

Dated 30th September 1910

**Mr E.A. AYLING & others
-and-
THE LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD**

**AGREEMENT
relating to the Roydon Mills
in the County of Essex**

AN AGREEMENT made the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and ten BETWEEN ERNEST ARTHUR AYLING of The Bungalow Bishops Stortford Essex in the County of Hertford of the first part and WESTRUP & AYLING LIMITED whose registered offices are at Roydon Mills in the County of Essex (hereinafter called The Company) of the second part and THE LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD (hereinafter called The Board) of the third 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 which will be to the advantage of the said Ernest Arthur Ayling his heirs executors administrators and assigns and the Company their successors and assigns AND WHEREAS the said Ernest Arthur Ayling is the Freeholder free from incumbrances and the only person in any way interested in Roydon Mills in the County of Essex save the Company who hold the said Mills on a lease for the term of twenty one years from the twenty ninth day of September One thousand nine hundred and three 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. NEITHER the said Ernest Arthur Ayling his heirs executors administrators and assigns or the Company their successors and assigns shall draw down the water of the Navigation either by working the said Mills or the Sluices or by any other means more than six inches below the River Stort Navigation head as indicated by the plate at Brick Lock. The water range shall be twelve inches namely six inches above the River Stort Navigation head and six inches below the same which head 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. NEITHER the said Ernest Arthur Ayling his heirs executors administrators and assigns or the Company their successors and assigns shall pen up the water of the Navigation higher than six inches above the River Stort Navigation head as indicated by the plate at Brick Lock as aforesaid.
4. NEITHER the said Ernest Arthur Ayling his heirs executors administrators and assigns or the Company their successors and assigns shall 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 Ernest Arthur Ayling his heirs executors administrators and assigns and the Company their successors and assigns shall be at liberty to draw down the water in the Ponds immediately above or below the said Roydon Mills for the 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 Ernest Arthur Ayling his heirs executors administrators and assigns or the Company their successors and assigns at Roydon 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. IN WITNESS whereof the said Ernest Arthur Ayling has hereunto set his hand and seal and the Board have caused their respective Common Seals to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the above named Ernest Arthur Ayling in the presence of

sig: George Munt
Roydon Mills Essex
Foreman

sig: Ernest Arthur Ayling



THE COMMON SEAL of WESTRUP & AYLING LIMITED was hereunto affixed in the presence of

sig George Munt
Roydon Mills Essex
Foreman

Directors *sig:* E A Ayling
sig: M J Ayling

Secretary
sig: E A Ayling

