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ONE OF THE LARGEST CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY SCOTLAND

The Report of John Smeaton Engineer and F.R.S. concerning The Practicality and Expence of joining the Rivers Forth and Clyde by a Navigable Canal, and thereby to join the East Sea with the West. With a Map of the Country and a Plan of the Canal

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