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## Lock at Aqueduct

The Gates & Sluices in very bad Repair by which there is a great waste of water one of the lower Sluices is obliged to be constantly kept up to let off the water from the Cistern which comes from the upper Gates, Altho the lower Gates are in very bad Condition and admit a great waste from the Cistern yet so bad is the Condition of the upper Gates and Sluices of this Lock that from this Leakage only, the water will rise upwards of 16 Inches in the Space of 10 Minutes when the lower Sluices are down - There is also a considerable waste of water while the Cistern is filling, which runs under the Brickwork of the Aqueduct into the small Lee, which in the course of a few Hours would entirely empty the Cut between this Lock & the Lock at Kings Weir were it not for the constant supply which the Cut receives from the barneys of the Gates & Sluices at Kings Weir

## Lock at Kings Weir

Notwithstanding the Trustees of the River Lee on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1789 ordered these Gates to be put in complete Repair they still remain in a very bad state by which the Old River which leads to the Royal powder Mills & Waltham Abbey Corn Mill is deprived of a great part of the Water which of right ought to pass that way, to the great injury of Government & to the prejudice of the said Corn Mill

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