

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 1911

**MR LOFTUS JOSEPH WIGRAM ARKWRIGHT**

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**THE LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD:**

**AGREEMENT**

**relating to Latton Mills in the  
County of Essex**

AN AGREEMENT made the 27th day of February one thousand nine hundred and eleven BETWEEN LOFTUS JOSEPH WIGRAM ARKWRIGHT of Parndon Hall Little Parndon Essex of the first part and THE LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD (hereinafter called The Board) of the other part WHEREAS the Board in pursuance of statutory powers conferred on them are negotiating for the acquisition of the Undertaking of the River Stort Navigation (hereinafter called the Navigation) and contemplate improving the condition thereof and keeping the same open for traffic AND WHEREAS the said Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright is the Freeholder free from incumbrances and the occupier of and the only person in any way interested in Latton Mill in the County of Essex AND WHEREAS it has been agreed that in the event of the Board acquiring the Navigation the following terms of Agreement shall immediately become operative NOW IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED as follows:

1. This agreement is subject to the Board acquiring the Navigation before the twenty fifth of December one thousand nine hundred and eleven or within such further period as the parties hereto may agree.
2. The water range for working the said Mill shall be twelve inches. The top of the said range shall be six inches above the top of the Millers Post at the head of the said Mill and the lowest point to which the said Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall draw down the water of the Navigation either by working the said Mill or the Sluices or by any other means shall not be more than six inches below the top of the said Millers Post The said range of twelve inches shall be indicated by permanent iron or stone marks to be fixed by the Board at a point to be agreed upon by the parties
3. The said Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall not pen up the water of the Navigation higher than six inches above the top of the said Millers Post but in times of flood he shall not be responsible if such height is exceeded provided all his sluices are drawn.  
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4. The said Loftus Joseph Wigram  $\wedge$  his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall not wilfully do anything to impede the traffic on the Navigation.
5. The Board shall be at liberty to lower the sills of any Locks on the Navigation as they may think fit but in the case of any Locks having sloping sides they shall close in the sloping portion of such sides
6. The Board their successors and assigns and the said Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall be at liberty to

draw down the water in the ponds immediately above or below Latton Mill aforesaid for the purpose of repairs raising sunken barges accidents and for all other reasonable purposes upon giving to the other of them and to all other parties affected not less than seven days' written notice of their or his intention so to do. Such notice shall be duly given if sent by registered post to the Engineer of the Board at his office at Enfield Lock Middlesex or the said Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright his heirs executors administrators and assigns at Parndon Mills aforesaid and to the other parties affected at their usual place of abode or business. In cases of emergency the parties may give such shorter notice as may be reasonably possible under the circumstances.

7. Nothing in this agreement shall curtail or interfere with the rights of the said Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright or his tenants under the River Stort Acts and they shall be at liberty to appoint any one they may choose to collect any Mill Tolls payable under such Acts.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright has hereunto set his hand and seal and the Board have caused their Common Seal to be affixed the day and year first above written

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the above  
named Loftus Joseph Wigram Arkwright  
in the presence of

*sig:* Henry Collett

Parndon Hall

Harlow

Butler

*sig:* Loftus J W Arkwright

