derby, manufacturer of miners' dials, chronometers, safety-lamps, and all kinds of instruments appertaining to the engineer, are made and kept in stock – Repairs promptly attended to.

J. Davis, Irongate, Derby.

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Advert: Antimony and Silver-Lead Mining and Smelting Company.

1,000 Shares of £5 each.

Now at work on the Cost-Book Principle.

Applications for shares to be made to Mr. R. Tripp, Fore Street, Exeter; Messrs. W. King and Co., Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and Mr. Bartlett, 58, Lombard Street, London.

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Advert: Audley, Staffordshire – Valuable Freehold Property.

To be sold, by Auction, by Mr. Hilliard, at the George Inn, in Burslem, in the County of Stafford, on Friday, the 26th day of May, 1848, at Five o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions to be then and there produced.

All that excellent Farm, comprising a messuage, or dwelling house, barn, cow-house, and other outbuildings, gardens, two cottages, and 20 closes, fields, pieces or parcels of arable, meadow, and pasture land, containing together, by admeasurement, 80 acres and 4 perches, in statute measure or thereabouts (be the same more or less), and known by the name of the Hollinwood Estate, situate, and being in, Talk-upon-the-Hill, in the parish of Audley, in the county of Stafford, and now in the occupation of Mr. William Baddeley, and his under-tenants.

Under this estate are valuable Veins and Beds of Coal, capable of being worked, and got at a moderate expense; and from its vicinity to the Staffordshire Potteries, a ready sale for the coal may be anticipated. The turnpike road, leading from Newcastle to Congleton, intersects the estate at one point thereof. The buildings are in good condition, and the land is in an excellent state of cultivation.

The tenant will show the premises – and, for further particulars, application may be made to Mr. Mitcheson, of Longton, mining agent; Mr. Francis Cruso, solicitor, Leek; Messrs. Hacker and Bloore, solicitors, Leek; or to Mr. Vaudrey, solicitor, Congleton, with whom a plan of the estate is lodged for inspection.

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Accidents (part).

Coal-Pit Accident at Clay Cross - On Monday last, a fatal accident occurred in one of the Wingfield Pits belonging to the Clay Cross Company. Two brothers, B. and N. Hatton, on their arrival at the stall where they got coal with lighted candles, the foul air exploded, and shortly after Benjamin was found much burnt, and his head cut, so as to render him insensible; Nehemia, after some time was found not so badly burnt as his brother, but quite dead – having, it is supposed, been suffocated with the after-damp. On examining the cause of the accident it was found that a part of the roof had fallen in, and stopped the current of air which ventilates the pit, after the men had left work on Saturday; and, in consequence, a quantity of foul air had collected. – Derby Reporter.

Highfield, Wolverhampton – On Saturday last, as T. Jones, aged eight years, was flying a kite near some old coal pits, formerly worked by Messrs. Tarratt and Timmins, he walked backwards into one of them, and was killed.

Sedgeley, Wolverhampton – On Wednesday week, A. Millward was killed by a fall of coal, in a pit belonging to Mr. H. Whitehouse.

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Devon and Courtenay Consols.

At a two-monthly meeting of the adventurers, held at the Central Hall, Plymouth, on Tuesday last, the 16th inst. – Mr. P. Fisher in the chair – the accounts were examined and passed, showing – Balance last October, £426-9-9d; calls, £235-15-0d = £659-17-9d – By labour cost and bills, as per voucher, £284-13-8d: leaving balance in favour of adventurers, when all calls are paid of £375-4-1d.

A call of 5-0d per share was made; and it was resolved, that a committee of five gentlemen – Messrs. W. Stumbles, W. Rendle, J. Foy, P. Fisher, and T.A. Davis, be formed into a committee, to act as circumstances may require, in reference to the amount of calls now in arrear from shareholders.

The following report from Capt. Seccombe was read –

Devon and Courtenay Consols, May 16 – I beg to inform you, that since our last general meeting, we have sunk our engine-shaft 6fms 2ft 3in, making the present depth, below the 40fm level, 9fms 5ft 6in – in doing which, we have intersected the cross-course seen in the 30 and 40fm levels; there remains yet to be sunk, to reach the depth intended to intersect the lodes 1fm 2ft, which will be completed in about a fortnight from this time; on this cross-course we intend to drive, to cut the south and gossan lodes, which, according to their underlay in the 40fm level, cannot be more than 3fms to cut the south lode, and 8fms the gossan lode; from the facility which the favourable ground on the cross-course affords for driving, we may reasonably hope this object will be attained in about two months from the commencement of the driving; and, from the improved appearance of the lodes in the 40fm level, compared with that of the level above, we may fairly calculate on a further improvement in our next level; on our south lode, in the 40fm level, we have driven east 10fms 1ft 1in on a lode producing, in some places, good stones of ore; our object in continuing this level, is to get to the east of the slide seen in the 30fm level, which slide we expect to intersect in about 8 or 10fms further driving; to the east of this slide, in the level above, there is a large and kindly lode, composed of mundic, peach, prian, and copper ore, an improvement of which we anticipate in this level; in this level west, on the south lode, we drove 2fms 1ft, when we intersected the cross-course seen in the level above, through which we drove – the cross-course being 15ft in width on it. We have extended a level 11½ft, found imbedded in the flookan some splendid stones of copper ore, showing good indications that we are in the locality of a rich lode; to the west of this cross-course, we have discovered two lodes, about 2fms 4ft apart; these lodes are each 1ft wide, composed chiefly of mundic, with occasional spots of ore, and appears to increase in size as we leave the cross-course; it is intended to push on a level west on one of these lodes towards the great gossan in the wood, under which we expect to find a good course of ore, and to form a communication with the deep adit level, which will relieve the engine from raising the water for a depth of 40fms. In the bottom of the 40fm level, on the south lode, we have set a winze to sink, in order to communicate with the next level, and to open some tribute ground; by continuing our level, south of the cross-course, we shall most likely discover some of the lodes (of which it has been ascertained there are several) yet to the south, which has not hitherto been seen at this depth in this part of the sett.

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Advert: Lead and Silver mines, in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

To be Sold, by private contract, all those valuable and current-going Lead and Silver Mines, belonging to the Bulbeck Lead Company, called Silver Tongue, in the County of Northumberland, and Hysop, in the County of Durham, with the Engines, for pumping and for washing the ores, Offices, Cottages, Mine Shops, Materials, and Utensils belonging to the same, situated upon the River Derwent, in the immediate vicinity of Shotley Bridge, about 16 miles from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and near the Wear Valley Railway. Those mines are divided from each other by the River Derwent, which here forms the boundary between the counties of Northumberland and Durham, but are connected by levels of communication for the convenience of unwatering the workings, and of washing the produce at central washing floors.

The Silver Tongue Mines are held by lease from the Lord of the Manor of Bulbeck, and the Hysop Mines from the Dean and Chapter of Durham. The royalty dues payable for the former are highly favourable, and for the latter are moderate. The leases are renewable according to custom. The engines for unwatering the mines, and for crushing and washing the ores, are driven by water, and in the best order and efficiency. The right of working extends over a tract of mining ground, through which many veins of lead are known to run. Four only have been partially worked, and yield large quantities of ore, rich in silver, and are converging towards a point of intersection with other veins, where a considerable accumulation of ore is expected. From the known productiveness of the lower strata in the very ancient Derwent Lead Mines, there can be no doubt but they will here be equally productive.

The Castle Side Smelting Mill, with machinery, horizontal chimneys, and every convenience for smelting and refining the ores from this and other mines, is situated in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. William Watson, the agent on the premises, will show the mines, and further particulars may be known and plans seen, by applying to John Dolphin, Hunter House, Riding Mill.

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Advert: Healyfield Lead and Silver Mines, in the parish of Lanchester, in the county of Durham. – For Sale, by Private Contract, the above-mentioned Mines, together with all the Machinery and Materials thereon. – These mines, which are held by lease from the Dean and Chapter of Durham, are now, and have been for many years past, in full course of working, and the produce has been considerable. The ore yielding a high percentage of lead, and from 20 to 25 ounces of silver to the ton. The mines are well stocked with water, and all machinery necessary for extensive operations, and the prospects for deeper and more extended trials are most encouraging.

The agent on the mine, Mr. Wm. Forster, is instructed to render every facility and information to parties visiting the mines; and for further information apply to Mr. Eddy, of Grassington, near Skipton, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, who is authorised to treat for the same, and by whom satisfactory reasons will be given for the retirement of the present proprietors.

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Advert: To Ironmasters – Bradley Iron-Works

For Sale, by Private Contract, the Forge and Rolling and slitting-Mill, at Bradley, near Bilston, in the County of Stafford, consisting of an excellent Forge and Mill; the former is worked by a steam-engine, of 32 horse-power, and the latter by one of 80 horse-power, with suitable and commodious Offices, Warehouses, Stabling, and other conveniences.

The forge has a double cam ring, with two hammers; and the mill is capable, in its present state, of slitting and rolling every description of manufactured or malleable iron. The machinery is constructed upon the newest and most approved principle, and the whole is in perfect order and good working condition.

With the works, will be Sold a commodious Wharf and Basin, on the banks of the Birmingham Canal; also, two Dwelling Houses, suitable for the residence of managers.

The whole is at present held by Messrs. G.B. Thorneycroft and Co., under an agreement for a lease, which will expire at Midsummer, 1848, when possession may be had.

The tenants will show the works; and further particulars may be had from Mr. John Dunning, of Bradley; or at the offices of John Finchett Maddock, Esq., of Chester; or of Messrs. Wagstaff, Marsh, and Barratt, solicitors, Warrington.

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Advert: To be Sold, or Let, a Valuable Coal Mine, in the Township of Great Harwood, in the County of Lancaster.

The mine has been recently proved, and found to be 3ft 2ins in thickness, and of excellent quality; it is commonly called, or known, by the name of the Upper Mountain Mine, and extends over about 1,000 statute acres, which will be divided into suitable lots.

The property is situated between the towns of Blackburn and Clitheroe, and is intersected by a branch of the East Lancashire Railway.

A section of the borings may be seen, by applying to Mr. Boosie, Rufford Hall, Ormskirk; or to Mr. Whittle, Coal Viewer, Charnock Richard, Chorley – to either of whom proposals may be sent.

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Advert: Important to Capitalists – Mineral Field and Valuable Freehold Estate, in Northumberland, to be Disposed of.

The Coal, Limestone, and Ironstone, in the Manor of Haltwhistle, and County of Northumberland, are hereby offered to be disposed of, for the unexpired term of 34 years, with immediate possession.

This valuable royalty is very extensive, comprising upwards of 2,500 acres – the greater part of which contains the aforesaid minerals. The Newcastle and Carlisle Railway (with a branch to Alston, now in progress, and commencing at the Haltwhistle Station, in the said manor) passes through the manor, and affords a ready and easy access to the shipping ports of Carlisle and Maryport, as well as to the important landsale trade of Carlisle; also to Penrith, Kendal, Lockerbie, Ecclefechan, and the south-west of Scotland, by means of the Lancaster and Caledonian Railways.

The Coalfield consists of upwards of 1,500 acres of coal – nearly the whole of which is unwrought. The seam of coal, which is now being worked, at the Fell End Colliery, is nearly 4 feet thick – is a very good gas and coking coal, and well adapted for general use, being almost free from sulphur. From the peculiarly favourable formation of the surface, about 600 acres of coal may be won and drained, by means of a level, at a very trifling cost.

The Ironstone may be said to be almost inexhaustible, and has been proved to be of very superior quality, and will extend over nearly the whole of the manor. There is also reason to expect, that the black-band ironstone will prevail over the royalty, of a similar quality to that worked at Chesterwood, in the same range of strata.

The Limestone comprises a breast of the "Thick Limestone," upwards of 1½mile in length; and, from the thin rid, or bearing, may be worked and burnt at a low rate. There are three kilns built, two of which are now in operation.

The Freehold estate, called Cross Bank Farm, consists of nearly 100 acres of arable, meadow, and recently enclosed land, and was purchased by the present lessee, to secure the important desideratum of a free wayleave to join the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway, being the only part in the manor where this could be accomplished.

The whole will be found to be well worth the attention of capitalists, being one of the most valuable and extensive mineral fields in the north of England; and, from the great and increased demand for coke and coal on the west coast for landsale and shipment, this royalty would realise, when opened out, the most sanguine expectations of mining adventurers embarking in the speculation.

For further particulars, apply to John Fawcett, Esq., Petheril Bank, Carlisle; and to Mr. R.R. Maddison, Haltwhistle, who has the plans and sections, and will show the premises.

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Advert: Important to Capitalists – To Be Sold, an excellent Slate and Slab Quarry - Variegated Marble and Hone Quarry – Copper and Lead Mines

All situated on the same property, within a short distance of the shipping harbour of Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire.

A General Statement.

The above works are situated on a farm called Croesawr-uchaf, in the Parish of Llanfrothen, in the county of Merioneth, about seven miles distant from the shipping harbour of Portmadoc, and about two and a half from the railway of the Festiniog Slate Quarries to the port. They are near the celebrated quarries of Festiniog, which are well known throughout Europe; and it hath been ascertained, by competent judges, that this slate vein is a continuation of the very productive vein worked by the Welsh Slate Company at that place, of which Lord Palmerston and other noblemen are partners, which send about 500 tons per week of fine slate to the market. The vein is about 70 yards wide, and very advantageous for working, being situated on the brow of a hill, and the rubbish thrown down, where there is a depository of 200 or 300 yards deep for it, without causing any trespass. The quality is good, splits well, and is of a beautiful blue colour. Slates of the largest size are made from it, and slabs also, of large dimensions. Thousands of fine slates, worked in sizes, and beautiful slabs, are now ready on the bank.

The proprietor has ascertained most positively that no other slate quarries in Wales can produce such beautiful specimens from so near the surface, and where so little money has been expended.

The Marble and Hone adjoins the slate quarry, and some splendid specimens of variegated marble and hone have been already made from it.

The Copper and Lead Mines are about a quarter of a mile from the slate quarry, and the metals are of superior quality, and likely to become very productive.

There is the greatest facility for carrying on operations at all the works, which may be done with little expense, as few or no machinery will be required. A sawing and planing engine may be worked by water, just below the quarry.

Satisfactory reasons will be given why it is sold.

For further particulars, and to treat for the same, apply (postage paid) to Mr. Richard Jones, printer and auctioneer, Dolgelly, North Wales, where specimens of the slates, marble, hone, copper, and lead, may be seen.

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Advert: Banwen Iron Company – Established 1846 – For working the Iron Mines on the Banwen Estate, in the neighbourhood of Swansea, Glamorganshire.

The Mines are now at work, and further Capital being Required for erecting additional Furnaces, a portion of the reserved shares of £6 each may now be had, on application at the offices of the company. A deposit of £2 per share to be paid down, and the remainder by two instalments, at intervals of two months. This company offers peculiar advantages, and the profits are estimated to return a dividend of 25 per cent.

Offices, 23, Threadneedle Street

S.P. Harris, Secretary

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Advert: Cameron's Coalbrook Steam Coal and Swansea and Loughor Railway Company.

Registered and Incorporated.

The directors are ready to receive Tenders for Loans, on bond, mortgage, or other securities, in sums of £500 and upwards – repayable in three, five, or seven years, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly in London, or any of the principal towns in England or Scotland.

By Order, A.C. Howden, Secretary

Company's Offices, 2, Moorgate Street, London, May 18, 1848

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Advert: Craig Ddu Slate Company

Notice is hereby given, that the First general Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, 35, Moorgate street, London, on Tuesday, the 30th of May next, at one o'clock precisely, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, and of electing two directors, in the place of Mr. Henry Morris, resigned, and William Wright Manifold, Esq., who retires by rotation, but who is eligible for re-election.

London, May 12, 1848

J. Morgan, Chairman

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Advert: Craig Ddu Slate Company

Notice is hereby given, that no shareholder will be eligible for Election as Director of this company, unless he shall hold at least Ten Shares, and shall have left Notice in writing of his intention to become a candidate for such office 10 clear days before the general meeting.

J. Morgan, Chairman

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Advert: Eastern Archipelago Company.

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

Capital £200,000, in 2,000 shares, of £100 each.

Chairman – John MacGregor, Esq., M.P.

Bankers – Messrs. Glyn and Co.

The objects of this company are to carry on mining, Agricultural, and Trading Operations in the Eastern Archipelago, and the Acquiring and Disposing of Lands in the Island of Labuan and the parts adjacent (Borneo) – a region abounding in mineral wealth – most fertile in all the valuable tropical productions, and very happily situate for the purposes of commerce. The working of the coal mines in those districts, so highly important to the promotion and extension of efficient and economical steam communication with our eastern possessions, will form a main feature in this company's operations.

By virtue of the company's charter, each shareholder's responsibility is limited to the amount of his subscription, and the capital may be increased to £400,000, and further increased, with the consent of the Board of Trade.

A detailed prospectus, with a form of application for shares, and an inspection of a copy of the charter, may be obtained at

Messrs. Gledstones and Co.'s

3, White Lion Court, Cornhill.