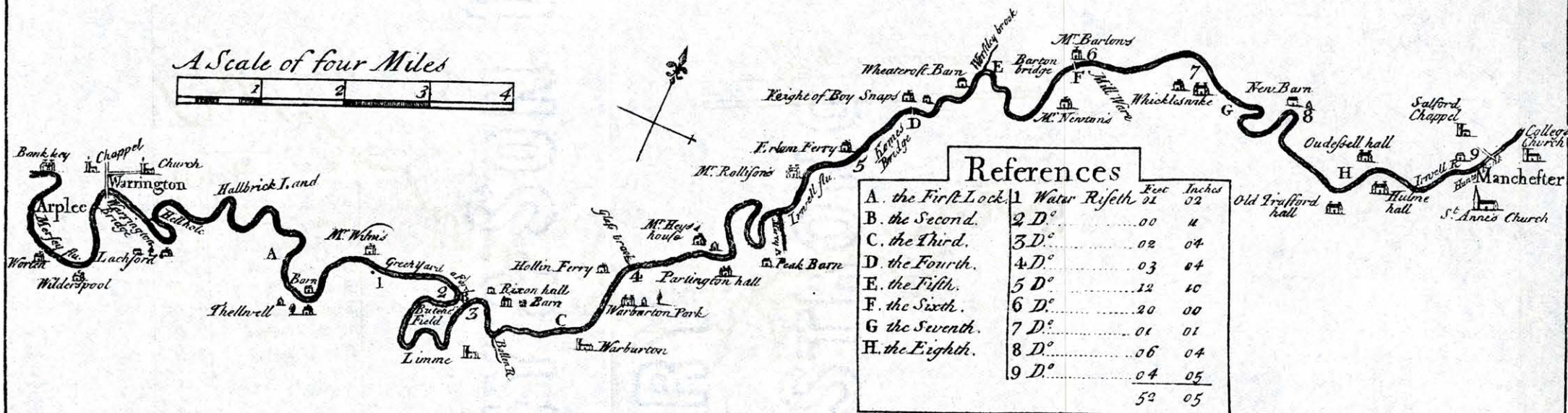


A MAP of the Rivers Mersey and Irwell from Bank-key to Manchester with an Account of the rising of the Water & how many Locks it will require to make it Navigable. Surveyed by order of the Gentlemen at Manchester by Tho: Steers 1712



The Inland parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire being favour'd with great variety of valuable Manufactures in Woollen, Linnen, Cotton &c and that in very great quantities; has made that Neighbourhood as populous if not more so (London & Middlesex excepted) as the same extent of any part of Great Britain; The Trades of these Counties extend considerably through the whole Island, as well as abroad, and the consumption of Groceries, Irish Wool, Dying Stuff & other Imported goods consequently very great; but as yet not favour'd with the Conveniency of Water Carriage, tho' Providence from the Port of Liverpool, up to the most considerable Inland Town of Trade in Lancashire, Manchester, has afforded the Best, not yet employed Rivers of Mersey & Irwell for that purpose. Those Rivers are here described from Bank-key (whither from Liverpool y Navigation at present is used). The conveniencies of the Navigation carri'd thence to Manchester, might one time or other be of the greatest Importance in time of War, in Joyning a communication of the East and West Seas of Great Britain with only 28 Miles of Land Carriage. The Trade made more easie, by an expensive Land Carriage (cause in a deep and flat Country) being turned into an easy and cheap Water Carriage and Cheshire served with Coals, Flaggs & Slate far cheaper than at Present &c