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A fine example of Smeaton's report on the Forth and Clyde Canal.

The Forth and Clyde canal was Smeaton's largest project, indeed it was one of the largest civil engineering undertakings of the eighteenth century, and Britain's first watershed canal (sometimes called summit level canal), 28 miles long. This report was written in 1764 but printing delayed till 1767. Smeaton would commence work on the canal in 1765, however, with to Smeaton falling out with the proprietors, being rehired, and the whole scheme running out of money, the canal would not be open until 1790; by which time the engineer Robert Whitworth was in charge.

Bibliography**Provenance**

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