

DERBY BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

We have pleasure in calling attention to a public meeting, which is to take place at the Town Hall, on Monday evening next, to explain the principles and objects of this society, which has already met with a very considerable amount of success, so much so as to render it necessary to appoint two subscription meetings in each month, instead of one only as previously advertised. It will be seen from the announcement in our advertising columns, that the meeting is to be addressed by persons who have themselves seen the working of Building Societies, and can speak from experience of the good effects of their operations.

These Institutions first originated in the neighbourhood of Manchester and Liverpool, and have been in successful operation for a number of years, and they have now increased to upwards of six hundred societies in different parts of the country, with modes of operation differing only in detail.

The following is extracted from a London periodical of the present month, which will give an idea of the importance which these Institutions are assuming:—

“Building Societies are spreading through the length and breadth of the land. More than two millions and a half of money are invested in them. Every day witnesses the increase of their numbers, respectability, and influence. Legalized, encouraged, and regulated by an Act of the Legislature, passed expressly for their protection; simple and un-speculative in their principles; stringent in their rules; and certain in the calculations upon which they are based; they have acquired a steadily increasing hold of public confidence, and, under wise and honest direction, cannot fail to confer invaluable advantages upon the community at large, and give a mighty impulse to the social elevation of the people. Thousands who, unassisted by such societies, would have toiled their whole lives, paying over and over again the value of their residences—still not their own—through the aid afforded by the combination of capital, and their own provident and industrious habits, enjoy the prospect of possessing, in a few years, an independence preventive of the anxieties which so often deepen the furrows on the brow of old age; thus smoothing the declivity of life, and enabling them to bequeath to their children the means of future competence and respectability.”

AMBER-GATE AND MANCHESTER RAILWAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DERBY MERCURY.

Buckland Hollow, 6th April, 1847.

Sir—I shall be obliged by your insertion of the accompanying address in your paper. For the unprovoked and bullying attack made upon me by Mr. Sergeant Wilkins on the occasion referred to, I am amply compensated by this spontaneous declaration of the Jury before whom my evidence was given. I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

DAVID WHEATCROFT.

April 2, 1847.

We, the undersigned, being the Jury summoned by the Sheriff to assess the compensation to be paid by the Manchester and Amber-gate Railway Company to the Butterley Company, beg leave most respectfully to express to you our entire satisfaction both with the matter of your evidence upon that inquiry, and also the manner in which it was given, and we most sincerely express our regret at the unmerited and unfair attack made upon you by the Advocate for the Railway Company, and to which you were compelled by circumstances, and your own sense of propriety of behaviour, to submit.

Our disgust at the treatment you and others experienced at the hands of the Advocate is unbounded.

We beg to subscribe ourselves with respect,

Your obedient Servants,

W. Adam, (Foreman.)	Job Smedley.
George Nuttall.	John Alsop.
Henry Stevens.	George Allen.
Luke Fox.	Charles Smith.
Chas. Else.	George Wheatcroft.
Saml. Coupe.	Thomas Bowmer.

To David Wheatcroft, Esq.,
Buckland Hollow.

MANCHESTER, BUXTON, MATLOCK, AND MIDLANDS JUNCTION RAILWAY COMPANY.

On Thursday, the 1st instant, an inquisition was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Whatstandwell Bridge, to assess the amount of compensation for land to be paid by the Railway Company to the Butterley Company, and to F. G. Goodwin, Esq. John Barber, Esq., the undersheriff, presided at the enquiry.

The Butterley Company claimed 459l., and the jury returned a verdict for 360l. 18s. 9d. The Railway Company had originally tendered 328l.; but it was understood that this offer had afterwards been increased—to what amount did not transpire.

Mr. Goodwin did not contest his case, and a verdict was taken for the Railway Company by consent for 450l. the amount of their offer; each party paying half the costs.

The Railway Company were represented by Mr. Serjeant Wilkins, and Mr. Thomas Wheeler, Barristers; and the Claimants by Mr. Ingle, Solicitor, Belper.

This being the first case of compensation for land taken by this company coming before a jury, it excited considerable interest.