

Letters to the Editor

THE EXECUTORS OF LORD PEMBROKE AND THE SALISBURY AND YEOVIL RAILWAY

To the Editor of the Salisbury and Winchester Journal.

SIR,- I need scarcely say that the report of the trial between the Baroness Herbert and Lord Pembroke's Executors and the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Company in your *Journal* last week, has caused considerable talk among the shareholders resident in this neighbourhood, and is a source of great surprise to them all.

When one considers the advantage which the Earl of Pembroke has derived from the construction of this railway in various ways, such as a station at Wilton, on the direct line between London and Exeter, another station at Dinton, for the accommodation of the Pembroke property in that neighbourhood, and which, as I have heard, was put there in the Pembroke interest, instead of its being placed elsewhere for the accommodation of other landowners in the neighbourhood, one might have supposed that in return for such advantages the land would almost have been given free of cost. When one hears, however, that in addition, the company have paid 200 l. per acre for their land, and have also executed sundry works at great cost, at the instance of the Pembroke family, such as the long, new, and ornamental road made for them between Salisbury and Wilton, neat and finished earth-screen alongside the road, instead of the unsightly soil banks which were left by the Great Western Railway Company, &c. &c., it is, indeed, difficult to understand upon what principle they could dream of the usurious rate of 8 per cent, interest which they have condescended to sue for, especially under the circumstances stated in your report. I, for one, can only say that the claim is worthy of Shylock himself, and that it is a great pity that such a stigma, as this will prove, should attach to the great house of Pembroke.

So long as there are shareholders in the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway, the facts will not be forgotten.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A SHAREHOLDER

31st May, 1866

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 2nd June, 1866)
