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Advert: Stannaries of Cornwall – In the Vice-Warden's Court.

Pursuant to a Decree of the Vice-Warden's Court, made in the consolidated causes of,

Norway and Another v Belling

Hawken v Dame

The creditors, in respect of Wheal Kekewich Mine, in the Parish of Llanivet, within the said Stannaries, are, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. inst., to come in and Prove their Debts before the Registrar of the said Court, at his Office, in Truro; or, in default thereof, they will be excluded the said Decree.

Dated Registrar's Office, Truro, Sept. 5, 1848

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Advert: Steam-Engines, Machinery, Engineering Tools, &c.

Bristol Iron-Works, St. Philips.

Mr. Edwin Naish will Sell by Auction, on Monday, Sept. 18, 1848, on the premises, as above, Two substantial and highly-finished independent non-condensing Steam-Engines, of 20 horse-power each, with boiler and pipe fittings, complete in all respects for separate erection, with the exception of the mere boiler shells.

One independent non-condensing Steam-Engine, of 10 horse-power, in all respects similarly fitted and furnished.

One 4 ton Pier, or Wharf, Crane, with wrought-iron post and timber-jib, 18ft radius, and 16 feet high, with cast-iron foundation cylinder and bed-plate, complete in all respects for erection.

One 10½ inch self-acting Boring Bar, with 2½ inch screw, to bore 11 feet in length – a very capital tool.

A revolving double chamber Blacking-Mill, with driving gear, shafting, &c., complete – equal to produce almost any quantity of founders' coal dust of the first quality.

A powerful lift Forge Hammer, with wrought-iron helve and screw standards, fitted into a cast-iron bed-plate, very complete, and applicable to almost any site.

One 3 ton and one 8 ton wrought iron Cupolas, with blow-pipes and blast boxes, complete.

Two bench Drilling Machines, and an assortment of slide rests, steel and other tools, several lots of useful castings and foundry flasks, nearly 2000 crab-tree cogs, a large number of valuable patterns, various lots of pine and other timber in balk, plank, and board, with a quantity of building materials, a double-purchase crab winch, capital iron waggon, pumping crank and shaft, several lots of shafting, with pulleys and wheel gearing, 10 ton lifting jack, and a series of other matters and materials, alike interesting to the founder, engineer, and manufacturer.

Sale to commence precisely at Eleven o'clock, at which hour a punctual attendance is requested, as, in order to accommodate buyers from a distance, a large number of most valuable lots have been condensed into one day's sale.

Catalogues of the whole, with orders to view, may be obtained, free of expense, at the offices of the auctioneer, 7, North Street, Bristol, six days previous to the sale.

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Advert: Valuable Mining Materials for Sale.

Messrs. Trevena and Pryor will sell by Auction, on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at West Basset Mine, in the parish of Illogan, the following

Mining Materials – viz.:

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| 1   | 36 inch cylinder Engine, with boiler, about 10 tons.<br>Capstan, shears, and 2 horse-whims; capstan and whim-ropes and chain.         |
| 3   | 10 inch Plunger Poles   |
| 1   | 9,10, and 12 inch H-pieces, with top door-pieces, &c.   |
| 52  | Fathoms of 11 inch, and 35 fathoms of 9 and 10 inch pumps   |
| 1   | 8, 9, and 10 inch working pieces, and 1 10 inch, 2 11 inch, and 2 7 inch clack<br>door-pieces, with windbores to suit the above lifts |
| 80  | Fathoms of 9 inch rods, with plates and pins to match.  |
| 100 | Fathoms of ladders and shaft casings.   |

Miners and smiths' tools, bellows, anvil and screw tackle, iron rods, shaft rollers, a quantity of timber, and sundry other useful articles. Also, the

Counting House Furniture.

For viewing the same, apply to the agent on the mine; and for further particulars, to Captain William Richards, Redruth. – Dated September 6, 1848

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Advert: To Capitalists – Profitable Investment.

Messrs. Bell and Watson are instructed to Sell, by Auction, without reserve, at the George Inn, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. next, at One for Two o'clock in the afternoon (by order of the mortgages, under an absolute power of sale, unless previously disposed of by private contract, of which due notice will be given), the Whole of these rich and extensive Lead Mines, or Veins of Lead Ore, lying or being within or under a certain portion of ground, part of the manor of Alston Moor, commonly called

The Galligill Syke Lead Mines,

Held and subject to the terms of a lease under the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital, comprising the Mines under and above the ground, Fixtures and Materials, Crushing-Mill, Dressing or Washing Machine, Tubs, Waggons, Workshops, Railway, and every other requisite for the produce and sale of lead ore.

These mines have been opened out during the last six years, and but partially worked, and the late proprietors have incurred very considerable expense in laying out the mines, and preparing them for the development of their valuable and exhaustless resources.

The supply of ore has, during the above period, been annually increasing; and, in the ordinary and profitable progress of working, will be for years to come capable of increased extension – during the last year producing a quantity only exceeded by three out of the numerous mines in this extensive and well-known mining district.

The quality of the ore of these mines ranks with the best, producing an unusually large portion of silver; and the mine has been, and is now, in profitable operation, and promising increased and large returns, by its further and more vigorous working.

Messrs. Bell and Watson are also authorised to Treat for the Sale of the said Mines by Private Contract, and will receive any proposal or communication, with that view, until the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. next, but not beyond that time, so as, in case of sale, to give sufficient notice to the public.

Messrs. Bell and Watson are further instructed to Sell, at the same time and place, those extensive Mines, known by the name of the Galligill Bents Mines, contiguous to the above, and subject to the same terms of lease. These mines have not been worked, and, from their extent, richness, and convenience of situation, afford a certain prospect of being profitably worked.

Further particulars may be had of, and all communications are requested to be addressed to, Messrs. Bell and Watson, auctioneers, Bank Buildings, Mosley Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The mines may be viewed on application to Mr. John Lathern, New Shield, near Alston.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, August 24, 1848.

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Advert: "Ireland" – To Capitalists.

Auction of the Interest in the Lease of the Kilbricken Silver-Lead Mines, and all the Valuable Machinery Thereon.

Mr. James Marshall, of Limerick, has received peremptory instructions to Sell, by Unreserved Auction, at the Mines – within three miles of the port of Clare Castle, five of Ennis, three of Newmarket-on-Fergus, and 14 of Limerick, on Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, at one o'clock, this very Desirable Property.

It is proposed that the interest in the lease of the mine (which is held for an unexpired period of 19 years, at 1-10<sup>th</sup> of the royalty), together with the Machinery, Tools, &c., be offered in one lot; and in the event of no competition, be separated, and the machinery sold by the piece; in either way, it will be well worth the attendance of manufacturers or mining companies, as, by the catalogue, it will be seen that the various lots are of the most costly description, and only two years in use.

There is a great facility for shipment, as the port of Clare is within three miles of the mine, over a good level road.

The ore is of the most valuable description – realising about 120 ounces of silver to the ton; and the mine, when stopped for the erection of more powerful machinery (which has been erected, but has never gone to work), was making large profits. This sale only takes place in consequence of many of the shareholders being unable to find the necessary funds to put the new machinery to work.

The Machinery Consists of –

- 1 66 inch cylinder Draft Engine, with 9 ton boiler, complete.
- 1 27 inch Double-Acting Engine, with sweep-rods, pumping and winding gear, and flywheel, with three boilers, of about 6 tons each.
- 1 20 inch cylinder Draft Engine, single action, with one boiler of 7 tons, and one of 1½ tons.
- 1 23 fathom 21 inch Plunger Lift
- 1 23 fathom 17 inch Drawing Lift – Complete
- 1 20 fathom 16 inch Plunger Lift
- 1 16 fathom 12 inch Drawing Lift – Complete
- 2 9 fathom 8 inch Drawing Lifts
- 1 16 fathom 8 inch Drawing Lift – Complete
- 1 7 fathom 10 inch Drawing Lift – Complete

A quantity of main and flat-rods, whims, chains, kibbles, and other machinery, which it would be impossible to particularise in the limits of an advertisement, but will be found to consist of every possible requisite for the effectually working of the mine, which will be catalogued.

Terms – Cash: a deposit of 25 per cent to be paid on each lot, and the remainder of the purchase money within three weeks of the time of sale. All lots must be paid for and removed at the expense and risk of the purchaser, within three weeks of the time of sale (except the large engine, for which two months will be given for the removal), otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the vendors have the privilege of again selling the lot or lots. The purchaser pays the auctioneer's commission of 5 per cent, in addition to their biddings.

Catalogues, plans of the mines, with sections, can be seen, and all other information obtained, on application at the secretary's office, 23, King Street, St. James's, London, or of the auctioneer, James Marshall, 96, George Street, Limerick – Catalogues can also be had at the office of the Mining Journal, 26, Fleet Street, London.

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Advert: The Patent Safety Fuse, for Blasting Rocks in Mines, Quarries, and for Submarine Operations.

This article affords the Safest, Cheapest, and most Expeditious Mode of effecting this very hazardous operation. From many testimonies to its usefulness with which the manufacturers have been favoured from every part of the kingdom, they select the following letter, recently received from John Taylor, Esq., F.R.S., &c.:- "I am very glad to hear that my recommendations have been of any service to you; they have been given from a thorough conviction of the great usefulness of the Safety Fuse; and I am quite willing that you should employ my name as evidence of this."

Manufactured and Sold by the Patentees, Bickford, Smith, and Davey, Camborne, Cornwall.

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Advert: Wanted – A Steam Engine, 7, 10, or 12 horse-power, to work a crusher and winding-engine; also, Two Crushing-Machines, all in good condition. Application to be made to Mr. E. Williams, Mine Agent, Oswestry.

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Advert: For Sale (at the works of Sims, Trevena, and Co., Redruth), a New 20 horse-power Rotary Steam-Engine – on Sims's patent combined principle – with or without a boiler. This engine is well adapted for a flour-mill, or for other general manufacturing purposes, and will be sold on very reasonable terms.

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Advert: To Copper Companies, Tin-Plate Manufacturers, &c.

A Gentleman, possessing of a first-rate connection amongst shippers and consumers of the above articles, in one of the largest manufacturing towns in the north of England, is desirous of Representing a Respectable House in the Above Trades. The most satisfactory references will be given. – Apply by letter, to "D.B.," care of the Editor of the Mining Journal, 26, Fleet Street, London.

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Advert: To Mining Capitalists.

An extensive Mining Sett, situate in the South of Scotland, to be disposed of, in which a large Gossan Lode has just been discovered, strongly mixed with lead near the surface. By an assay, it produces 11ozs of silver to the ton of ore; and, in the present state of the lead market, will fetch £10 to £10-10-0d per ton. There is a fall of water very near the discovery, which can be made available to work the concern to some extent.

Much of the stuff taken from the lode, a few feet from the surface, would pay for crushing or stamping; but the advertiser not having capital to lay the concern open. Erect necessary machinery, &c., which, he conceives, could be done to ensure good returns, at a comparatively small outlay, is anxious to Treat with any Party, on very liberal terms, who may be willing to avail themselves of the undertaking. The sett has been taken for 21 years, at 1-14<sup>th</sup> dish.

For further particulars, apply to "A.B.C.," care of the Editor of the Mining Journal, 26, Fleet Street, London.

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Advert: To Capitalists and Others Wanting to Invest Capital, where a very high percentage can be obtained with a small outlay, in Mineral Speculations, of undoubted wealth, without personal risk.

Full particulars and prospectuses may be had on application to George Gandell, Esq., stock and share broker, 1, Royal Exchange Buildings; Mining Offices, 20, Great Marlborough Street, Regent Street, London; Mr. John Downham, stock and share broker, Bury and Manchester; Mr. Joseph Clarke, jun., stock and share broker, Southampton; Messrs. J.D. Redmond and Co., 22, Exchange Street East, Liverpool.

John Gates, Secretary.

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Advert: Wilson and Fraser, 2, Wellington Buildings, Liverpool, and 13, Exchange Place, Glasgow, have always on sale Pig-Iron, Bar-Iron, Railway Chairs, and Railway Bars.

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Advert: Money

Messrs. Killick and Co., (late Winstanley, Killick, and Co.), Sharebrokers, inform their friends and the public, they make Immediate Advances, to any amount, on the deposit of English and Foreign Railway Shares, Scrip, and Debentures, upon exceedingly advantageous terms: they also Buy and Sell every description of Stock and Mining Shares, at much less commission than usually charged.

6, Bank Chambers, opposite Bank of England.

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Advert: Wheal Lawrence Copper and Lead Mining Company – Bridford, near Exeter.

This company has been formed by a few private gentlemen, and consists of 1024 shares, upon which a deposit of £3 per share will be required upon the formation of the company.

Application for shares to be made to the secretary, at the office of the company, No. 3, Winchester Buildings, Old Broad Street, London, where a list of the directors, with a prospectus, may be obtained.

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Mining in Plymouth.

We are glad to find that a spirit of mining is developing itself in this country, and the neighbourhood of Exeter bids fair to rival some of the great and successful operations near Tavistock. A short time since an extensive sett was granted by Baldwin Fulford, Esq., at Dunsford, near that city. Since then another sett has been granted by Sir Lawrence Palk, adjoining this company. The first is called the Wheal Anna Maria, and said to be in the same strata as the Devon Great Consols; the sett contains seven lodes, and the indications are of a first-rate order. The lode they are sinking on is 7ft wide, with a very rich gossan on the back, and composed of peach, mundic, quartz, pryan, fluorspar, and good stones of copper ore; the country being a beautiful blue killas, and large granite rocks within half a mile, &c. A watercourse has been brought from about four miles up the River Teign, for working the wheel. The men are now busy sinking the engine-shaft, and intend to cut the lode in the 20fm level. In the opinion of practical men, it is calculated that it will cut rich. Altogether the machinery and progress of the works were highly approved of at the general meeting held by a large and respectable body of the shareholders about a fortnight since.

Correspondent of the Plymouth Journal.

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High Tor Tunnel.

A communication was effected a few days since between the north and south ends of the northern High Tor Tunnel. This tunnel is on a somewhat difficult curve; but, on the workmen, meeting, it was found to have been set out with such accuracy, that the centres of the two portions, where the miners met, on being proved by the surveyor, Mr. J. Wheatcroft, were found not to vary half an inch laterally.

Derbyshire Reporter.

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Advert: King's College, London.

Practical Geology and Mining.

A Course of about Twelve Lectures, on the Practical Applications of Geology to Engineering and Mining, by Professor D.T. Ansted, F.G.S., will be Commenced on Wednesday, October 4, at Twelve o'clock, and continued each succeeding Wednesday at the same hour.

Fees for Attendance, £1-11-6d.

R.W. Jelf, D.D., Principal.

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Advert: Royal Geological Society of Cornwall.

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting of this Society will be Held in the Museum, on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> October next, at noon.

The Officers and Council will assemble in the same place at Eleven o'clock.

It is respectfully requested that communications, intended for the meeting, may be forwarded to us at the earliest convenience of the authors.

By Order, Samuel Pidwell, L.R. Willan, Secretaries.

N.B. – The usual Ordinary will be held at the Western and Mount's Bay Hotel, at Three o'clock.

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Advert: Manufacturing Premises, South Wales, on the banks of a tide river, about a quarter of a mile from a station on the South Wales Railway, To Be Disposed of.

The premises, which are held on lease (at a low rent), 27 years of which are unexpired, consist of a large Glasshouse Cone, with extensive Buildings, Two Cottages, and about Four Acres of Land; they have, for many years, been in operation as a manufactory of charcoal, sugar of lead, and naphtha, but, with slight alteration, might be adapted for other manufactures. They were formerly used as glass-works – the sand of the adjoining coast having proved of very superior quality.

There are two steam-engines, and other apparatus, which may be taken at a valuation.

Coal may be had delivered on the premises at less than 5-0d a ton.

For further particulars, apply to T.W. Lawford, jun., solicitor and land agent, Tirydail, Llandilo, South Wales.

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Advert: The Brithdir Colliery, Newport, Monmouthshire, is now in regular Work, and capable of supplying from One Hundred to Two Hundred Tons of Coal per Day. The coal is free from stone, slate, or sulphur; is a most excellent house coal – makes a very superior coke, and, for smithies and forges, considered to be the best in the port.

Price of Large Coal	8-6d	
Brush	8-0d	per ton on board
Small	6-0d	

Payment by approved bills, at two months from date of shipment, or 2 per cent for cash.

Address: Mr. Buckland, agent for the Brithdir Coal Co., Newport, Monmouthshire.

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Advert: Todd's Patent Metallic Protoxide Paint, after four year's experience, is confidently recommended as the Best Paint hitherto introduced for protecting iron from oxidation, and cemented surfaces and brickwork from damp and vegetation. Being free from smell and deleterious properties, it may be applied to houses, offices, &c., during occupation, without inconvenience.

For particulars, certificates, &c., apply to B. Todd, 9, Upper Thames Street, London.

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Advert: Boiler Explosions.

To Engineers, Mill-Owners, and other Parties using Steam-Power.

Mr. Edward Walmsley calls the attention of the above to a Modification of his Patent Apparatus for the Prevention of Steam-Boiler Explosions, which he has now fitted up at the under-mentioned places, as may be Seen in Operation at any time during working hours. It is simple, effective, inexpensive, and not liable to get out of order.

At Mr. Edward Walmsley's, Bankfield Mills, Heaton Norris, Stockport; Mr. Henry Gore's, Machine-maker, &c., Lever Street, Manchester; Messrs. Thomas Grundy and Co.'s, Machine Makers, Preston.

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Advert: To Ironmasters.

Wanted an Engagement, as Manager, by a person who has a thorough practical and commercial knowledge of the trade, and who has, for many years, had the successful management of large works; or an appointment as Agent or salesman to an extensive concern would not be objected to. No objection to the United States or the continent of Europe. The most satisfactory references given.

Address Mr. Thomas, care of Messrs. Dawson and Sons, Cannon Street, City.

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Advert: To Ironmasters and Others.

Wanted, by a competent man, who is about completing the erections of extensive rolling-mills in Wales, an Engagement as Draughtsman and Engineers, in the erections of machinery, &c., as connected with ironworks. Can be highly recommended from some of the largest firms.

Apply by letter, on or before the 27<sup>th</sup> inst., to "A.Z.," care of Mr. Thos. Thomas, stationer, Neath, Wales.

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Advert: Emigration – Australia or New Zealand.

A Person, possessing a practical knowledge of mining and smelting of metals, would be glad to Join any Party about to Emigrate to either of the above colonies, where his knowledge and services could be made available. He would not object to an engagement for a term of years; and, as he possesses a knowledge of farming and stock, would be willing to take land in part payment for his services.

Applications (post-paid), addressed to "W.W.," Post Office, Upper Holloway, will receive immediate attention.

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Advert: Mining in Australia, North America, &c.

A Gentleman, of high standing in his locality, who has been for the last 15 or 20 years a large adventurer in the mines of Cornwall – with the nature of which, and with the whole procedure for their working, he is thoroughly acquainted – experienced also in commercial affairs, in which he is competent to undertake a French, Italian, or Spanish correspondence – would be willing to enter upon an engagement to Superintend a Mining Company in Australia, or elsewhere; or to Treat with any gentleman for the Formation of a Mining Company at the former, he himself being ready to bring some capital into such undertaking. As the advertiser will be prepared to tender the highest references in respect of himself, no proposals can be entertained but such as are of first-rate respectability.

Apply per letter (pre-paid), addressed to "A.M.A.," care of the Editor of the Mining Journal, 26, Fleet Street, London.

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Advert: Nottinghamshire. – To Be Sold, by Private Contract, un Divided Moiety, or Half Part, of Mr. Thos. Wakefield's Share and Interest of an in the Nuthall, Cinder-Hill, and Babbington Collieries, situate near Nottingham, in the County of Nottingham, now being worked by Thomas North and Co.; together with a similar Share and Interest of an in the Steam-Engines, Machinery, Gearing, and Apparatus belonging to such Collieries – subject to whatever mortgages, or other debts (if any) legally chargeable upon the said collieries.

To treat for the same, or further information, apply (if by letter, post-paid), to Mr. Cann, solicitor, Nottingham.

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Advert: For Sale at the works of Sims, Trevena, and Co., Redruth) a new 20 horse-power Rotary-Engine – on Sims's patent combined principle – with or without a boiler. This engine is well adapted for a flour-mill, or for other general manufacturing purposes, and will be sold on very reasonable terms.

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Advert: For Sale, by Private Contract.

A single-acting Pumping-Engine – cylinder 30 inch diameter, 9 feet stroke, equal beam, with 7 ton boiler, cisterns, spring beam, and first set of rod-shafts attached, being the engine of Wheal St. Cleer. For particulars, apply to Capt. Osborne, Liskeard; Mr. West, engineer, St. Blazey; or Mr. Randle, the purser, 13, Octagon, Plymouth.

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Advert: Steam Engines. – From 8 to 20 Horse-==Power Engines always in Stock.

Apply to Mr. Capper, Engine-maker and Founder, Birmingham.

Price - £12 to £16; with boiler, £22 per horse.

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Advert: Keswick Mining Company.

Thirty Shares in this Mine for Sale. - £3-10-0d paid – at 10-0d per share discount. Apply to Mr. Herron, mining agent, 3, Adam's Court, Broad Street.

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Advert: Mining Offices – Established Five Years – Thomas P. Thomas begs to inform his friends and the public, that he has Removed from No. 18, Threadneedle Street, to No. 3, George Yard, Lombard Street, London (late Messrs. Phillips and Tiplady's).

N.B. Dealer in English and Foreign Funds, Mining, Railway, Gas, and other Shares.

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Advert: Mr. R. Tredinnick, Three King's Court, Lombard Street, London,

Continues to Deal in every description of Mining, Railway, Banking, Insurance, Canal, and Other Shares. – Statistical information afforded gratuitously, upon personal application. – Money Advanced upon the above securities.

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Advert: Mr. H.B. Rye is a Buyer in the following Mines – viz.: Herodsfoot, Trehane, Wheal Franco, Treviskey and Barrier, North Pool, Comfort, Antimony and Silver-Lead, and Condurrow; and a Seller in Wheal Seton, South Frances, West Providence, Mary Ann, South Tolgus, Wheal Margaret, West Treasury, and Trevean.

N.B. Every local information may be had on personal application to 80, Old Broad Street, London.

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Encroachments through Mining Operations.

Jury Court, Edinburgh.

The following issues were tried at the last sittings, in an action at the instance of Mrs. Colonel Robertson, of Hallcraig, and her daughters, against the Shotts Iron Company: - It being admitted that the pursuers are joint proprietors of the land and estates of Hallcraig, and that the defenders are lessees of the mines and minerals in the immediately adjoining estate of Milton Lockhart: and it being further admitted that all surface damage done to the pursuer's foresaid lands, through the operations and encroachments of the defenders down to May, 1842, had been paid and settled for by them: -

1. Whether, in the course of the years, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, and 1845, or any of them, the defenders, by and through their operations in opening and working the said mines and minerals on the estate of Milton Lockhart, encroached upon and occupied portions of the lands of Hallcraig, extending in measurement to four-fifths of an acre, or thereby, lying immediately to the north of the boundary line between the said estates of Milton Lockhart and Hallcraig, and to the east and south-east of a burn called Horley Burn, to the loss and injury of the pursuers?
2. Whether, by and through the said encroachments, damages have been suffered by the pursuers from and after May 1842?
3. Whether, in the course of the year 1837, the defenders, without the consent of the proprietors of Hallcraig, or any one on their behalf, encroached upon, and made and constructed a railway partly on the bed or channel of a burn, called Jock's Burn, where it forms the boundary of the properties of Hallcraig and Milton Lockhart, to the loss, injury, and damage of the pursuers?

Damages claimed, in addition to the demand for restoration of the subject to its former condition, £1,000; or

1. Whether, in the course of the months of February and March, 1843, or about that time, the defenders restored the foresaid portion of the pursuer's lands to the original condition in which they were, previous to any encroachment thereon by the defenders?
2. Whether the pursuers, their predecessors, or authors, acquiesced in the construction of the said railway?

Mr. A.S. Logan opened the case for the pursuers. He stated that the object of the pursuers in the present case was not so much directed towards pecuniary damages, as towards a restoration of the lands which (proof would be led to show) had been encroached upon.

The defenders, on the other hand, maintained that the railway mentioned did not encroach on the channel of the burn, and that the other encroachments had been partly restored formerly, and partly occasioned through a lime-work belonging to the pursuers themselves.

Evidence was led on both sides, at great length; and, after a very able speech from the Solicitor-General,

Lord Robertson (the presiding judge) delivered his charge; and the jury withdrew, returning shortly afterwards with a unanimous verdict in favour of the pursuers on all the issues; assessing the damages at £25. The case occupied two entire days.

For pursuers: The Solicitor-General, Mr. Maitland, and A.S. Logan, advocates; Hunter, Blair, and Cowan, W.S., agents - For Defenders: The Dean of Faculty, and Mr. M'Farlane, advocates; A. Melville, W.S., agent.

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Accidents.

Another Accident from breaking of a Rope. - As Joseph Yates was descending the pit at "Strangeways" Colliery, Hindley, near Wigan, the up rope broke, and he fell a distance of 27 yards, and was taken up dead. There can be no excuse or palliation for these accidents now, when Fourdrinier's apparatus is in use - practically proving they may be divested of all injurious consequences to the men.

Cowpen Colliery, Blyth. - W. Tunney was killed by a fall of coal, while at work.

Camlington. - T. Halcoe, six years of age, was drowned by falling into a quarry, containing 12ft of water, having overbalanced himself while picking haws from a hedge on the brink.

Burnley. - W. Whittaker fell a depth of 16 yards down the Hollin Grove Pit, from the rope breaking where it had been spliced, and was so severely injured, that he died on Sunday morning last.

Tivdale. - As W. Thomas was commencing his work, at Messrs. Bagnall and Jesson's colliery, a quantity of coal fell and killed him.

Wolverhampton. - P. Cane was killed whilst a work in a stone pit at Mosely Hole, by a quantity of clod falling upon his head, and fracturing his skull.

Stow Heath Colliery. - On Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., Edward Jones, aged eight years, a "gin" driver, was employed in letting his father down a pit, when he left the horse, and proceeded to the mouth of the pit, for the purpose of looking at him descending the shaft. Some boys having previously removed the nails connecting the cross-bar of the pit-frame, the bar gave way, and the youth was precipitated to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 23 yards, falling upon the ring of the skip in which his father had just descended. By the fall Jones sustained a compound fracture of his thigh, and several severe injuries on his head. Mr. Turton, surgeon, reduced the fracture, and the boy is now doing well, and likely to recover. - Wolverhampton Chronicle.

On Tuesday last, an explosion of fire-damp took place in Mr. Samuel Potter's Boswell Pits, by which several of the colliers were severely burnt. The frequency of accidents of this nature, at this and other pits in the neighbourhood, certainly calls for inquiry on the subject. - Derbyshire Reporter.<sup>1</sup>

Distressing Accident at Wanlockhead Lead Mines. - On Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., the Duke of Buccleuch, three of his sons, and a party of ladies and gentlemen, paid a visit to his Grace's lead mines at Wanlockhead. The villagers had made considerable preparations to give them a heart welcome. A rude piece of artillery, which had seldom been used, was furnished up for the occasion by some of the young miners. One or two shots had been fired, when the piece, by some means or other not fully explained, was accidentally fired, the shot taking effect, we regret to add, upon a young man named John, son of James M'Call, who was standing near the cannon's mouth. He was blown into the air, and very much mangled. The shot, for the piece was

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<sup>1</sup> At Ilkeston, see Willies, "Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Pits in 1842", Mining History, 13:4

loaded with small stones, entered the lower part of the body, inflicting most dreadful wounds. He was carried to his father's house, where Dr. Watson was speedily in attendance. Mr. Martin was also brought from Leadhills; but medical aid was of no avail, as he expired about two hours after receiving the injury. Deceased, who bore his severe sufferings with extraordinary fortitude, was 20 years of age, and a very deserving young man. His untimely death has cast a gloom over the usually happy village. This is the second accident in this family. A few years ago, a younger brother lost his right hand by an accident at one of the crushing machines. The noble party, when informed of the fatal accident, gave orders that everything should be done to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate individual. - North British Daily Mail.