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1831 Col An ADDRESS TO LABOURERS ON THE SUBJECT OF DESTROYING THRASHING MACHINES.

Explains to the labourers that the cause of their unemployment is to be found elsewhere than in the introduction of thrashing machines. Points out that machines benefit all because by reducing labour involved in production/an article the article is made more cheaply. Advises that more support be given to the un-employed and that as manufacturers and trade prospers, so will the demand for corn and the slack labour will gradually be re-employed.

Mercury Call for less extravagance - a change of heart and mode.

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Mercury Jan 1st, 'Much distress, I think, arises from occupiers having more land than they have money to work it.'

Col 2 1831

Mercury LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY COMPANY

Statement from the company that railway will not cross any road at the road level, not exceed 45ft. width and that there would be liberal compensation for any lands cut off by the railroad.

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Jan 22nd. (These articles appeared separately in previous  
1831 editions but have been printed side by side on the  
Col 1 & 2 front page of this edition)

A MEETING OF THE PROPRIETORS AND OCCUPIERS OF LANDS IN  
THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE through which the  
projected L. & B. railway is intended to pass.

White Horse Inn. Towcester. 30th. Dec. 1830

Sir William Wake, Bart. in the chair.

Gives resolutions.  
Shows pretty solid resistance to the railway.

REPLY TO THE RESOLUTIONS AT THE TOWCESTER MEETING.

The L & B R Company actually sent a deputation to the  
said meeting but were not heard. Their reply refutes  
that they are building the  
railway for personal gain - but for personal gain hand  
in hand with gain for the public. This reply was by a  
shareholder and a proprietor in the Liverpool and  
Manchester area. Points out that he'd hoped the matter  
could have been discussed in Parliament but the land  
owners have sought 'public opinion' on the matter so  
the whole argument must now be put into that arena.

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1831

Small notice of meeting held in Swan Inn Leighton Buzzard.

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>. Jan. Of landowners through which the proposed

L & B R passes. -

Letter against Poor Laws - saying that it is Divine Providence  
that has always declared voluntary assistance to the poor. Also  
gives examples of the way individuals abuse the vestry hand outs.  
Very anecdotal - conversations reported (direct speech) yet it  
concludes the money for relief is coming from the rates and the  
burden is forcing property owners to sell their lands.

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Article showing point by point how the railway will  
better the country.

LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY

Jan 29th.

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Mercury LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY Discussing the role of parliament in this transaction. Reply to the shareholders' letter.

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Col 3 1831

Mercury Outcome of the Leighton Buzzard meeting. The small landowners assented to the railroad passing through their lands so prevailed in passing a resolution of assent over the larger landowners who opposed the scheme.

LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY.

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Mercury A MEETING OF PROPRIETORS AND OCCUPIERS OF HOUSES AND LANDS BETWEEN PADDINGTON AND LEIGHTON BUZZARD through which L&BR will pass.

Feb. 5th.

1832

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Mercury LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY  
Letter from Herts. Mercury in favour of the railroad to offer employment to the poor.

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Mercury PARLIAMENTARY REFORM,  
An article giving all important speeches given in the House of Commons during the last 50 yrs. on this topic.

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1831

Col 3

Mercury GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR PARLIAMENTARY REFORM Given by Lord Russell. Detailed.

March 5th

1831

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Mercury Advantages of railroads over canals.

April 16th

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Mercury  
1831  
March  
April.

Paper is chiefly occupied with the Reform Bill during these months. Petition of name and of persons against the Reform Bill published in

Mercury  
July 23rd.  
1831

TYTHES COMPOSITION BILL

Mercury  
July 2nd.1831  
Col 5

AMENDMENTS TO REFORM BILL

Mercury  
July 16  
Col 5 1831

Trial of Cobbett for exciting the labouring classes to acts of outrage and violence.

Mercury  
Oct.  
Nov.

Many cases of birching are described.

Mercury  
NOV. 12th.  
1831  
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LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY

Notice is hereby given,  
gives list of all parishes through which the proposed railway line will pass.

Includes Wolverton and Blisworth. For hearing in next session of Parliament.

Mercury Dec.  
17th  
& Dec. 24th.  
Col 1 &2

Two lengthy articles on The merits of steam drawn carriages on the roads.  
Merits of steam over horse power on the roads.

Mercury  
Jan 7th.  
1832  
Col 1

RAILROADS AND STEAM CARRIAGES  
Merits of Mr. Guerneys steam carriage that travels on the road.