

24 March 1762, Joseph Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington

N[ew]c[astle] 24 Mar 1762

Sir / I recd a Lre last night fm Sr. Wr in wch he bids me send to London the Box of dressing plate wch came fm Wallington. I have enquired of Jenny Gray; but she does not know any think of such a Box, so that you must you must have it still at Wallington I suppose and therefore desire it may be sent hither in the Cart wch Robin tells me he expects will come for some trees. I desire I may have it tomorrow, because I have something else to send wch Sr Wr must have it time enough to get a Box made before the Carrier goes out to hold the whole. I am etc JR

28 March 1762, Joseph Richmond to William Jobson

To Mr Wm. Jobson

Newcastle 28th March 1762

Sir/ I recd by Jno. Smith a Box containing part of the dressing plate, so much I suppose as Sr. Wr. ordered to be packed up to be sent to London; whither I sent it by yesterdays Carrier. Monday, that is, tomorrow fortnight I expect there will be a meeting at Wallington of Sr Robt. Bewick & Mr Co[llingwood] Forster etc to do something abt. the Kirkheaton Affair that is the day talked of at present & wch I think it proper to apprise you that you may not be fm home that week if you can help it. Mr Forster is wrote to know if that day will suit him, or wch other day he wod rather chose & as soon as that day is fixed you will have an acct of it. In the mean time it will be best to say nothing of y[ou]r intention lest accidents may happen to change it. I am etc. JR

3 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to Collingwood Forster

To Mr Collingwd Forster <ANs>

Newcastle 3 April 1762

Sir/ My Bro[the]r shewed me the Lre on Sunday, wch he was going to send you by that post; to acquaint you Sr. Robt. Bewick desires you wo[ul]d meet at Wallington on the 12th ult. to settle the <storm> over of Kirkheaton fm Sr Wr Blackett to him, but I had not then time to write anything & all I have to say now is, that you are the best judge where it may not be proper for us to see you here before the meeting at Wallington. Perhaps something may want adjusting; & I find Mrs Widdrington will not be able to go wth us. Pray will there not be some difficulty ab[ou]t the Indemnification of the Tenants ag[ain]st the Money, wch they p[ai]d Lord Windsor; I hear Sr. Robt. does not intend to secure either Sr. Wr> or the Tenants ag[ain]st the Demand. I am etc JR

10 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to The Revd Mr Railton

To The Revd Mr Railton

Newcastle 10th April 1762

in Knarsdale

Sir / Sr. Wr. Blackett having given me directions to pay you £100. I desire you will call upon me for it when you come to Newcastle & am etc J R

14 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr. Wm. Alvey Darwin
London

Newcastle 14th April 1762

Sir / I have just come fm Wallingtn & have only time to tell that yesterday all matters were adjusted ab[ou]t the turnover of Kirkheaton Estate to Sr Robt Bewick. I have wrote to Sr. Wr. All the particulars; only it may be necessary to inform you immediately of one of them; wch is that the Bill filed against Sr Wr & the tenants by Sr Robt. is to be dismissed at his costs & charges; & that he has p[ai]d all Sr Wr's costs relating to the affair. It is just post time & therefore I can say no more than that. I am etc J R

20 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to Messrs Plumb & Brown Goldsmiths

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Golds[mi]ths
in Foster Lane London
1762

Newcastle 20th April

Sirs / On Saturday last I sent you by Matt[he]w Lee the London Carrier, as piece fine silver, the weight of wch I make 762oz; I desire you will place to account with Sir Walter Blackett at the market price, & advise me of your receiving it. I am etc JR

20 April 1762 Joseph Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr. Wm. Alvey Darwin
in Grays Inn London

Newcastle 20th April 1762

Sir / By Sr. Wr's directions I have shipp'd on Board the Patience Capt[ai]n Lilley, who sailed on Sunday last, 5 kitts of salmon directed to you. Sr. Wr. Said he w[oul]d tell you w[ha]t to do with them when they come to hand, I am etc etc J R

20 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis in
Hexham

Newcastle 20th Ap[ri]l 1762

Sir / The district which Wm Summers & p[ar]tners wants to have granted them to work for coals is of so great an extent that notwithstanding they are in so great a hurry, it will be proper to have some information before I can judge of that proposal. I shall therefore write to Mr Richd Harrison ab[ou]t it & as soon as I can get his answer you shall hear from me.

If a one & twenty yrs Lease must be granted to them, Sir Walter must be wrote to ab[ou]t it as soon as they agree to what shall be thought a reasonable rent. I am etc
JR

PS. I shall desire Mr Harrison to call & give you his opinion of that proposal.

20 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to Richard Harrison

To Mr Richd Harrison of
Coalcleugh

Newcastle 20th Ap[r]il 1762

Sir / Inclosed is a copy of a proposal made by Wm Summers & partners to work for coal in Allendale; as that district wch they want to have granted them is so large, & the term so long the rent seems to be too small. As I dare say you know the country well, & w[ha]t prospect it affords for Coal, I sho[ul]d be very glad to have yo[u]r Opinion, whether any inconvenience can follow on y[ou]r having all the ground to work between E. & W. Allan belonging to S[i]ir W[alte]r, or how they ought to be Limited & also w[ha]t rent you think they ought to pay, for Mr Ellis thinks they will give more, than they have proposed in the written paper: for he says they are very pressing for a Lease. He has offer'd to let them a Lease of that Liberty for 7 yrs at £1.0s.0d for the 1st yr £5.0s.0d a yr for the 2nd & 3rd, & £10.0s.0d for the remainder. Or else to Lett it for 21 yrs at £1.0s.0d for the 1st yr £5.0s.0d for the 2nd & 3rd yrs & £20.0s.0d for the remaining yrs. But they don't yet agree to either of these offers. I shall be glad to have an ans[we]r as soon as you conveniently can, & that when you go to Hexham you will give Mr Ellis all the Information you can ab[ou]t the matter. I am etc JR

24 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington

Newcastle 24 Ap[ri]l 1762

Sir / I have sent you £40.15s.10d by Wm Pringle, being the amo[un]t of the Garden bill. I am glad you have so handsomely bid for the wood in Winlaton <Letss> nobody has as yet ask'd us the question ab[ou]t it, & therefore yo[u]r barg[ai]n will stand, & I shall be glad to see you here the Day senight, to reduce it into writing. If Edwd Robson will bring the bond he has found to Wallington on the rent day; I will give him up, or else cancel the release he gave Sr W[alte]r in Lieu of it. I am etc JR

NB. April 24th 1762 the bond was bro[ugh]t to town by his two sons & the release cancelled.

27 April 1762, Joseph Richmond to Mr [Isaac] Hunter

To Mr Hunter at Dukesfield

27 April 1762

Sir / I have recd a very pressing Lre fm Mr Frans Salkeld for leave to keep a publick house wch I wond[e]r at, as the matter has been talk'd over & over again, & always objected to, because, tho' at present it might be a trifling advantage to him, it wo[ul]d in a little time occasion complaints against him, & I'm sure wo[ul]d be a disadvantage to Sr W[alte]r , therefore I desire you will tell him, I shall not take upon me to agree to it, if Jack Harrison sells ale to the smelters & oar carr[ie]rs it is more than I know, if he does it is wrong, but his salary is £10 a yr less than Mr Salkelds. My comp[li]men]ts to Mrs Hunter. I am etc JR

7 May 1762, Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis at Hexham

Newcastle 7 May 1762

Sir / By last post I recd a Lre fm Mr Richd Harrison, in wch he says he knows very well there are no seams of coals between E[a]st & W[e]st Allan waters of any consequence; & that you may safely let Wm Summer's & p[ar]tners a Lease to work for coals in the district at 5s.0d for the 1st yr, & at 4 or 5s for 6, 8 or even 10 yrs afterwards. Or upon any other better terms you can obtain. I hope you will be able to let us have yo[u]r Rental ab[ou]t the usual time. I am etc JR

12 May 1762, Joseph Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis at Hexham

Newcastle 12th May 1762

Sir / Inclos'd is a dra[ugh]t of y[ou]r bill intended to be filed the term ab[ou]t the Tyne Mills; wch I think necessary for you to peruse before it is engrossed. If you have time to peruse it tonight & consider wher any alterations sh[oul]d be made in it & co[ul]d wish you wo[ul]d return it; w[ith] yo[u]r observations upon it by y[ou]r bearer tomorrow, as the time is short, if you cannot do it so hastily, you may keep the bearer till Friday morning. I am etc JR

21 May 1762, Joseph Richmond to John Westgarth

To Mr Jno Westgarth Esq;
at Unthank near Stanhope

Newcastle 21st May 1762

Sir/ I am sorry I was not at home when you did me the favor to call upon me. I cant yet find out who the Mr West is who claims the Ground you mention he has rode in as belonging to his freehold Estate & where it lays but I will enquire after the man &

know w[ha]t his pretensions are, & at the pay on Thursday Senight, some method will be thought on to know whe[the]r he intends to support them, for Sr W[alte]r you may believe wont suffer any Encroachment to be made on the B[isho]ps Loyalties in Weardale. My son will be at Newhouse at the pay. & I wish it wo[ul]d be agreeable to you to dine there that day at ab[ou]t 2 o'clock. I never heard of any previous notice of riding the Boundary, or sh[oul]d have ordered Sr W[alte]r's Agents to attend. I am etc JR

28 May 1762, Joseph Richmond to Reverend Stoddart

To The Revd Mr Stoddart
at Alnwick

Newcastle 28th May 1762

Sir/ Sir Wr Blackett having occasion to mention the day of Mr Maj[o]r Allgood's death & of Mr Rastalls marr[iage] in a bill wch he is obliged to file in chancery, desires, if you have any memorandums of these occurances that you will be so good as let hin know when they happened. I am etc JR

29 May 1762, Joseph Richmond to John Beaumont

To Mr John Beaumont

Newcastle 29th May 1762

Sir/ I am called on by yesterdays post to send up my Acc[oun]t of W[e]st Kenton way Leave rent, wch has hitherto been postponed in Expectation of yo[u]r paying the £130 you are still in arrear, on wch there are to be a meeting of the parties, & w[ha]t may be the result of, I do not know; I shall send it away by next Tuesdays post & I sh[oul]d be glad you wo[ul]d pay me the money before that time, that you & may be both discharg'd by the Court w[it]hout further trouble. I am etc JR

4 June 1762, Henry Richmond to William Dashley

To Mr Willm Dashley
at Wallington

Newcastle 4th June 1762

Sir/ I have a Lre this post fm Sr W[alte]r Blackett in wch he bids me write Mr Robson not knowing that he is gone for Derby. That he wo[ul]d have two Beds put into the room over the kitchen for Mrs Trevelyan's two maids & the two children it being the most convenient room for the purpose; As Mr & Mrs Trevelyan will have the East bed chamber & the dressing room wch is only divided fm the room by the passage. Sr W[alte]r says he wo[ul]d not have a bed taken out of any other room, but a new one order'd to be made. As Mr Robson is gone I desire you will consult Nanny Hepple & Jos Forster how to execute the above. I am etc HR

8 June 1762, Henry Richmond to John William Bacon

To John William Bacon Esq
at Newtoncap by Durham

Newcastle 8 June 1762

Sir/ On the other side is the Acct of your proportion of Weardale Rents etc for the last year; wch Sir Wr Blackett has p[ai]d & wch comes to £166.9s.3d. You will please thereof as soon as it is convenient to give directions about it. I am etc HR

8 June 1762, Henry Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin at his Chambers
in Greys Inn London

Newcastle 8 June 1762

Sir/ Mrs Allgood has executed the Assignment of the 2 terms relating to Ord Estate; wch I shall keep here till it is wanted. I have p[ai]d Mr Davison his Bill relating to the matter & charged it to Sir Walter. My father has reced £22.1s.0d being the value of John Hick's Bill on John Baker & will send you a Bill in a post or two; in the mean time it is plac'd to the cred[i]t of yo[u]r aco[un]t wth him. I am etc HR

19 June 1762, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bart M.P.
at the Cocoa Tree Pall Mall London

Newcastle 19th June 1762

Sir/ Mr Hardbottle says his Sister cannot take less than 4 & ½ p[er] c[ent] for her money neither now nor after the war; therefore agreeable to yo[u]r Lre I have told him you will take it at that rate when it is ready. The china is come & appears to be safe. I am etc HR

22 June 1762, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter – a note

1762 June 22nd Wrote Mr Hunter of Dukesfield to let me know w[ha]t he is doing ab[ou]t the Carr[ier]s of the Lead fm Allenh[ea]ds & Rookhope Mills, for that the season is slipping away very fast HR

10 July 1762, Joseph Richmond to Mr Darwin

To Mr Darwin Greys Inn
London

Newcastle 10th July 1762

Sir/ You receive back my Kenton Acc[oun]t sworn to before Mr Widdrington to whom I p[ai]d 2s wch I desire you will charge in yo[u]r bill of costs, when the Acc[oun]t is

settled by your Master I will send you a Bill at sight for the Balance, pray what may be the reason of Mr Reed's desiring to postpone the settling this matter. I am etc JR

10 July 1762, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bart.
Wallington

Newcastle 10th July 172

Hon[our]d Sir/ After many conversations wth Mr Bell ab[ou]t Winlaton Coll[iery] he has this day told me how he will keep her for another year. He told me also that there will not be a Comon Council held on Monday as was intended.

The wine sent by the Newcastle Carr[ie]r is come; but being all in one hamper I have set it into the cellar here till you give orders how much of it is to be sent to Wallington. I am etc HR

July 1762, Joseph Richmond to Matthew Ridley

Matthew Ridley Esq Dr To Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bart
1762 March 31. For 75 p[ie]ce[s] refined Lead q[ua]nti]ty 105cwt 0 st 0 lb at £12 p[er]
fo[the]r £60.0s.0d

Sir/ I shall be obliged to you for the payment of the above sum in 14 days to help to make up a sum of money I have to pay ab[ou]t that time. I am etc JR

14 July 1762, Henry Richmond to John Johnson

To Mr John Johnson at Sunderland

Newcastle 14th July 1762

Sir/ Sir Wr. Blackett has ordered me to return you Mr Boulby's Lre [Letter], wch you had sent inclos'd to Mr Robson & to tell you that he has no thoughts at present of purchasing your ½ of the Corn Tithes of Ord Estate. Iam etc HR

19 July 1762, Henry Richmond to John Brown

To Mr John Brown
at Unthank

Newcastle 19th July 1762

Sir / You told me that you had Estimated the damage done to Sir Thos. Clavering's Estate by working for Gravel for Pontel& turnpike road, at ten pounds I find it will be necessary that you certify this by putting it into writing & setting your name to it; that it may be produced at the meeting of the Commissioners and an order thereupon made for the payment of the s[ai]d sum. Therefore do this & send it to Sr. Wr.; or else send it to <us>. I am etc HR

25 June 1762, Henry Richmond to George Douglas

To Mr Geo. Douglas in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle 25th June 1762

Sir/ I have reced your Lre of the 22nd inst. Inclosing Alex[ande]r Coxburn's bill on John Hillermaster for £60, dated the 15th inst. & payable to Anth[on]y Lambert or Order, 30 days after date; wch the Bill when p[ai]d will be so much on Acct. of your ½ years Fishery rent due to Sir Walter Blackett at Lady Day last. I am sorry you have had so bad a season; I believe it has been the driest that ever was known. I am etc HR

26 July 1762, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

Sir/ I am very glad to find that the [lead] comes so fast away fm Rookhope Mill at 8s.4d p[er] ten pieces. I wo[ul]d have them proceed till they get the length of ten thous[an]d p[ie]ce[s]; only let me know as soon as you can where the Dukesf[iel]d & other Tenants are likely to pay their rents by this Carriage. They sho[ul]d be urged to carry as much of the Lead as possible, as we have no thoughts at present of moving the Dukesf[iel]d Lead. The bringing so much Rookhope Lead the new way & so much of Weardale oar to Dukesfield mill will I hope teach Mr Parker & his Confederates that they have not such a property in Rookhope L[ea]d as they imagine & that the higher they raise the price of the carriage the less they will have of it to carry, & consequently that both the Landlords & Tenants on the Old Road will be sufferers by their Impositions & attempts to stop up the Lead way by Winter House & Millshields. P.S. I desire you will send down 2 < pods > of the HL, or great Slitt Lead to Mr Dalton as soon as you can. I hope the common, slag & waste lead ore are sent fm Rookhope mill first, as was mention'd at Weardale pay. I am etc HR

27 July, 1762 Henry Richmond to Ralph Clark

To Mr Ralph Clark at the Oxbridge to the care of Mr Archibald Reed, at the sign of the Windsor Sloop, commonly called the Sloops Arse in Stookholm

Newcastle

27th July 1762

Sir / The opinion wch Sir Wr. Blackett had that you wo[ul]d be a long lived man made him insert your Life some years ago with 2 others in a trifling Lease wch he holds of the B[isho]p of Durham.

One of the others, namely, Fenwick Bowman is dead & it is necessary, in order to have the Lease renewed, that we show that you are a live & in good health. Therefore Sir Wr. Blackett desires you will take the trouble of getting the minister of the parish you live in & two of your churchwardens to set their names to the inclos'd certificate after having filled up the blanks wch I have left therein. As soon as you get it signed pray return it to me by the post, or any other safe conveyance, & if you are at any expence

ab[ou]t this matter, or were at any ab[ou]t the former certificate, wch we got ab[ou]t 2 yrs ago, I beg you will let me know it, & I shall take care to have it repaid you. P.S. If you direct for me in Ne[wcastle] it will be sufficient- if they sho[ul]d make any objections to certifying you are in good health; the certificate had better in that case be wrote over again & they may only certify that you are living at the Oxbridge near Stockton & aged ab[ou]t 52 years. I am etc HR

These are to certify whom it may concern that Mr Ralp[h] Clark of the parish of in Stockton in the Co[unty] of Durham is living & in good health. As witness our Hands this first day of Augst. 1762

NB. I gave Mr Halhead the Certificate signed in the same form by the minister & 2 Churchwardens by this 29th Augst 1762

28 July 1762, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bt. At Wallington

Newcastle 28th July 1762

Hond. Sir/ I have endeavoured to see Mr Fenwick, to learn whe[the]r the meeting of the Com[missione]rs tomorrow can be adjourned to some day in the Assize week in Newcastle; but I have not been able to meet wth him, only have reced a message fm him, that he knows of no particular business to occasion a meeting tomorrow! The fine for inserting a new Life in Killhope & Wellhope Lease was settled wth Mr Halhead at one yrs rent; wch is a very good Rule for renewing Leases for Lives of Land Estates. I wish he had as good a one for measuring the value of the Lease for 2 yrs; ab[ou]t wch we had but little talk, because he s[ai]d I was come to soon; for he had not looked over his papers since I was wth him, wch was on the 30th of last month. I am etc HR

6 August 1762, Henry Richmond to John Crawhall

Mr John Crawhall at Allenheads

Newcastle 6th August 1762

Sir/ I reced your Lre of the 31st past, & approve of your washing wth tub & sieve what oar come to the mill you think stands in need of it, I thought that method had been used at all the mills, I remember some of the Coalcleugh oar was formerly washed so at Dukesfield mill & turned to great advantage in the produce, & as to weighing the oar to the smelters it is certainly a right method for the reason you mention, and sh[oul]d be practised at all the mills as far as possible, I desire you will smelt 5 bings of oar or any other quantity, as it comes fm the Groves, & wash the same quantity with tub & sieve; & let me know the weight of clear oar remaining after washing, & what Lead it produces both ways, & you will oblige. Yours etc HR

6 August 1762, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter Dukesfield

Newcastle 6 August 1762

Sir/ I send you the inclos'd Lre open, wch I desire you will seal & send to Mr Crawhall.
I am etc HR

19 August 1762, Henry Richmond to Walter Blakett

To Sir Wr. Blakett Bart. MP
at Wallington

Newcastle 19th August 1762

Hond. Sir/ I was wth Mr Halhead this morning at the Mayor's, but to little effect; for he told me he had been mistaken in making the profit by the Lease for 2 yrs only £500 a year, & that he now makes it £652 a yr. And what is worse, he told me the B[isho]p had now fixed the fine at £2500. Whereas if even Miss Shield's field is allowed to belong to the Lease for 2 yrs still the fine ought not to be more than 5 or £600 because your profit has clearly been no more than £307 a yr during the 12 years & if the 307 was an income of certain nature, like the rent of Land estate, his Lo[rd]s[hip] wo[ul]d have asked you no more than 4 yrs rent or £1228 as a fine for renewing 14 yrs Elapsed. But as it is a profit to be made by a Leadmine wch tho' flourishing today may be cut off tomorrow, his Lo[rd]s[hip] ought not to have asked above ½ that sum, or 614 for the renewal and there is more reason for this moderation in this present instance, if it is considered that after Great Slitt Grove is wrought out of Miss Shield's field wch by all ac[c]o[un]ts it will certainly be in 4 or 5 yrs, there will be nothing more under this Lease that you can make any thing of according to the present prospect. I am etc HR

20 August, Henry Richmond to George Douglas

To Geo. Douglas in Berwick
upon Tweed

Newcastle 20th August 1762

Sir/ I received your Lre of 16th inst[an]t desiring to know the price of Lead; in ans[we]r to wch I inform you that the price of Sr. Wr. Blakett's ref[ined] Lead is at present £14 our fo[the]r, or 21 cwt; if sold for ready money. But if you want to buy it, I must desire you apply to some of our merch[an]ts ab[ou]t it; for I cannot undertake to ship for anybody. I am sorry your salmon fishery still continues so bad. I am etc HR

2 September 1762, Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter
Allenheads

Newcastle 2 Sept 1762

Sir/ I am extreemly sorry to hear of Mr Harrison's illness, wch Steph[e]n Nicholson has just now told me of. I am afraid it will be long before he can get again to Coalcleugh.

Till we see further, it will be necessary that you give a little attention to C[oal]Cleugh Grove; for Geo. Armstrong is not for the charge; & Mr Harrison I sho[ul]d suppose wo[ul]d be glad of your assistance. I am etc HR

3 September 1762, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart.
Hexham

Newcastle 3 September 1762

Hond. Sir/ I heard yesterday of Mr Harrison's struck with the palsy & wrote to C[aleb] Hunter to give all the attendance he co[ul]d at Coalcleugh till you ordered what sho[ul]d be done. I wish you may meet with as able a minor to succeed him for I fear the stroke, if he sho[ul]d escape with less, will disqualify him for doing you any further service as a Grove Steward. You will see by the newspapers that we are to have a peace very soon, I hope a good one. However, it will be luck to you on acc[oun]t of its coming soon; & therefore please to accept of my Congratulation.

I am etc HR

7 September 1762, Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr C Hunter Stuard
at Allenheads

Newcastle 7th September 1762

Sir/ I am sorry for Mr Harrison's death. It is a great loss. But as Coalcleugh Grove must not be neglected, nor the men laid idle, Sir Walter desires you will take charge of all matters their till he orders otherwise. And as the day of lending money to the men is drawing near, you are desired to acquaint Mrs Harrison that her husband had £200 of Sr. Wr. the 10th of the last month wch was to have serv'd him till ab[ou]t Martinmas this yr. she sh[oul]d advance money to the men on the next lending day & at Mich[aelmas] all acc[oun]ts can be closed & settled very regularly; that being the time that all the bargains will be out, & till then the men cannot be reckoned with, I am etc HR

7 September 1762, Henry Richmond to George Douglas

To Mr Geo. Douglas Plumber
in Berwick upon Tweed

Newcastle 7 September 1762

Sir/ Yesterday I read your Lre of the 4th ins[tan]t enquiring whe[the]r I had got one fm Mr Blake ab[ou]t the 200 p[ie]ce[s] of Sr. Wr. Blackett's Lead wch you spoke to me ab[ou]t for his use & by the same post I recd a Lre fm Mr Blake ab[ou]t it. Therefore that quantity of Lead will be delivered on his acc[oun]t to any person you shall authorize to receive it at Blaydon; only let me know who it is & also acquaint him that he must call upon me for a ticket for it. I am etc HR

10 September 1762, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

Sir/ I am sorry to find, by Mr Salkeld's acc[oun]t for August that only 762 p[iece]s of Lead are delivered fm Dukesfield mill. You know we wanted to have 5000 p[iece]s down to Blaydon before winter; & now, that we are likely to have a peace, we must have more if possible: Therefore I desire you will set on all the carr[ie]rs you can; only do not be too urgent with them lest you occasion a demand for more price but act with discession. P.S. Pray forw[a]rd the inclosed by a safe hand so that Mr Hunter may have it on Sunday night at furthest, for it relates to his being at Hexham on Monday. I am etc HR

10 September 1762, Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter at
Allenheads

Newcastle 10 September 1762

Sir/ Sir Wr. Blackett will be at Hexham till 3 or 4 o'clock on Monday next: where if you conveniently can be at the same time it w[oul]d be right; Because he will want to know what character Thos. Nixon of Dotland, who was formerly Steward of Mr Lorain's Grove, bears as a minor, he having offered himself for C[oa]lcleugh. And you will let Sir Walter know, if you can learn the reason why he left Mr Loraine, wch he says he did ab[ou]t the year 1751 since wch time he has not been employed ab[ou]t lead mines; except upon views or references. I am etc HR

11 September 1762, Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan at Newhouse
in Weardale
1762

Newcastle 11 September

Sir/ The death of Mr Harrison has occasions several applications to Sr. Wr. Blackett to succeed him. The principal are for Thos. Nixon of Dotland, who was Steward to Mr Loraine's Grove till the year 1751 since wch time he has not been employed in mining; except upon some views & references. And the other is in behalf of Mr Hewatson of Alstone. Sir Walter wo[ul]d be glad to have a little talk with you on this subject, together with Mr C. Hunter who I have wrote to; & as he will be at Hexham on Monday next till 3 or 4 o'clock or perhaps may stay all night, he bids me write to you that he wo[ul]d have you meet him there if it is convenient & you receive this Lre time. I am etc HR

24 September 1762, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr I Hunter at Dukesfield
1762

Newcastle 24th September

Sir/ As to advancing the price of Carriage oar fm Weardale mines to Dukesfield 8d p[er] Bing, I have no objection to it, if it cant be got under, & you are sure the Lead will come as cheap to Blaydon after that advance as it wo[ul]d if the ore was smelted at Rookhope mill, but as you must now calculate the Carriage of Lead fm Rookhope at 8s.4d only, p[er] ten pieces, that being the price we reduced it to this year I think you will find it will not answer. I am etc HR

25 September 1762, Henry Richmond to William Hodgson

To Mr William Hodgson at
Alston

Newcastle 25th September 1762

Sir/ Sir Walter Blackett has thought proper to appoint you his Steward at Coalcleugh in the room of Mr Harrison & desires you will immediately take the charge & direction of the Grove & every thing there wherein he is interested. He wo[ul]d be glad to see you here on Tuesday Seninght in the morning, so that you will come to Town the Evening before. In the meantime it will be proper that you take a veiw of the of the Grove, & the situation of things at C.Cleugh, that you may be able to give Sir walter your opinion when you come.

It wo[ul]d be proper also that you acquaint Mr. C. Hunter of Allenheads with the contents of this Lre [Letter]. Because he has at present the charge of C.Cleugh Grove etc.

I am etc HR

26 September 1762. Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr I Hunter Dukesfield to the care
1762

Newcastle 26th Sept

of Mr Wm. Hunter Att[orne]y at Law Hexham

Sir/ I desire you will send some safe hand to Alston with the inclosed Lre for Mr Wm. Hodgson without loss of time, as it is his appointment to succeed Mr Harrison at C. Cleugh. You will charge the expence of the messenger to Sir Walter's ac[c]o[un]t. I am etc HR

29 September 1762, Henry Richmond to The Lord Bishop of Durham

To The Hon[oura]ble & R[igh]t Revd. The Lord Bishop
of Durham

Witworth 29th September 1762

My Lord/ Without entering more minutely in to the difference & difficulties wch subsist with respect to the calculation upon wch your Lords[hi]p has proposed to renew the Lease for <3> Years for £2500, I beg leave to offer your Lordship £1500 for a renewal of that Lease in the manner it hath been here to fore renewed, & if your Lords[hi]p agrees to the proposal that sum shall be p[ai]d in the space of 2 or 3 months, as you shall fix.

I am my Lord

Your L[or]ds[hi]p most ob[idi]ent Serv[an]t

Wr. Blackett

11 October 1762, Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter at Allenheads
1762

Newcastle 11 October

Sir/ Sir Walter having considered that the working in Killhope can be more conveniently attended by Mr Hodgson, who is to reside at Coalcleugh, than by you of Allenheads has tho[ugh]t proper to appoint him director hereof; & Caleb Kidd to be his assistant I am etc HR

11 October 1762, Henry Richmond to William Hodgson

To Mr Wm. Hodgson at
Alston
1762

Newcastle 11 October

Sir/ As Killhope from its situation falls more naturally under the inspection of the C.Cleugh Agent, Sr.Wr. has thought proper to put the mines under your management; & has appointed Caleb Kidd to be your assistant there, at a salary of £20 a yr. And he has also appointed Jos[eph] Dickinson to succeed Geo. Armstrong as under steward at Coalcleugh at £20 a year provided he will come & live there.

I have Mr C. Hunter by C. Kidd acquainting him hereof. I am etc HR

24 October 1762, Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm Robson at Wallington
1762

<Newcastle> 24 October

Sir/ I still have the Gold I told you amounted to £13.1s.0d not having been able to get any of it disposed of. Inclos'd is Sir Walter's bond to you as ad[mini]strator of John Ogles effects for £300 in lieu of the rec[eipt]s wch you sent me in. I am etc. HR

2 November 1762, Henry Richmond to William Robson

Sir/ As to the manner of carrying forward Killhope mines, Sr. Wr. Blackett leaves it wholly to your judgement; but I am sorry they are in so ruinous a condition & the levels & shafts are so much out of repair. As you cannot get all the ore sent to the mill before the pay, I think the best way is to complete it, & let the men have something in part of it, as subsistence after the pay for it will occasion a great confusion in all our Accts if you charge any ore in the 2 [nd] [quarters] Accts wch is not actually delivered to the mills. I am sorry your journey to Mr Davison's proved so little to your satisfaction. I am etc HR

9 November 1762, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. MP in halfmoon
Street Piccadily London

Newcastle 9th November 1762

Hon[our]d Sir, Inclosed herewith is the dr[augh]t of the bill for an Act of Parliament for sinking the Lease for Years into the Lease for Lives, as settled by Mr Fawcett who hopes that the reci[ept]ed part with regard to the trust Estate will pass in the form he has put it; & that, if so, it will not be necessary to have Mr & Mrs Rastall before the committee. I am etc HR

12 November, 1762 Henry Richmond to Nicholas Hallhead

To Mr Nicholas Hallhead Esq in Durham
1762

Newcastle 12 November

Sir/ My business will not allow me to come again to Durham till Monday or Tuesday next. On one of these days I shall wait upon you, or Mr Robson for the Lease for Years; & shall bring the old Lease & the counter part of the new one executed by Sir Walter Blackett & also the notes for the fine wch is £2500. I am etc HR

15 November, 1762 Henry Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr Wm Alvey Darwin Greys Inn
London
1762

Newcastle 15th November

Sir/ I have barely time to write you by this days post that I am just come from Durham & have got the new lease for Years & given Mr Halhead Sir Wr's notes wch no doubt will be in Messrs Hoars & Cos hands very soon. I was at Durham the last week but the person with whom Mr Halhead had left the Lease was fm home. I think when Sir Wr's notes are taken up it wo[ul]d be right to preserve them as an evidence that Sr. Wr. Has

paid £2500 for the renewal of the Lease in case the s[ai]d sum or any part of it shall be admitted a charge upon the trust estate. I am etc HR

30 September 1762, Walter Blackett

Six weeks after date hereof I promise to pay to the Hon[ourable] the Rt.Revd. Lord Bishop of Durham or to his L[ord's] order the sum of One Thousand pounds for value received the 30th Day of September 1762

By me Wr Blackett

30 September 1762, Walter Blackett

Twelve weeks after date hereof I promise to pay to the Hon[ourable] the Right Revd. Lord Bishop of Durham or to his L[ord's] order the sum of One Thousand five hundred pounds for value received this 30th day of September 1762

By me Wr Blackett

23 November 1762, Henry Richmond to Francis Blake

To Francis Blake Esq at Tillmouth
1762
near Berwick

Newcastle 23rd November

Sir/ Mr Wm Robson, Sir Wr Blackett's Steward at Wallington, will be at Mrs Humphreys in Tweedmouth on Wednesday & Thursday Senight & if you pay him the £193.5s.0d for the 200 p[iece]s of Sr Wr's Lead his rec[iept] shall be your discharge the same. You will please to pay him in money for <schotch> notes will be of no use either to him or me. I am etc HR

27 November 1762, Henry Richmond to [Isaac] Hunter

To Mr Hunter Dukesfield
1762

Newcastle 27 November

Sir/ Joseph Angus & John Angus junr Have been here today abt. Woodcroft Farm wch the old man wants to be clear of at Mayday next & recommends his 2 sons as tenants for the same in a Lre they brou[gh]t me. But as we have not agreed upon the Terms, it is proper that you acquaint the old man that he must keep the Farm till Mayday 1764. They agreed to give the £90 a yr, & we agreed to build them a drawkiln, to allow them £8 for seeds when they laid the Ridding hill & to make them a piece of a pavement & to repair the wall next the common & the thing we have differed abt. is the building a cottage house with a hemmell & a barn over it all upon the Dodd's Close wch might cost fm £60 or £80 for anything we know to the contrary; & is too great a draw back out of the rent to be agreed to till we see what another year may bring forth. As to the

coalpits Farm a Lease or at least an article sh[oul]d have been drawn & executed according to the terms wch Mr Robson let it to the present tenants who you say are now for quitting it. As that was not got done you cant stop them if they will go. But I hope they will be wiser for times are going to mend & the Division of the Comon will be of great advantage to the Farm, as Sr. Wr. will certainly inclose his part as soon as possible. If the Tenants will not keep the Farm any longer you must let it as well as you can. You said after Mr Robson had let it; that you co[ul]d have let it considerably higher; so now try your skill! I am etc HR

3 December, 1762 Henry Richmond to John William Bacon

To John Wm Bacon Esq
1762
at Newtoncap

Newcastle 3 December

Sir/ I desire you will please to order your proportion of Weardale rents for the last yr to be p[ai]d before the Partnership pay is fixed, for we shall then want the money, the Acct. sent you sometime ago is just & right, & if there is any doubt abt. it, Mr Rutter may inspect the p[artne]rs bill when he pleases. HR

8 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Churchwardens of St Andrews

To the Churchwardens
of St Andrews

Newcastle 8th December 1762

Gentlem[e]n/ Monday the 30th inst. Being appointed for the distribution of Sir Wr Blackett's usual charity, I desire you will ticket one hundred & fifty poor people of your parish & bring them all together to Sir Walters exactly at Eight o'clock that morning. I am etc HR

8 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Churchwardens of All Saints

To the Churchwardens
of All Saints

Newcastle 8th December 1762

Gentlem[e]n/ Monday the 30th inst. Being appointed for the distribution of Sir Wr Blackett's usual charity, I desire you will ticket two hundred & fifty poor people of your parish & bring them all together to Sir Walters exactly at 10 o'clock that forenoon. I am etc HR

8 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Churchwardens of St Nicholas

To the Churchwardens

of St. Nicholas

Newcastle 8th December 1762

Gentlem[e]n/ Monday the <20th inst.> Being appointed for the distribution of Sir Walter Blackett's usual charity, I desire you will ticket one hundred & fifty poor people of your parish & bring them all together to Sir Walters exactly at one o'clock that afternoon. I am etc HR

8 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Churchwardens of St Johns

To the Churchwardens
of St. Johns

Newcastle 8th December 1762

Gentlem[e]n/ Monday the 30th Being appointed for the distribution of Sir Wr Blackett's usual charity, I desire you will ticket one hundred & fifty poor people of your parish & bring them all together to Sir Walters exactly at 2 o'clock that afternoon. I am etc HR

10 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr I Hunter
1762
at Dukesfield

Newcastle 10 December

Sir/ As to the Coalpits Farm I shall write you in a post or two, as I expect to see Mr Robson soon.

As to Woodcroft it lies so separate fm Sir Wrs Agents that it wo[uld] be well if it was let to a good Tenant at £90 a Yr certain for 15 or even or 21 Yrs with such encouragements as you mention namely the building a draw kiln the Tenant leading the materials & allowing £10 for hay seeds, the Tenant producing Rec[ie]pts & also satisfying you that he has sown the seeds upon the premises. But as I Walton wants to be at Liberty at the End of 5 Yrs he had best take the Farm only for that Term or for 7, 9 or 11 years. For I dare say Sir Wr will not chose to leave him so much at Liberty while he himself is tied for 21 years as you mention. He has never done such a thing yet but is always ready to release a Tenant from a hard Barg[ai]n provided they have used the Farm well & not taken any advantage of it. Unless you know something of Walton you sho[ul]d enquire of Mr Westgarth or some other as to his sufficiency. And then if he & you are likely to make a Barg[ai]n you must get another Lre fm old Angus desiring you will take the Farm off his hands at next May day if you can get it let this will be necessary because of the Lre you say you have wrote to him. When you have got such a Lre fm him then you must get Mr Ellis to draw an article upon Stamps, for wch Walton must pay the one ½ & you the other & charge it in your Acct. I am etc HR

11 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Christopher Johnson

To Mr Chris[tophe]r Johnson
1762
Att[orne]y at Law in Durham

Newcastle 11 December

Sir/ I shall be much obliged to you if by the return of the post, you can inform me where Mr Thos Clerk, who was a Clerk or secretary to B[isho]p Chandler the last Yr or 2 of his Life, is to be found; if Living. Or if Dead, how we can be certified he is so. I am etc HR

21 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Elis
Hexham

Newcastle 21 December 1762

Sir/ Inclosed you receive back the duplicate of your rental of Hexham Lands etc due Mayday 1761 signed by me as I have found the same Right. I am etc HR

24 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Plumb & Brown

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Golds[mi]ths
Forster Lane London

Newcastle December 1762

Sirs/ I have this day sent you by Matt Lee the London Carrier a p[iec]e fine silver Bullion weighing 702 ounces; wch I desire you will place to Acct with Sir Wr Blackett as usual at the Markett price & advise me of your Rec[ie]pt of the same. My Father joins in wishing you many happy years. I am etc HR

26 December 1762, Henry Richmond to William Rutter

To Mr Wm Rutter junr
in Westgate

Newcastle 26th December 1762

Sir/ Inclos'd is a copy of the Bill for uniting the 2 Leases of Wear[dale] mines as it is now settled & wch Sir Wr Blackett bid me send to Mr Bacon. I think you talked of getting to Newtoncap tomorrow & therefore beg you will take the trouble of it. I am etc HR

28 December 1762, Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos Maughan at Newhouse
in Weardale

Newcastle 28th December 1762

Sir/ I am very sorry for the Loss of Breckonside & learn nothing can be done to recover her. I heard of the accident from Mr Rutter before I got your Lre [letter]. I find they will be eagerer than ever to have Harnishow set on. But we will talk further upon that subject when I see you wch I hope will be on Tuesday the 11th of next month, the day fixed as I wrote for receiving money for the Partnership pay wch is to be at Burtyford on Thursday the 13th Jan[uar]y, but I don't doubt your having got my Lre safe. P.S. I wish you prosperity at Whesenhope. Pray is the vein that used to be rich of silver do you imagine. I am etc HR

7 January 1763, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr Isaac Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 7th January 1762 [1763]

Sir/ Jos & John Angus Junr have been with me today & repent they did not take the Farm as I offered it to them on the 27th Nov last. I do not know where you have let it/ as was agreed when you were here last/ to Walton; if you have I hope you have done it pursuant to my Lre on the 10 Decr. John Angus Junr says his Father declares he will keep the Farm till Mayday 1764, wch to be sure is very strange Language after he has so earnestly requested to be clear of the farm at Mayday next, but his view undoubtedly is to force us to let it to his sons. Indeed if you have not let it to the other I sh[oul]d have no objections to their having it as being old Tenants & as they will now give the terms I offered it to them at/ as mentioned in my Lre of the 27th Nov/ for 15 yrs certain, but if you sho[uld] let it to them pray to serve my directions of the 10 Decr that we may not have any uncertainties in this matter hereafter.

I am etc HR

8 January 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Rich[ar]d Ellis at Hexham

Newcastle 8th January 1763

Sir/ Sir Wr Blackett's Benevolenc[e] makes him always ready to releive those who are in want, & therefore he desires you will send me a List of such persons in Hexham & its neighbourhood as may by the severe season, if the frost continues any time be reduced to Distress, & then I shall give you directions conformable to what he has impowered me to do, in the mean time you will keep the intention of this to yourself till you hear further.

I sho[ul]d be glad to hear something fm you concerning your custom of taking toll etc passing thro' the Manor, as I wrote you the 24th November last, that we may be some way prepared in Case an Action sho[ul]d be commenced. I am etc HR

8 January 1763, Henry Richmond to William Robson

To Mr Wm. Robson at Wallington

Newcastle 8th January 1763

Sir/ Sir W^r Blackett whose Goodness is always active in the times of publick distress apprehending we have as severe a Frost here as they have in London & fearing the continuance of it will bear hard upon some of his tenants & poor neighbours ab[ou]t Wallington, writ to me last post to send to you for the names of such poor neighbours & tenants as may want immediate assistance & let me know where he can possibly afford to assist them with hay or any other kind of fodder, or in what Cases money wo[ul]d be a more proper relief. I hope we are going to have fresh weather but if otherwise & the frost sho[ul]d continue any time, I desire you will send me a List of such persons as are most necessitous, & to whom money will be the best relief, & as to those who may want fodder, the assistance to be given that way will depend upon the quantity of hay etc that you compute you will have to spare. As families & other circumstances may make some persons greater objects of charity than others it wo[ul]d be proper to distinguish such in your List. In the mean time you are desired to keep this intention of Sr W^rs' to yourself till we see further. Sir Walter writes that he is very well & is going to Bath till the meeting of the Parliament. If you find Mr Graham's note which is herewith inclos'd, is right, I desire you will sign & return it as soon as you can. I have sent in the cart a pint bottle of Argue <bresade> Water for Lady Loraine wch I hope you will take care to send safe, I am etc HR

11 January 1763, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr I Hunter at Dukesfield
1763

Newcastle 11 January

Sir/ I have recd the pay bills safe & desire you will acquaint Mr Salkeld so & thank him for his trouble for filling them up. I am very glad, in making the agreement with Walton that you left yourself at Liberty in Case of Old Angus's irresolution or rather artifice of wch I was always apprehensive; & you will see with some reason, by the Lre I sent you by his 2 sons dated the 7th inst. & wch I hope they bro[ugh]t you safe as they undertook to do. If the old man will not consent to Walton's entering upon the farm at Mayday next, and if you & his two sons cant agree upon the same terms or better than Walton's were; then there can nothing more be done for him and he must keep the farm till May day 1764 & this you will make him perfectly to understand that he is to do. P.S. There is some talk of dividing Bollihope Comon if it sho[ul]d take place, whoever takes Woodcroft sho[ul]d agree to pay Sir Walter 7 <per cent> upon the money paid out in inclosing the Allotment. I am etc HR

14 January 1763, Henry Richmond John, Matthew & Henry Rutter

To Messrs John, Matthew & Henry Rutter

Newcastle 14 January 1763

Sirs/ I have directions to send for a Writ against you upon your promissory note to Sir Walter Blackett unless you come & pay me directly what is due upon it. You know you have had more indulgence than is ever granted by any other Landlord to way going Tenants and you know also, that what was promised in November last has been entirely forgot by you. I am sorry I have occasion to write this to you but it is your own faults. I am etc HR

5 February 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis Hexham
1763

Newcastle 5th February

Sir/ I have been informed, since my Lre on Tuesday that a subscription is set on foot in Hexham for the relief of the poor there & in the neighbourhood. If so I desire you will contribute ten Guineas for Sir Walter Blackett, either in that Way or such other as you judge better, & place the same to his Acc[oun]t; as I know it will be agreeable to him. I am etc HR

14 February, 1763 Henry Richmond to John Dixon

To Mr John Dixon Att[orne]y at Law
in Durham

Newcastle 14th February 1763

Sir/ I recd a Lre from Sr Wr Blackett inclosing me a copy of the petition, wch you have sent to Parliament, for the division of Bulbeck Common. Sr Walter tells me you are the solicitor for the Bills & being desirous of having a Copy of it, directs me to apply to you for one. I shall be glad thereof to receive one as soon as convenient to you & am etc HR

2 March 1763, Henry Richmond to William Hutchinson

To Mr Wm. Hutchinson Attorney at Law
Bernard Castle

Newcastle 2nd March 1763

Sir/ I reced your Lre of the 27th ult[im]o; but sho[ul]d be glad to know the nature of the dispute wch occasions the Inquiry you therein make. because such information wo[ul]d better enable me to write to Sir Walter Blackett's mine stuard, that buys the wood wanted for his Leadmines; & so to give you a more satisfactory ans[we]r to your Lre than I can at presen. I am etc HR

3 March 1763, Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan

Newcastle 3 March 1763

at Newhouse

Sir/ I find there is likely to be a Law suit between certain p[er]sons claiming under Mr Robt. Blakeston Bowes of Bradley, & some others & an enquiry has been made of me abt. the wood bou[gh]t at Bradley, how much was paid for it & how the payments can be proved. I see that Mr Bowes was p[ai]d all the money, by us, except the last sixty pounds wch must have been paid by you & therefore I desire to know to whom & when you paid it & whe[th]er you have a rec[eip]t for it & by whom it is signed. I am etc HR

4 March 1763, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr I Hunter at Dukesfield

Newcastle 4 March 1763

Sir/ I desire you will enquire the first time you go to Allenh[ea]ds Mill the reason why 694 $\frac{3}{4}$ bings of Killhope Ore has yielded no more than 1570 pieces that is, 98 fothers, 2 pieces of Lead, this is no less than 7 Bings to a fother, & therefore there must be some great mismanagement or mistake either among the Grove or mill stewards & yet I have the above particulars fm Mr Crawhall, in his acct. of the produce & smeltings last year, without his taking any notice of the bad quality of the ore. I desire you will let me know whe[th]e[r] Sir Walter's Estate at Steel has ever enjoyed any right of Comon upon Bulbeck Comon & whe[th]e[r] Dukesfield Lead Mill is entitled to turn horses or Cattle thereon.

I hope all the family is well & am etc HR

10 March 1763, Henry Richmond to William Hodgson

To Mr Wm. Hodgson
at Coalcleugh

Newcastle 10th March 1763

Sir/ I have a Lre from Geo Armstrong in wch he absolutely refuses to allow any part of his debt to Wm. Summers, for Corn to be stopt of the money wch Sir Walter ordered to be given him, & therefore it will be best to pay him the whole & take his rec[eip]t. I am etc HR

10 March 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P.
in half moon street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 10 March 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ The Endeavours of some restless people, to keep up an opposition to the Lamb Bill, as I mentioned before, will I now think prove fruitless; & I hope you will have no further trouble from them about it.

Mr Blackett went to Wallington this Afternoon with Mr Robson & proposes to remove from thence to Hexham in a day or two. He complained of a little numbness in his arm but it is gone off again & he says he is very well. I am etc HR

19 March 1763, Henry Richmond to Robert Robinson

To Mr Robt. Robinson
Attor[ne]y at Law in Durham

Newcastle 19th March 1763

Sir/ I reced the favour of your Lre [Letter]; & as the bill for the Division of Bulbeck Comon cannot be got through this sessions, there will be time enough to learn Sir Walter Blackett's Sentiments about it after he comes into the North. I am etc HR

2 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P. in
Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 2nd April 1763

Sir/ My Father has been very ill, from a total suppression of urine: which begun at abt. 5 o'clock on Thursday morning. He was twice in the hot bath yesterday & it has given him ease. But the doctor cannot yet say that the cause, whe[the]r it is a stone or an Inflammation in the Bladder, is removed: only that there are some favourable symptoms. Mrs Esther Allgood died yesterday, after an Illness of 4 days. I am etc HR

4 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P.
in halfmoon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 4th April 1763

Hon[ou]rd Sir/ The Doctor thinks my Father better.: but he is so excessive[ly] reduced by the use of the hot Bath wch was necessary in his case, that I doubt it will be sometime before he will get the better of it. It is still uncertain whe[the]r it was a stone or an Inflammation, but the obstruction is removed for the present, at least. I am etc HR

9 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Cuthbert Swanston

To Mr Cuth. Swanston at
Durham

Newcastle 9th April 1763

Sir/ The Petition inclosed herewith came inclosed to me from Mr Robetson of Holy island, desiring I wo[ul]d forw[ar]d it to Mr Shaftoe; because he did not know where to direct to him. As I do not know any more than he I have given you the trouble of this;

& desire you will transmit the petition to Mr Shaftoe. Mr Robertson says a duplicate of it has been sent to Mr Vane. I am etc HR

15 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bt. M.P.
in half moon street picadilly London

Newcastle Friday 15 April 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ Last night you lost a faithful Servant & we the best of Fathers. It will be an Illevation of my Grief if you sho[ul]d think me worthy to succeed him. I am etc HR

16 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

Wrote Sir Wr of Mr Hodgson's death, wch happened on the 14th inst. HR

18 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Joseph Dickinson

To Mr Joseph Dickinson
at Coalcleugh

Newcastle 18th April 1763

Sir/ I am sorry for Mr Hodgson's death. It will be necessary for you to come down with his Ex[ecut]or when you want money.

As to the Groves at Coalcleugh & Killhope you & Caleb Kidd must take care that every thing is done according to the Bargains that have been taken. But as to other work let it rest as much as possible till Sir Wr appoints another in Mr Hodgson's place. P.S. If Mr Hodgson's Ex[ecut]or can supply the money for next lending day it may be better than coming down for any at present. You know Mr Hodgson was to have enter'd to the Whimsey <Houses> at Mayday. I suppose he has made some provision for the undertaking. I am etc HR

22 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Plumb & Brown

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Golds[mi]ths
in Forster Lane London

Newcastle 22 April 1763

Sirs/ My father died on the 14th inst; & Sir Wr Blackett, who is in London, has by this post been pleased to give me the Charge of all his affairs in the same manner my Father had it. I therefore desire to know where you will please to accept of such bills as I may draw upon you for the Balance remaining in your hands for silver sent of Sir Wrs Ac[c]o[un]t or I must get Sir Wr to write to you himself for this purpose.

P.S. Sir Wr Lodges at Mr Leaks Surgeon in half moon street, Picadilly; I make the Balance £321.14s.6d & sho[ul]d be glad to know if this agrees with your books. I am etc
HR

30 April 1763, Henry Richmond to Plumb & Brown

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Golds[mi]ths
in Forster Lane London

Newcastle 30th April 1763

Sirs/ I reced your favour of the 26th inst. & thereupon examined Sr Wr's books & found that the difference between your ac[c]o[un]t & mine, of the Balance due from you to him, consists in the two ounces of silver you mention'd & which I had not rectified, but wch I shall now do. & then the Balance will stand as you make it, to wit £322.6s.5d due to him this day. It is long since an Acct. was sign'd between you & Sir Walter; I think it wo[ul]d be right to have it done & accordingly propose, as soon as I can get Leisure, to draw it out & send you. And for the future also shall be desirous of continuing that method, as being the plainest & most satisfactory of all others. I am etc HR

1 May 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P.
In Half Moon Street Piccadilly
London

Newcastle 1st May 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ The Lease for yrs will be sent by the Coach, wch sets out for London early tomorrow morning. & I shall appoint Mr Maughan & Mr C. Hunter to be here on Saturday the 14th inst. I find two of the best Grove Stewards of this County intend to offer their service to you wit, Mr Brown & Mr Westgarth they are both at present employed under the Quakers Co. but some disagreeable Circumstances has made them determine to quit their Service if you will accept of them. Mr Brown who is the Companys 2nd Agent keeps his intention from them till your intention is known but Mr Westgarth who is 3rd in rank proceeds more openly. So far as I can learn one cause of his defection has been a rivalry between the three Agents & an uneasiness under the preference wch the Co. has given to Mr Tweddle who is the other & the principal Agent they have but who I suppose carries himself now too imperiously over these two. I am to be at Wall[in]g[ton] on Monday the 16th inst. to receive the Rents but fear I shall not meet with much money. I wish you a good journey. P.S. I am preparing for the payment of Mr Boweses £5200 & int[e]r[est] wch Mr Leaton says he must have either this week or the next. I believe I forgot to mention that James Hepple is dead. I am etc HR

3 May 1763, Henry Richmond to William Robson

Mr William Robson
at Wallington

Newcastle 3rd May 1763

Sir/ I red your Lre abt. the 7 Rilies & two Coach Horses wch you are sending to eat up the Grass in the Nuns, as you have nothing for them at Wallingt[o]n. I am very glad there is Grass in the Nuns to help you: but you must not expect that. I can furnish them with hay; for I have scares enough to last till the new crop will be fit to eat; therefore when the Grass is gone you must provide for them either Hay or Grass elsewhere. I shall be with you ON Monday the 16th if I am well & am etc HR

3 May 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P.
in Half Moon Street Piccadilly London

Newcastle 3rd May 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ I find by Mr Leaton that your Bond to Mrs Bowes for £5200 is looked up at Gibside; & tho' notice has been given you to pay in the money on the 23rd inst. & everything is ready on your part, yet the Bond cannot become at. Mr Leaton says Mrs Bowes says she hopes you will accept of her promisory note till she comes to Gibside, for that sum & the Bond can be given up. This is so unusual a way in money matters, that tho' Mrs Boweses note may be sufficient, yet I cannot go into it without your directions; which you will please to send me by the return of the post. The inclosed is the form of the promisory note which Mr Leaton says Mrs Bowes will sign & send hither on this day senight & he seems to expect that the yrs int[e]r[es]t which is £200 will be paid along with the principal on the return of this hole, tho' it will be 10 pays short that your hinting that you proposed to pay the money in London & yet he never told me of this till last week, when he insisted that I sho[ul]d get him Bills for the money, which has been attended with no small difficulties, but yet is accomplished. I am etc H.R.

Sixteen Days after Date I promise to pay to Sir Walter Blackett Bart or Order the sum of Five Thousand two hundred pounds with int[e]r[es]t for the same after the Rate of 4 per cent per annum which sum of Five Thousand two hundred pounds I acknowledge to have this day received of the said Sir Walter Blackett Bart by the payment of Mr Henry Richmond As Witness my hand this senenth day of May One Thousand seven hundred & sixty three.

13 May 1763, Henry Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin at his
Chambers Grays Inn London

Newcastle 13th May 1769

Sir/ Sir W[alte]r Blackett got hither this afternoon & is very well.

I was over at Durham this morning & got the new Lease of the Mines in the inclosures in Weardale; which is enrolled & the fees are paid for the same being £3.9s.10d. I shall send this Lease up to the Grove Stewards to receive possession next week & am etc HR

16 May 1763, Henry Richmond to John Westgarth

To John Westgarth Esq at Unthank
near Stanhope in Weardale

Newcastle 16th May 1763

Sir/ Sir W[alte]r Blackett bids me make his comp[limen]ts to you, & acquaint you that as the division which you propose of part of Bollihope Comon by act of parliament he does not find that it will be of any material Benefit to himself; but nevertheless is willing to concur in it for the Benefit of others; therefore as soon as any meeting is appointed to consider of such a division I sho[ul]d be glad to know of it; that I may either attend or write to some other of Sir W[alte]rs Agents to do so. P.S. Sir W[alte]r has no objection to letting a Tack of prydale; but refers this matter to Mr Maughan: & as to any Tacks wanting in hexhamshire Mr Hunter of Allenheads will be ready to treat abt. them. I am etc HR

16 May 1763, Walter Blackett to The Lord Bishop of Durham

To The Lord Bishop of Durham in
London

Newcastle 16th May 1763

My Lord/ My Accounts to ascertaining quality of ore gotten in Weardale & the charge for getting it for 13 yrs ending the 31st of Decr. 1762 shall be laid before any person or persons at any time your Lordship shall please to appoint; but first it will be necessary that the <medi[u]m> price of oar for that 13 yrs sho[ul]d be ascertained & I shall agree to abide by the med[iu]m price which the dues of Alston Moor have sold for during that Term or else that 50s.per Bing shall be the standard price for the calculation & from the med[iu]m of the quantity & the price for that Term your Lordship I apprehend will calculate your intended Fine I am

My Lord

Your <Lordships> mo[st] ob[e]d[ient] Serv[an]t
Walter Blackett

19 May 1763, a note by Henry Richmond

19th May 1763 Advised Mr Darwin that I reced Mr Savage's receipt for 495£ & placed to his account. HR

21 May 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart
at Wallington

Newcastle 21st May 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ Mr Widdrington says that whatever goods are upon Ripeth Farm, whether they belong to Jas. Selby or any other person they may be distrained & sold for the Rent due to you at Mayday last for the execution is of no consequence; nobody being left to keep possession of the Goods. If you chose to assist Mr Alder the sooner the seizure is made the better. I sold 4000 pieces Lead yesterday to Messrs Peareth & Sorsbie at £15.15s.0d per fother. I learn from Mr Peareth that there is a probability those who cut Mr Ord's Road will submit; however he tells me they or some other for them have levelled the road. So that I hope you will have no further trouble from this Affair than perhaps that of mediating between the parties.
I have returned the key of your Secutore & am etc HR

24 May 1763, a note made by Walter Blackett

24th May 1763 Sir Wr wrote yesterday to the Gov[erno]r & Co for smelting Lead & C/ commonly called the Quakers Co/ acquainting them that Mr Wm. Westgarth had offered his service to him but as he was their servant Sr. Wr. desired to know whether he had their Leave to employ him. WB

24 May 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart.
at Wallington

Newcastle 24th May 1763

Hon[ur]d Sir/ Mr Ord's serving Mr Jobling & the other Freemen with a rule of Court now when the Road was filled up & all was subsided in so violent procediure that it has set all a float again. The Eight who were served are endeavouring to stir up the company to assist them but how far they will prevail upon them, is not known. Mr Peareth is out of Town, but Mr Clayton thinks the Corpration has no occasion to meddle in the dispute, for it is a personal Action only against these people for a Riot. Yet it is possible that this action will bring to trial Mr Ord's right to the Road which I am told he claims to be, by prescription, a private Bridle Way over the moor for his Village of Fenham. I shall write to Mr Westgarth by this post. I am etc HR

24 May 1763, Henry Richmond to William Westgarth

To Mr William Westgarth Steward to the
Quaker's Co in Alstone Moor

Newcastle 24th May 1763

Sir/ The Letter which Sir W[alte]r Blackett Bart. Received the last post from the Secretary of the Lead Company leaves him at Liberty to take you into his service & therefore he appoints you to the late Mr Hodgson's place. So you will go & take the charge of Coalcleugh, Mohope & Kilhope Groves: & as soon as it is convenient I shall be glad to see you here. I wish you health & success in your undertakings. I am etc
HR

28 May 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr. Blackett Bart.
at Wallington

Newcastle 28th May 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ Inclosed is the paper abt. the servants.

I have sent you some writing paper & if you like it will get more of the same so it, when wanted.

The advertisement about the ponteland road came to[o] late for one of the papers, but it is inserted in the other. Pleased to let me know whether it is to be continued till the meeting; or once in each paper will be sufficient. Mr Clayton tells me that no application has been made to the Corporation abt. Mr Ord's Affair that the defendants have engaged Mr Wilson & Mr Cuthbert, that is Mr Lowes; and are for trying the points with Mr Ord. They got several of the Companies to meet, but did not ask for any subscription: only moved to petition the Corporation to ride the Boundaries; which was rejected by some of them. Mr Clayton says the Boundaries wo[ul]d not be ridden at any time upon their requests; much less at this time of heat & passion. He adds that so far as he can judge of it, the Corporation ought to act as a neutral part as long as they can: & that there is not the last occasion you coming to Town upon this Affair; as there is no prospect of accommodation at present, nor can the matter be tried this year. I am etc
HR

28 May 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richard Ellis at
Hexham

Newcastle 28th May 1763

Sir/ I sho[ul]d be glad if you wo[ul]d, as soon as it is convenient to you, make up your Rental, let the arrears stand as they will. As to Robt Allgood's proposal to take low stubblock coll[ier]y; Before I lay it before Sir Walter, I desire to know what terms you wo[ul]d advise Sir Wr to let her upon whether, if you expect she will be a valuable Colliery after the winning he talks of, it will not be the surest way to reserve so much p[er] fother, suppose 2 or 3d for what coals he shall get; allowing him a year or two to win her rent free, paying only for the coals as above: & after that yr or two to pay such certain rent as you shall judge proper; which may be increased after 3 years: still letting

him have coals for his certain rent, that is, so many fo[the]rs as there 2 or 3 pences in the said certain Rent & if he gets more than is equal to the said Rent, then to pay an additional Rent of so much for each Fother as aforesaid. Upon some such footing as this the Coll[ie]ry might be let for a term of 21 yrs wth sufficient advantage to a Tenant & without any disadvantage to a Landlord. As you are best judge of the nature of the seam & value of the coll[ie]ry I must beg your further Sentements of this matter before I trouble Sir Walter with it; in order to save writing backward & forwards unnecessarily ab[ou]t it. I am etc HR

7 June 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richard Ellis
Hexham

Newcastle 7th June 1763

Sir/ I have shewn Sir Walter Mr Allgoods proposal ab[ou]t Stubbleck Coll[ie]ry but he does not think himself at Liberty to treat with him till he gives Mr Downs & Mr Ray an answer to a proposal wch he remembers receiving from them in London about her. But he cannot find the paper; neither indeed is it now clear that they are in the same mind, since Mr Ray has engaged himself in the Stewards[hi]p at Blaigndon. You are therefore desired to learn Mr Down's inclinations abt this coll[ie]ry at present: & whether he will repeat the proposal he made lately; for it is likely Sir Walter will not readily find the paper, I am etc HR

9 June 1763, Henry Richmond to William Rutter

To Mr William Rutter Jun[ior]
Attorney at Law

Newcastle 9th June 1763

Sir/ On the other side you have the acc[oun]t of Mr Bacon's proportion of the Moormasters Rent, Compositions etc for Weardale Mines for the year 1762 amounting to £126.5s.9d wch sum I must desire you will let me have in a month. I am etc HR

11 June 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bsrt MP
at Wallington

Newcastle 11th June 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ I have heard nothing ab[ou]t Mr Ord's Affair since you went to Wallington. I do not see what expectation he can have from an application at this time to the Comon Council for a grant of the Road. This prosecution of Whitby & Co is founded as I understand upon the right, wch he alledges, Fenham has to a way over

the moor to Newcastle; but wch the defendents are no willing to admit & till this point is determined, either amicably or Legally, there seems to be an impropriety in asking the Corporation to make this alledged Way a Turnpike Road. I am etc HR

11 June 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Goldsmiths
Forster Lane London

Newcastle 11 June 1763

Sirs/ I sent you yesterday by Matt Lee the London Carrier, a piece Silver Bullion, weighing 716 ounces: wch I desire you will place to Acc[oun]t with Sir Walter Blackett at the market price & advise me on your Rec[eip]t of it. I am etc
HR

16 June 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellison

To Mr Richard Ellison
Hexham

Newcastle 16th June 1763

Sir/ Sir Walter Blackett desires you will let him know whe[the]r the allegations in the inclosed petition are true & what you think is proper for him to do in case the Estate of the said John Ridley sho[ul]d Escheat for want of an heir do you think the petitioners or <Inquiry> etc w[oul]d have the better claim to Sir Walter's Generosity in such a case? You will please to take care of the petition. I am etc HR

? June 1763, Henry Richmond to William Westgarth

To Mr William Westgarth
Coalcleugh

No place or date

Sir/ Sir Walter desires you will attend on the day that Mr Ord Rides his Boundary, taking Jos. Dickinson with you/ & when he or his Bailiff comes to that part thereof where he begins to ride in the Ground wch was lately in dispute & was by the arbitrators awarded to Mr Ord. You are to desire that he & his Company will stop till you read the inclosed paper to them fm Sir Walter Blackett. After you have read it you may let them proceed according to the Boundary settled by the said arbitrators. Only at the bottom of this paper write these words "Memorand[u]m that on this day 15th of July 1763 I read the above notice aloud & in the hearing of Wm. Ord of Whitfield Esq or to Wm. Alexander Bailiff to William Ord Esq for his manor of Whitfield/ & the company attending him".

Then set your name thereto and let Joseph Dickinson witness it. & when you come next to Newcastle bring the paper with you. I am etc HR

6 July 1763, Walter Blackett to unknown

Newcastle 6th July 1763

Gentlemen/

You will please take notice that Sir W[alter] Blackett Tenant for Life of the manor of Hexham does not oppose the riding of the Boundary of Whitfield in the manner now propos'd, because the Boundary is awarded to Mr Ord by Arbitrators; but <O. rssi> thinks it proper to make the declaration, that any claim wch may be made hereafter by any future Lord of the manor of Hexham may not be invalidated by such riding.

W[alte]r Blackett

9 July 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bart at Wallington

Newcastle 9th July 1763

Hon[ou]rd Sir/ The direction to Lord Senants park keeper is as Mr Todhunter at Julian Bower near Penrith. I have acquainted Mr Mayor ab[ou]t the Buck he returns his comp[limen]ts; & says he will let me know when to write to your park keeper for it. I found the paper to be given to Judge Gold where you said I would I shall wait upon him with it when he comes to Town. You will please to let me know what Liquor & other articles you would have sent from hence to Allenheads. A carrier will be down I believe in 5 or 6 days time, by whom the port wine & Claret may be sent. Mr Thompson uses no other direction, than to the R[igh]t Hon[oura]ble The Earlof Northumberland. I have not yet sold any lead; the quantity peareth & Sorsbie wanted was but small & they co[ul]d not give £15.15s.0d a Fo[the]r. The price of Ground on the Northside of the park, which you bid me speak to Mr Snow Clayton about, belongs to his Bro[the]r parson Clayton who is now abroad. I am etc HR

11 July 1763, Henry Richmond to Caleb Hunter

To Mr Caleb Hunter Allenheads

Newcastle 11 July 1763

Sir/ I have sent you the money by Mr Robt. Allgood.

I have also sent you by John Lee the Carrier, one doz[e]n of Stephenson's port wine, two doz[e]n of Simpson's Claret, one doz[e]n of Brandy, & one doz[e]n & two Bottles of middleing Beer; being all that the panniers co[ul]d hold, but wch I hope will be sufficient, as you have so much remaining at Allenh[ead]s. He also has two Gloucester Cheeses packed up as carefully as possible in a sack & the whole I hope will come safe. You will take care of them till Sir W[alte]r comes to Allenheads wch will be ab[ou]t the 10th of next month.

P.S. put the Liquor into the celler as soon as you can get it. The Brandy is marked thus X on the cork & the port wine thus on the cork.

I am etc HR

15 July 1763, Henry Richmond to Robert Shaftoe

To Robt. Shaftoe Esq M.P. at
Whitworth near Durham

Newcastle 15th July 1763

Sir/ I reced the favour of your Lre [Letter], but not having Experience of copper mines, nor of the practice in letting leases of them, I can only acquaint you of what is usually done in regard to Lead mines. The general Reservation is a fifth of all the ore, clean & well washed & fit for smelting into Lead, & also clear of all charges & deductions whatsoever by wch Reservation it often so happens that the owner gets his 1/5, wch is all profit, though the undertaker loses considerably. In some cases indeed 1/6 or even 1/7 has been taken, but these were where there was a great uncertainty of the nature of the vein & a great & certain expence in Levels & other works before it could be come at. As to the offer made you of the tenth of the profit, it certainly is to[o] small a share. Besides, to depend upon that share for a Lessees Account of profits is precarious, and in my opinion not at all eligible. I am etc HR

17 July 1763, Henry Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin
Greys Inn London

Newcastle 17th July 1763

Sir/ I reced your Lre inclosing me nine vouchers for the paym[en]t of the £72.0s.81/2d being the balance of my Father's acco[un]t of <W> Kenton rents. I have therefore given your acct <ordered> for the same & make the balance to be £3.4s.10 ½d due to you, & nothing seems now to be wanting except the cashier of Bank's own rec[eip]t for the £1.19s.0d & a copy of the two last orders.

I am obliged to you for the extra trouble you have had in inclosing this affair & wch you say you will not charge me any thing for. I thank you also for the enquiry you have made after my name sake, wch is satisfactory; but you do not tell me what I am indebted to you for it. I am etc HR

19 July 1763, Henry Richmond to John Brown

To Mr John Brown
at Kirkharle.

Newcastle 19th July 1763

Sir/ I shall me much obliged to you if you will let me know as soon as the Duke of Portland comes to N[ew]castle, because I have Sir Wr. Blackett's directions to wait upon his Grace with the offer of his house & the conveniences it affords. You may be well assured that the beds will be well aired, & ready against the time. I am etc

24 July 1763, Henry Richmond to Christopher Blackett

To Christ[ophe]r Blackett Esq; at
Hexham Abbey

Newcastle 24 July 1763

Sir/ Sir Walter writes me from Etal to wait upon the judges when they come hither & tell their L[or]ds[hi]ps that he desires they will Lodge at the Abbey, as having better beds in it than any public houses in Hexham can afford. And at the same time he orders me to acquaint you of this & desire you will direct the beds to be ready for the L[or]ds[hi]ps & that you will give them some claret & port. I am etc.

6 August 1763, Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thomas Maughan at
Newhouse in Weardale

Newcastle 6th July 1763

Sir/ Not knowing I sho[ul]d see Mr C. Hunter today I sent you a Lre by Robt. Loftus who promised to forw[ar]d it to you by a safe hand. It was to the following effect. To desire you wo[ul]d enquire & let me know w[ha]t mines there are in the 2 parishes of Stanhope & Wolsingham wch do n[o]t belong to the B[isho]p for Sir Walter wants to change a Life & we can[no]t agree upon the the value of the Lead Ore. Sir Walter has offered to be concluded by Alston Moor dues but the B[isho]p will have the value fix[e]d by a price wch he says has been given for Ore sold in the 2 parishes fm the freehold mines during the 13 yrs ending 31st Decr last wch Ore he says was said to be smelted into Lead for the new market, but he wont tell us the names of the Groves or the prices, therefore, you must enquire as well as you can perhaps the Clerk at L[or]d Carlisles Mill can direct you in your enquiry. I should be glad to have an answer as soon as possible.

If there sho[ul]d appear to you any material objection to Sir W[alte]rs being concluded by the prices of such small sales of Ore, you will be so good as inform me of it. Or if the Ore of any of these veins is of a much better quality than the gen[eral] run of Weardale Ore, you will let me know it. I am etc HR

9 August 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Rich Ellis in Hexham

Newcastle 9th August 1763

Sir/ Sir Wr. Blakett bid me write to you that, agreeable to what passed betwixt him & you, he has ordered my Bro[the]r to come & make a schedule of any writings & papers you have in your custody, belonging to Hexham Manour, that you think are of any value. My Brother proposes being at Hexham on Monday Evening next, & spending 3 or 4 days with you abt. this Buisness; if convenient to you but if it is not so you will let me know by the return of the post: & he will wait upon you at any other time that you shall appoint. I am etc HR

13 August 1763, Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

To Mr Thos. Maughan at
Newhouse in Weardale

Newcastle 13th August 1763

Sir/ As you say you propose being here the latter end of next week or the beginning of the next following, it may be no inconvenience perhaps to come on Thursday next, wch I desire you will do, & also in the mean time you will inform yourself as particularly as you can, of the prices that Ore has been sold at, to be smelted into Lead for Newc[astle] market, from all the freehold groves in the 2 parishes of Stanhope & Wolsingham. Also inform yourself of the objections that may reasonably be made to Sir Walter's being concluded by those prices in each year, at w[ha]tever freehold Groves he can give instances of, shall be taken at a medium; & that then the medium price of those annual sales shall be taken for the whole 13 years ending in the 31st Decemr. Last & that the medium price shall be judged to be the price of all Sir Walter's Ore & that there by his profits shall be computed. Now possibly even the Ore gotten at Newlandside may have been won out of the upper sills; & tho' out of the same vein as prydale, may be of a better quality than what has been gotten out of sills lower than the workings at Newlandside, for as I understand it the lower sills in Weardale are the worse the ore is found to be pray was there no ore sold at Newlandside in 1750? & is the ore that was raised there in 1761 & 1762 sold or not? I am etc HR

19 August 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blakett

To Sir Wr. Blakett Bert. M.P.
at Wallington

Newcastle 19th August 1763

Sir/ The more I consider Mr Halhead's proposal the greater the Impropriety of it appears. He wants to determine your large quantity ore, gotten out of a great number of Groves, by prices that have been given for small quantities gotten out of a few freehold Groves in Weardale. One of wch Groves namely Mr Westgarth's is esteemed of an extraordinary quality; & its Ore has generally, by Mr Westgarth's own Acct.; been sold at 5s. a Bing higher than any Ore in this Country. The ore of another of these Groves as I mentioned before is esteemed equal to the best of your's; therefore your worst could never be worth so much. As to the rest of them they are esteemed nearly

equal to the general run of your Groves; & if small dealings could be justly compared with Great, the prices of the Ore of these Groves might be reckoned as the value of your's. But instances persons who buy small quantities pay hig[h]er than those who buy large ones. And in this Instance, most of these small quantities have been bought by manufactures who, selling their Lead in the retail way & thereby getting better prices for it, venture, & can afford to give higher prices for ore than any purchasers in the large way would or could have given for your large quantity had it been to be sold. As to Mr Halhead saying that if you agree to his proposal, he will produce all the Instances he can of ore sold from the freehold Groves, I think there would have been more Candour in offering you a Liberty of producing Instances also. But even if the matter was brought to this Issue & this Liberty allowed you wch he can[no]t in reason refuse, still what a delay & what a publication must there of necessity be, by making the Enquiry of his L[or]ds[hi]ps dealings with you! They are too hard, I should think for publick judgement. I am very sure that all men would say that your offer to be determined by Alston Moor dues, which is the only considerable quantity of ore sold in this country & sold also to be smelted into Lead for the same market with your's, was a most unacceptationable offer especially when they shall learn that the ore is all refineable & the other not.

Mr Maughan was here yesterday but brought nothing material. There was not a sufficient number of Trustees at Ponteland; so the next meeting will be that day 3 weeks, the 7th, September.

P.S. Saturday morning when the Bishop's & Rector's dues were paid in kind you bought from year to year; & gave as much for them as any body could give at the prices Lead then sold. I offered, in the late treaty in the Lease for years to make this proportion a rule for the value of the Ore; but Mr Halhead then slighted it. And yet it certainly is the most equitable way of fixing the value of your Ore that can be obtained, I am etc

22 August 1763, Henry Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr Wm. Alvey Darwin
1763
Greys Inn London

Newcastle 22nd August

Sir/ I have sent you Bell Cookson & Cos Bill on Vere Glynn & Hallifax for £200 & have Mr Porter's advice of receiving the Bill, in your absence: but I shall be glad to have the Annual Rec[ei]pt for this Sum on Acct. of the quarterly payments, it being required as a voucher to my Acct. with Sir Walter Blackett. I have recieved the forty pounds of L[or]d Ravensworth for Jane Hunts' rent charge, & have placed the same to you're A[c]cot.

P.S. I should be glad to know when you leave London, & about what time you propose to be here. I am etc HR

27 August 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P.
at Wallington

Newcastle August 27th 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ Inclos'd is the substance of an ans[we]r to the Bi[s]hop's proposal of valueing your ore by the prices of the Freehold Ore, in Weardale. As to form, you will please to give it such as you judge best. I have boug[h]t 8 doz of Swainson & Darnels Brandy, as Mr Blackett tho[ugh]t it very good. 4 doz of it is sent by the cart today & the other 4 is put into your cellar here. I have spoke to Mr Aubone about a Boat; and he will endeavour to get one against this day senight. I am etc HR

The Bishop of Durham's proposal to value Sir Wr. Blackett's Ore in the last 13 years by the prices which Mr Halhead can shew have been given for ore sold from the Freehold Groves in Weardale in the same time, is not such a rule as Sir Walter can agree to : for the following reasons: First, Sir Walter is not thouby admitted to produce instances of prices as well as his L[or]dd[hi]p. 2[Secon]dly Sir Walter could not possibly have sold his large quantity of Ore so high as these small quantities have been sold. For it holds universally in purchases that those who buy small quantities pay dearer than those that buy larger ones. And in this instance a great many of these small purchases of Freehold ore have been made by the people who sell much of their Lead in the Retail Way & thereby getting better prices for Lead are tempted to give higher prices for the small parcells of ore they meet with. 3[Thi]rdly the ore of two Freehold Groves in Weardale, namely Quarry hill & Dryburnside is Esteemed of a quality much superior to the general run of Sir Wr. Blackett's ore. By Mr Westgarth's own Acct., Quarryhill ore has been generally sold 5s a Bing higher than any other ore in this Country excepting a Grove in Alston Moor. As therefore this method would magnify Sir Wr Blackett's much beyond the truth he hopes his L[or]ds[hi]p will make use of some other rule, more adequate to the quantity & quality of the ore he has raised in Weardale to determine its value by.

When Sir Wr Blackett proposed the prices given for Aldstone Moor dues, as a rule for this purpose, he thought he had offered a most unexceptionable one. First, because that is the only considerable quantity of ore sold in this Country. 2[Seco]ndly that Ore is always advertised & sold to the best bidder. 3[Thi]rdly because that Ore is Esteemed better than Weardale; as it is all refineable which Weardale is not. 4[Four]thly because the mines lye about the same distance from Newcastle as Weardale mines do. And 5[Fi]thly because the prices of this ore were obtainable both by his L[or]dsh[hi]p & Sir Wr. with great ease & certainty.

As his Lordship has not agreed to this proposal Sir Wr can think of no other equal rules to determine the value of his ore by but the follow[in]g. First, to take the medium of the prices of Lead & the medium of the prices of which the B[isho]p & Rector sold their dues of Weardale Ore in the yrs 1741, 1742 & 1743 & thereby to let the prices at wch Lead has been sold annually during the last 13 yrs discover the proportional prices at

wch ore at this last period ought to be reckon'd at. Or else to be determined by the rule wch many proprietors sell their ore by, namely to reckon ore worth 41s. a Bing when Lead sells at a £11.10s.0d a Fo[the]r & so to rise or fall 12d a Bing for every 5s that Lead rises or falls p[er] Fo[the]r.

If none of these offers are acceptable to his Lordship Sir Wr Blackett must despair finding any medium to estimate his ore by. It would be very discouraging to find his Lor[d]sh[i]p more exact & scrupulous in valueing ore upon computation for a Fine on changing a Life only, than Bishop Chandler & Dr Keene were when they actually had their dues to sell. They were then very careful to get the best prices they could for their ore & did not neglect trying for a better price than Sir Walter Blackett offered them. But he was their best Bidder; & he now offers his L[or]dsh[i]p no worse terms.

27 August 1763, Henry Richmond to William Dalton

To Mr Wm. Dalton at Blaydon
1763
Blaydon

Newcastle 27th August

Sir/ Mr Renaldson having told me this moment of the sinking of piles of Lead upon L[or]d Widdrington's Key about 4 feet; it has made me very uneasy & very apprehensive of the consequences; the expence of shifting the Lead & all the inconvenience that can attend the doing it; is very trifling compared with the loss that will fall upon Sir Walter Blackett & the blame that will upon every one concerned if the Key should give way & the Lead fall into the river & therefore as the Lead is weighed to you I desire you will not neglect to do what you think is safest without loss of time. P.S. I shall be so engaged Monday & Tuesday that I cannot possibly come up but my coming is not necessary for you and Mr Renaldson can judge better as you know the Key, than I can do if I was to spend a week with you. I am etc HR

30 August 1763, Henry Richmond to Robert O Varzie

To Robert O Varzie
at Hexham

Newcastle 30th August 1763

Sir/ I reced the favour of your Lre [Letter], & am sorry you sho[ul]d be told that I had heard you were concerned in publishing the paper for meeting at Hexham ab[ou]t the Tithes. I assure you that paper was in my opinion, too senseless a performance for any body that knows you to believe you had the least hand either in the composition or the publication of it. I hope Mrs Varzy and all your young folks are well, & am etc HR

2 September 1763, Henry Richmond to Plumb & Brown

Messrs Plumb & Brown Gols[mi]ths]

Newcastle 2nd Sept 1763

in Forster Lane London

Sirs/ I have this day sent you by Matt. Lee the London Carrier a p[iec]e [of] fine Silver weighing 725 oz; which I desire you will place to Acct. as usual with Sir Walter Blackett at the market price & advise me of your rec[ie]pt of it. I am etc HR

9 September 1763, Henry Richmond to The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Chester

To The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Chester Newcastle 9th Sept 1763
at Chester

Lord/ My Father died in April last, but I have p[ai]d your L[or]dsh[ip] 3 Bills f0r £157.10s.0d., though there was not any Lre expressing that they were for the ½ yrs Composition due 11th July last. As your Bills will not be regular vouchers to my Ac[c]ot.Sir Walter Blackett, without such Lres [Letters]; I hope your L[or]ds[hi]p will favour me with them, on future occasions. I am etc HR

30 September 1763, Henry Richmond to Plumb & Brown

To Messrs Plumb & Brown Newcastle 30th September 1763
G[o]lds[mi]ths Forster Lane London

Sirs/ Inclos'd are two parts of your Account with Sir Walter Blackett, one of wch I have signed & desire, if you find the other is right, that you will sign it & return it to me, who am etc HR

11 October 1763, Henry Richmond to George Scott

To Mr Geo. Scott at Alnwick Newcastle 11th Octo[be]r 1763

Sir/ Sir Walter Blackett & the other Lords of Winlton having appointed Mr Widdrington to hold the Courts wch your Father held there for several years will be obliged to you if you can furnish them with any books rolls or papers wch he had relating to those Courts & if you will please to send them by the first opportunity directed for me, I am etc HR

21 October 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr. Rich[ar]d. Ellis Newcastle 21st Oct 1763
at Hexham

Sir/ As Sir Wr Blackett has appointed Mr Bell to the rec[ie]pt of his rents etc at Hexham, wch you desire to resign; it sho[ul]d be settled to what time you will close your rental & he begin his: wch I think sho[ul]d be at May d[a]y last or Midsummer next; but fix it as you chose. And now that our Correspondence is hereby drawing to an end, my wishes are that you may long enjoy in your retirem[en]t from business an exemption from pain & uneaseness. The pay are to be made next week; so I shall be abroad fm Tuesday morn[in]g till Friday evening, wch I mention lest you sho[ul]d send any money in that interval. I am etc HR

4 November 1763, Henry Richmond to William Alvey Darwin

To Mr Willm Alvey Darwin
Grays Inn London

Newcastle 4th Novr 1763

Dear Sir/ Inclosed you receive four Bills; the first is to pay Mr Savage's ½ yrs Interest due 6th inst. & wch I desire you will place to my Acct. till you can send me a proper Receiept. The 3rd Bill you will also place to my Acct. being all I can at present produce on acct. of the money I rec[iev]ed for you of Mr John Ord. Of the rec[ie]pt of these 2 Bills you will please advise me by the return of the post. The other two Bills amounting to four hundred & forty pounds you will place to your Acct. with Sir Blackett for I send you them on Acct. of the Quarterly paym[en]ts wch you have made, or are to make, for him in London between the 1st Octo[be]r last & 31st Decr. Next & I desire you will send me a rec[ie]pt accordingly to be a voucher to my Acct. Sir Walter Blackett talks of setting out for London on the 11th or 12th of this month. I hope you are well after your journey & am etc HR

Newcastle 15th October 1763 £465

Forty days after date pay Mr.Hen[r]y Richmond or order Four hundred & ninety five pounds, the value in acct. with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to Acct. as by advice from

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks
Merch[an]ts in London

Peareth & Sorsbie
Pay the contents to Mr. Wm.
Alvey Darwin or order
Hen[r]y Richmond

Newcastle 15 October 1763 £380

For Forty days after date pay Mr.Hen[r]y Richmond or order Three hundred & eighty pounds, the value in acct. with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to Acct. as by advice from

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks
Merch[an]ts in London

Peareth & Sorsbie
Pay the contents to Mr. Wm.
Alvey Darwin or order
Hen[r]y Richmond

Bankpost Bill

D1 London 13th August 1763

No. 69971

At seven days sight I promise to pay this my sola Bill of Exchange to Mrs Isabella Forster or Order Thirty seven pounds six shillings and two pence sterling, value received of Messrs Henzell & Co

For the Governor & Co of the Bank of England
John Bridger

Thirty seven 06/02

Ent[ered] A. Cooper Endors[e]m[en]t

Pay the contents

To Mr Hen[r]y Richmond

Or order

Isabella Forster

Pay the contents to Mr Wm. Alvey

Darwin or order, value reced

Hen[r]y Richmond

Newcastle 4th Novr. 1763 £60

Forty days after date pay Mr Henry Richmond or order sixty pounds value received and place the same to Acct. as advised by

Henry Richmond

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks

Merch[an]ts in London

9 November, 1763 Henry Richmond to John Westgarth

To John Westgarth Esq at Unthank
near Stanhope in Weardale

Newcastle 9th Novr. 1763

Sir/ Inclosed I return you the paper you were so good as send me I thank you for it. When you Advertise a public meeting about the division of Stanhope Comon I will write to Mr Marchant Mr C. Hunter to attend it. & will speak to the latter as soon as I see him ab[ou]t your proposal for a Tack of Prydale. I am etc HR

24 November 1763, Henry Richmond to Thomas Maughan

Mt Thos. Maughan
at Newhouse

Newcastle 24 November 1763

Sir/ I have rec[iev]ed the 2 parts of an article ab[ou]t Langlyhead Level executed by L[or]d Darlington; wch is a pity they have been so long in transmitting hither: for Sir Walter is gone to London & therefore I shall be obliged to send them up to be executed by him there; wch I shall do by the first opportunity, I am etc HR

29 November 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P.
at the Cocoa Tree Pall Mall
London

Newcastle 29th Novr. 1763

Hon[ou]rd Sir/ There were ten Commissioners at the Meeting yesterday at Katy's; & the Bidders for the tolls & repairs of the road were Mr Charlton & Mr Bell. The former offered £5 a yr less than his present contract; But Mr Bell relying upon I guess Miles Anderson's assistance, proposed to take them without any abatement. After some consideration Mr Charlton expressed an Inclination to try both tolls & repairs for another yr upon the present terms, of 280. & £105; which Mr Bell very readily consented to, & the order is made accordingly, I am etc HR

29 November 1763, Henry Richmond to John Bell

To Mr Jno [John] Bell at Mr Ellis's
in Hexham

Newcastle 29 November 1763

Sir/ I wrote to Mr Ellis on the 7th June last desiring were he had learned if Mr Downs was still inclined to take Stubbleck Coll[ier]y upon the terms he & Mr Ray had offered; But I have not yet heard what he is for doing. As he applied for it Sir Wr Blackett has postponed from time to time giving as ans[we]r to Robt. Allgood's proposal. As you will probably receive some soon from Mr Wm. Wilson of Haydon bridge, an end sho[ul]d be made with Mr Downs & something resolved as to the value or terms upon wch to let the Coll[i]ery Sir Wr is inclined to let for a 11 or 12 years but no longer. I sho[ul]d be glad to hear fm you ab[ou]t the security you are to give Sir Walter. I desired your Father to write you that Sir Walter wo[ul]d not require more than Mr Ellis gave wch was a £2000 Bond. I am etc HR

29 November 1763, Henry Richmond to William Wilson

To Mr William Wilson at Haydon Bridge
To be left at Mr Turner's in Hexham

Newcastle 29th Novr 1763

Sir/ As I remember, I told you at Allenheads that Mr Westgarth thought it right for Sir Walter Blackett to make the trial near Dipton Mill himself & not let her upon Tack, & therefore he had directions to do it as soon as convenient. This is all I can say to the first part of your Lre [Letter]. As to your Enquiry about Stubbleck Coll[ie]ry I must desire you will deliver in any proposal you have to make in writing to Mr Bell who has succeeded Mr Ellis. I am etc HR

29 November 1763, Henry Richmond to Francis Salkeld

To Mr Francis Salkeld
at Dukesfield Mill

Newcastle 29 Novr 1763

Sir/ I rec[iev]ed your Lre [Letter], & do not suppose you designed to prejudice the Farm you hold of Sir Thos Blackett; only you must be sensible that what you have done tends to the impovourishing of it, unless both you & Mr Hunter take proper care & look well after the management of your <subtenant>. But the great hazard is that this assignment & sale of the straw, will not meet with Sir Walter Blackett's approbation. I have desired Mr Hunter to look closely after the future management of this Farm, & do not doubt but you will second him. I am etc HR

29 November 1763, Henry Richmond to Isaac Hunter

To Mr I Hunter at Dukesfield
1763
near Hexham

Newcastle 29th November

Sir/ As to Mr Salkeld letting so considerable part of his Farm, he has done it entirely of his own accord. Yet as you say he has not let it for any term, that the person who has taken it is a good husbandman & that you think no disadvantage will arise to the Farm by this assignment I am satisfied only desire you will look well after the management of it. Also to his selling part of the straw that certainly was wrong: but as the incoming Tenant is satisfied & you think his good husbandry will make up for the want of this straw I shall say no more: only beg that you will see that a sufficient quantity of Lime be laid yearly upon the fallow Ground. I hope your Father & Mother & the rest of the family are well, & am etc HR

2 December 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Ellis

To Mr Richd Ellis at Hexham

Newcastle 2nd Decr 1763

Sir/ Inclos'd you recieve the duplicate of your Rental for the yr ending Mayday 1762 wch I have examined & figured. I shall be glad to hear that you recieve it safe & that you are well, I am etc HR

6 December 1763, Henry Richmond to Mr. Robson

To Mr Robson
at Wallington

Newcastle 6th Decr 1763

Sir/ I am very sorry you are so much out of order after the journey but hope soon to hear you are better & to see you here. In the mean time I pity the poor girl that is left, to take care of this large house, alone; & think it is absolutely necessary that one of the maids sho[ul]d come from Wallington by the first opportunity I am etc HR

9 December 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart. M.P.
in Half Moon Street Piccadilly
London

Newcastle 9 Decr 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ The present high price of coals in London is not owing to any continuance of the coal owners here. Their prices are the same now as in the summer; & the quantity wrought by them & imported into London this year has been as great as usual & wo[ul]d have been greater if the wet summer had not so often made the roads impassible & the flood in Octo[be]r last had not carried away Pontop bridge; by these accidents the leading from distant collieries has been prevented in a great measure & a very great quantity of coals are now at the ports. That coals now bear so great a price at London is owing partly to the great increase in the demand & partly to the practices of the coal Buyers in London. The former has made it impossible for ships to be dispatched as they arrive at Shields, but they have been obliged to wait 5 or 6 weeks, may even for 2 months, for a loading of the better sort of coals & this loss of time must in course impinge the freight wch is now no less than 12s the London Chald[ro]n, tho[ugh] 6 or even 5s has done formerly in the summer season; between wch & the winter season there is usually a difference of 3s. p[er] Chald[ro]n in the freight & without that ship owners wo[ul]d lay up their ships in the winter months.

The coal Buyers contribute to raise the price by enacting premiums, Gratuities, discounts etc: & as they act in concert they have it in their power to force the masters or Freighters to a compliance Inclos'd in an Acct of the charge of a Chald[ro]n of coals; in wch the charge at newc[astle] is distinguished fm the freight & river charge at London. I have spoke to my Brother about the Thousand pounds & he hopes to give me an ans[we]r soon.

I hope you have got clear of your cold & am etc HR

13 December 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Wr Blackett Bart M.P.
in half moon street Piccadilly
London

Newcastle 13th Decr 1763

Hon[ou]rd Sir/ Inclos'd are two proposals for a lease of Stubbloock Coll[ie]ry, wch Mr Downs now declines having anything to do with. Mr Wilson a[s]ks a lease for 12 yrs & Mr Allgood for 21 yrs: as the former offers a higher Rent tho[ugh] for a shorter Term, his proposal is the better for then if the Colliery sho[ul]d prove a good one you may probably let her still higher. You will please to let me know what ans[we]r to give. My Bro[the]r cannot hear of any money at 4 p[er] c[ent]. He says you may still have Mrs Baynes £1000 at 4 ½ p[er] cent wch if agreeable to you, please to execute the inclos'd Bond before Mr Darwin or any other person that she or Ralph Carr may probably have some knowledge of, for she is a very scrupulous old Lady. I shall then receive the money & charge it in my cash acct & will send you Bills for it as soon as I can meet with them. P.S. There is no seal yet put to the Bond; that you may if you think proper use your own I am etc HR

14 December 1763. Advis'd Mr Darwin that I had rec[iev]ed his Lre inclosing Mr Savage's Reciept

21 December 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart M.P.
in half moon street Piccadilly
London

Newcastle 21 Decr 1763

Hon[our]d Sir/ I receive your Lre inclosing your Bond to Mrs Byne; but as I cannot get the money before tomorrow and you will be gone into Berkshire before my Lre by Fridays post would get to London, it will be safest not to make the remittance till you return to London.

My Bro[the]r will let me know as soon as he can hear of an other Thousand Pounds. I compute I have as much money as will make the partnership pay which the stewards are now reckoning for and also the Ordinary payments for two or three months: But yet as I have only sold 400 p[ie]ce[s] [of] Lead since 12th Sept[embe]r last & there is not the least demand at present; I do not know where to get any more, and am much afraid that a daily Flux without any Reflux will run me quick a Ground before the Spring trade comes on. By Accts from <Hull> the price of Lead there, is fallen to £14.10s.4d. Inclosed is an Account of the sums I paid the 17th of last month at Wallington. I am very sensible of your Goodness in the Inquiry about Mr Lothean. He talks of being here as soon as his accounts at the Navy office are almost finished. I heartedly wish you many happy returns of this season & am etc HR

Note: this letter was repeated after the letter to Richard Wilson on 16th December

31 December 1763, Henry Richmond to Walter Blackett

To Sir Walter Blackett Bart MP
in half moon street Piccadilly
London

Newcastle 31st Decr 1763

Hon[our]d Sir On the 22nd inst. I received the Thousand Pounds for your Bond to Mr Byne, & have charged the same in my Cash Acct; & included are Peareth & Sorsbie's two Bills, as below, for one thousand pounds: which I desire you will please to advise the receipt of.

Nobody says any thing to me yet about Kenton, or ab[ou]t Lead. We shall always retain a grateful sense of your goodness in getting us an Acct of Mr Lothian that can be so much depended on. I am etc HR

Fifty days after date pay Mr Henry Richmond or Order six hundred pounds the value in Acct. with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to Acct., as by advice from

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks
Merch[an]ts in London

Peareth & Sorsbie

Pay the
contents to Sir
Walter Blackett or order
Henry Richmond

Fifty days after date pay Mr Henry Richmond or Order four hundred pounds the value in Acct. with Sir Walter Blackett place the same to Acct., as by advice from

To Messrs Freeman & Stainbanks
Merch[an]ts in London

Peareth & Sorsbie

Pay the

contents to Sir
Walter Blackett or order
Henry Richmond

10 December 1763, Henry Richmond to John Bell

To Mr John Bell
at Mr Elis's in Hexham

Newcastle 10 December 1763

Sir/ I think it is right to send both Mr Robt. Allgood's & Mr Wilson's proposal, for a Lease of Stubble Colliery, to Sir Wr Blackett; and as soon as I get his answer shall let you know. As to your Bond it must certainly be to Sir Walter Blackett; for he will be intitled to all the Arrears of Rent growing Rents and profits which you are by him appointed to receive. As to you and Mr Wastle signing the Bond before it is sent hither, I think it cannot be improper in case you draw it properly. If you have any doubt about the best way is to send the draught, which I shall send you back by the return of the post. I wish you could find Mr Ellis's Letter of Attorney, if he had one; for I doubt Sir Walter would think the form you have sent me too extensive.

P.S. I am very sorry to hear Mr Ellis is poorly. I am etc HR

16 December 1763, Henry Richmond to Richard Wilson

To Mr Richd Wilson at
Leeds

Newcastle 16 Decem 1763

Sir/ I have not heard anything from Mr Goulton about the Bond you sent me. I think they are much to blame to trifle away the opportunity they now have of getting the money. The surveyor tells me that the Alterations which <Messrs> Rinks> have made in Hedging your estate at Kenton, since the plans were done, render them entirely useless: and that there must be almost a new survey of the whole Estate before you can have an accurate plan of it I am etc HR

23 December 1763, Henry Richmond to John Bell

To Mr Jno Bell at
Mr Ellis's in Hexham

Newcastle 23rd December 1763

Sir/ Inclosed I return you the draught of your Bond and the Letter of Attorney, with such alterations as appear to me to be proper and as will be agreeable to Sir Walter Blackett. It is unnecessary to insert a power of distraining in the Letter of Attorney

because by the statu[t]e every Bailiff Steward or Agent of any Landlord etc has that power given him. Inclosed also I return you Wm. Wilson's proposal for a Lease of Stubble Colliery which Sir Walter agrees to, thinking it preferable to Robert Allgoods; for I sent them both to him: so that you will get Mr Wilson to sign an Article accordingly and when you see Mr Allgood acquaint him thereof. I desire you will raise me as much money as you can against Dukesfield pay, which probably will be soon after Lady day, for I shall stand in need of all your help. I am glad Mr Ellis is better; to whom pray give my comp[limen]ts. I am etc HR